

**BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE**

**IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER  
OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,**

**JAMES PATRICK ARMSTRONG,  
Bar No. 020761**

Respondent.

**PDJ 2019-9095**

**FINAL JUDGMENT AND  
ORDER**

State Bar No. 18-2144

**FILED APRIL 17, 2020**

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge accepted the parties' Agreement for Discipline by Consent pursuant to Rule 57(a), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

Accordingly:

**IT IS ORDERED** Respondent, **JAMES PATRICK ARMSTRONG, Bar No. 020761**, is suspended from the practice of law for ninety (90) days for his conduct in violation of the Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct, as outlined in the consent documents, effective immediately.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Respondent shall be placed on probation for two (2) years.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Respondent shall participate in the following programs:

1. Continuing Legal Education (CLE): Respondent shall contact the State Bar Compliance Monitor at (602) 340-7258, within ten (10) days from this order. Respondent shall complete no less than nine (9) hours of CLE addressing diligence, communication, expediting litigation and/or the administration of justice. Respondent shall sign terms and conditions of probation, which are incorporated by reference. Respondent shall be responsible for any costs associated with the required CLE.
2. Restitution: Respondent shall contact the State Bar Compliance Monitor at (602) 340-7258, within ten (10) days from this order, to schedule restitution payments totaling \$4,731.07 to Stephen, Gary and Denise Sladeks, jointly and severally, during probation at a rate of no less than \$200.00 per month. The Compliance Monitor shall develop terms and conditions of participation as the results of the assessment so indicate and the terms, including reporting requirements, which are incorporated. Respondent shall be responsible for any costs associated with participation with compliance.

### **NON-COMPLIANCE LANGUAGE**

If Respondent fails to comply with any of the foregoing probation terms, Bar Counsel shall file a notice of noncompliance with the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, pursuant to Rule 60(a)(5), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge may

conduct a hearing within 30 days at which the burden of proof shall be on the State Bar of Arizona to prove noncompliance. If proven, an additional sanction may issue.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** under Rule 72 Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., Respondent shall comply with the requirements relating to notification of clients and others.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Respondent pay the costs and expenses of the State Bar of Arizona for \$1,200.00, within thirty (30) days from this order. There are no costs or expenses incurred by the Office of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge in these proceedings.

**DATED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

*William J. O'Neil*  
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**William J. O'Neil, Presiding Disciplinary Judge**

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