SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

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IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA	Supreme Court No. SB-03-0112-D
	Disciplinary Commission Nos. 01-0894, 01-1686, 01-1966, 01-1967, 01-2331, 01-2347, 02-0308, 02-0921, 02-1572, 02-1745, 02-1968
RAMON S. MENDOZA, Bar No. 017374	
RESPONDENT.	**JUDGMENT AND ORDER**

This matter having come on for hearing before the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona, it having duly rendered its decision and no discretionary or *sua sponte* review occurring,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that **RAMON S. MENDOZA**, a member of the State Bar of Arizona, is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period if eighteen (18) months, effective thirty (30) days from the date of this order, for conduct in violation of his duties and obligations as a lawyer, as disclosed in the commission report.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **RAMON S. MENDOZA** shall be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years upon reinstatement, under the following terms and conditions:

1) Respondent shall within thirty days of the date of an order reinstating him to the practice of law contact the Director of the Law Office Management Assistance Program (LOMAP) and submit to a LOMAP audit. Respondent shall sign a contract for LOMAP including any necessary terms. Respondent shall be required to follow the recommendations made pursuant to the LOMAP audit. A failure to comply with any term of the LOMAP contract will result in a notice of noncompliance as a violation of a term of probation. A Memorandum of Understanding shall be incorporated herein by this reference.

2) Respondent shall contact the Member Assistance Program (MAP) Director within thirty (30) days of an order of reinstatement and shall submit to a MAP assessment. If deemed appropriate by the Director, a Memorandum of Understanding shall be drafted by the Director which will include all terms and reporting requirements. The Memorandum of Understanding shall be incorporated herein by this reference. A failure to comply with any term of the MAP contract will result in a notice of noncompliance as a violation of a term of probation.

3) In the event Respondent fails to comply with any of the foregoing terms, and information thereof is received by the State Bar, bar counsel shall file with the Hearing Officer a Notice of Non-Compliance. The Hearing Officer shall conduct a hearing at the earliest possible date, but in no event later than thirty (30) days following receipt of notice, to determine whether a condition of probation has been breached and, if so, to recommend an appropriate sanction.

4) In the event there is an allegation that any of these terms have been breached, the burden shall be on the State Bar to prove non-compliance by a preponderance of the evidence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall pay in full any and all claims paid by the Client Protection Fund, not to exceed the maximum permissible payment of $100,000.00.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with all the provisions of Rule 63, Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, including, but not limited to, Rule 63(a), which requires that Respondent notify all of his clients, within ten (10) days from the date hereof, of his inability to represent them and that he should promptly inform this Court of his compliance with this Order as provided in Rule 63(d).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with all rule provisions regarding reinstatement proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 52(a)8, the State Bar of Arizona is granted judgment against **RAMON S. MENDOZA** for costs and expenses of these proceedings in the amount of $1,919.23, together with interest at the legal rate from the date of this judgment.

DATED this 11th day of September, 2003.

Noël K. Dessaint

NOEL K. DESSAINT, Clerk

TO:
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The foregoing instrument is a full, true and correct copy of the original on file in this office.

ATTEST
Noel K. Dessaint, Clerk of the Supreme Court
State of Arizona

By Karen Gehrer Deputy