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**BEFORE A HEARING OFFICER  
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA**

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER	)	No. 04-1268
OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,	)	
	)	
LAURENCE B. STEVENS,	)	
Bar No. 006460	)	
	)	<b>HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT</b>
RESPONDENT.	)	<b>AND RECOMMENDATION</b>

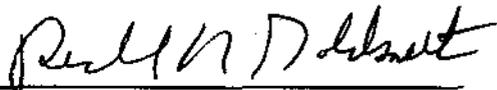
The State Bar filed its Complaint on October 31, 2005. The parties filed a Joint Tender of Admissions and Agreement for Discipline by Consent ("Tender") and a Joint Memorandum in Support of Admissions and Agreement for Discipline by Consent ("Joint Memo") on April 13, 2006. I decided a hearing was necessary and appropriate, and one was held on April 18, 2006. As a result of testimony at the hearing, an Amended Tender was filed on May 3, 2006.

On April 10, 2003, Mrs. Knowles hired Respondent to obtain a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO"). When the QDRO was not received by July of 2004 (in fact, it has not yet been obtained), and Mrs. Knowles could not reach Respondent to have her questions answered, she filed a bar complaint. This was not the first complaint against Respondent, and he has been censured previously. The State Bar thinks another censure, with two years strict probation, is sufficient discipline in this case. I think Respondent has the message this time, and so I agree it makes no sense to suspend Respondent.<sup>1</sup> Therefore, I grudgingly recommend acceptance of the settlement.

<sup>1</sup> For what it's worth, I beat up on Respondent at the hearing (as reflected in the transcript).

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DATED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2006.

  
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