

In the Matter of Wm. D. Hostetler, Bar No. 011537, PDJ-2011-9011 filed June 6, 2011. *Attorney Admonished 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 admonished Wm. D. Hostetler. He was also assessed the costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceeding.

While representing three separate clients in a criminal matter, Respondent failed to promptly inform his clients of proffered plea agreements. This was not the standard failure to communicate case of a lawyer who is generally neglectful in a dilatory way of their professional duties. Respondent's refusal to promptly communicate proffered plea agreements was Respondent's tactical decision motivated by his principle stand against perceived injustice directed at his clients.

Aggravating factors: prior disciplinary offenses, pattern of misconduct, multiple offenses and substantial experience in the practice of law.

Mitigating Factors: absence of selfish motive, full and free disclosure to a disciplinary board or cooperative attitude toward proceedings, character or reputation, and remoteness of prior offenses.

Respondent violated Rule 42, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., specifically ER 1.4(c).

The agreement is accepted and costs awarded in the amount of \$1,200.00. The proposed final judgment and order is reviewed, approved and signed.