

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of a Member of the) Arizona Supreme Court
State Bar of Arizona) No. SB-14-0012-AP
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GARY L. LASSEN,) Office of the Presiding
Attorney No. 5259) Disciplinary Judge
) No. PDJ20139068
Respondent.)
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DECISION ORDER

Pursuant to Rule 59, Rules of the Supreme Court, Respondent Gary L. Lassen appealed the hearing panel's findings and imposition of a two year suspension. The Court has considered the parties' briefs and the record in this manner. With respect to Count One, the Court accepts the panel's determination that Lassen violated ERs 1.4(a)(3) and (4) and 1.16(d). We reject the panel's determination that Lassen violated ERs 1.3, 1.5, 3.1, and 8.4(d). We also reject the finding that he violated ER 1.16 by giving the client "little time to retain new counsel and file her appeal."

With respect to Count Two, the Court accepts that panel's determination that Lassen violated ERs 5.5 and 8.4(c), and Rule 54(c). We reject the panel's determination that Lassen violated ERs 1.3, 1.4(a)(3) and (4), 1.5, 1.16, and 3.2.

With respect to the sanction, the Court finds that a suspension of eighteen months is sufficient to satisfy the purposes of lawyer discipline. The Court accepts the orders of restitution and the imposition of costs and expenses.

IT IS ORDERED affirming the panel's determinations as set forth in this order and modifying the sanction to reflect an eighteen (18) month suspension.

DATED this 23rd day of September, 2014.

SCOTT BALES
Chief Justice

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