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**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION  
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA**

DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA  
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1 IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER )  
2 OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA, )

No. 06-1509

3 **WILLIAM WAHL,** )  
4 **Bar No. 019356** )

**DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION  
REPORT**

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7 **RESPONDENT.** )  
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9 This matter came before the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of  
10 Arizona on November 17, 2007, pursuant to Rule 58, Ariz.R.Sup.Ct., for consideration of  
11 the Hearing Officer's Report filed September 7, 2007, recommending a four-month  
12 suspension, 15 hours of continuing legal education, and costs. The State Bar filed an  
13 objection asserting that the Hearing Officer erred in recommending a four-month  
14 suspension and a six-month and one-day suspension is the appropriate sanction.

15 **Decision**

16 Having found no facts clearly erroneous, the eight members<sup>1</sup> of the Disciplinary  
17 Commission unanimously recommend accepting and incorporating the Hearing Officer's  
18 findings of fact and conclusions of law but modify *de novo* the recommended sanction to  
19 reflect a six-month and one-day suspension, 15 hours of continuing legal education to  
20 include three hours in the area of ethics, and costs of these disciplinary proceedings.<sup>2</sup>

21 Given the facts in this matter including the significant aggravator of  
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26 <sup>1</sup> Commissioner Katzenberg did not participate in these proceedings.  
<sup>2</sup> A copy of the Hearing Officer's Report is attached as Exhibit A.

Respondent's complete failure to participate in the disciplinary process, the Commission  
determined that a suspension of six-months and one-day is necessary to protect the public.  
Therefore, the Commission recommends that Respondent's fitness to practice be  
established in formal reinstatement proceedings, pursuant to Rules 64 and 65.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.



J. Conrad Baran, Chair  
Disciplinary Commission

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this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.

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