

**SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of a Member of the	)	Arizona Supreme Court
State Bar of Arizona,	)	No. SB-11-0044-D
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<b>JOHN THOMAS BANTA,</b>	)	Disciplinary Commission
<b>Attorney No. 10550,</b>	)	No. 09-1781
	)	
	)	<b>FILED 06/15/2011</b>
Respondent.	)	
	)	<b>Judgment and Order</b>
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This matter having come before the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona, it having duly rendered its decision, and this Court having considered Respondent's Petition for Review and the State Bar response,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Review is denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that **JOHN THOMAS BANTA**, a member of the State Bar of Arizona, is suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months, effective thirty days from the date of this order, for conduct in violation of his duties and obligations as a lawyer, as disclosed in the Disciplinary Commission Report.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **JOHN THOMAS BANTA** shall be placed on probation for a period of two years upon reinstatement. The terms of probation are as follows:

1. The probation period will begin to run at the time of reinstatement to the practice of law.
2. Respondent shall contact the Member Assistance Program (MAP) director within thirty days of the reinstatement and submit to a MAP assessment. Respondent shall enter into a MAP contract based upon recommendations by the MAP director or designee. The terms shall include a requirement that Respondent continue therapy and take his prescribed medication. Respondent shall be responsible for any costs associated with his participation in MAP.
3. The State Bar shall report material violations of the terms of probation pursuant to Rule 60(a)(5), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., and a hearing may be held within thirty days to determine if the terms of probation have been violated and if an additional sanction

should be imposed. The burden of proof shall be on the State Bar to prove non-compliance by a preponderance of the evidence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **JOHN THOMAS BANTA** shall be assessed and pay costs and expenses of the discipline proceedings as provided in Rule 60(b).

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of June, 2011.

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REBECCA WHITE BERCH  
Chief Justice

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