

**In the Matter of Mark J.A. Hughes, Bar No. 015113, PDJ-2011-9056.
*Attorney Suspended and Costs imposed.***

Pursuant to Rule 57(a)(4)(A), Ariz.R.Sup.Ct, the PDJ approved the Agreement for Discipline by Consent submitted by the parties and suspended Mark J.A. Hughes for 30 days effective November 1, 2011.

Respondent represented a client in connection with her divorce. He failed to follow through on promised tasks such as obtaining necessary financial records by subpoena, and obtaining client consent before entering into a stipulated settlement agreement with opposing counsel. He also failed to inform his client about various events and deadlines in her case, failed to communicate to her in writing the scope of representation and basis or rate of the fee, erroneously deposited advance fees into his business account rather than his trust account, and falsely told the court that his client did not want to attend a hearing when in truth she did not appear at the hearing because he told her she did not have to.

Aggravating factors: prior disciplinary offenses, dishonest or selfish motive, multiple offenses, and substantial experience in the practice of law.

Mitigating factors: full and free disclosure.

Respondent violated Rule 42, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., specifically ERs 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5(b), 1.15(a), 1.16(a), and 3.3, and Rule 43, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

The agreement is accepted and costs awarded in the amount of \$1,206.12. The proposed final judgment and order is reviewed, approved and signed.