

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of a Suspended)
Member of the) Arizona Supreme Court
State Bar of Arizona) No. SB-14-0058-AP
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CREIGHTON W. CORNELL,) Office of the Presiding
Attorney No. 11433) Disciplinary Judge
) No. PDJ20149009
Respondent.)
) **FILED 5/27/2015**
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DECISION ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 59, Rules of the Supreme Court, Creighton Cornell filed a notice of appeal from the hearing panel's Report and Order Imposing Sanctions. The State Bar filed a notice of cross-appeal. Pursuant to the briefing schedule for the appeal, Cornell's opening brief and the State Bar's opening brief on cross-appeal were to be filed no later than February 4, 2015. Cornell did not file an opening brief. The State Bar timely filed an opening brief on cross-appeal.

The hearing panel imposed a two-year suspension, to be served consecutively to Cornell's prior eighteen-month suspension. On cross-appeal, the State Bar argues that a two-year suspension is not sufficient to satisfy the purposes of lawyer discipline. The State Bar submits that only disbarment or a lengthier period of suspension is appropriate on the facts of Cornell's case. Upon consideration of the opening brief on cross-appeal and the record in this matter, the Court finds that a suspension of three years, consecutive to the

prior suspension in SB-12-0051-AP, is sufficient to satisfy the purposes of lawyer discipline. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED dismissing Cornell's appeal.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED affirming the decision of the hearing panel and modifying the sanction to reflect a three-year suspension to be served consecutively to Cornell's prior suspension in SB-12-0051-AP.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Cornell will be assessed costs and expenses of the discipline proceedings as provided in Rule 60(b).

DATED this 27th day of May, 2015.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice

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