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

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER)
OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,)
)
WILLIAM M. WALDROM,)
Bar No. 000856)
)
RESPONDENT)
_____)

No 07-1090

**DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION
REPORT**

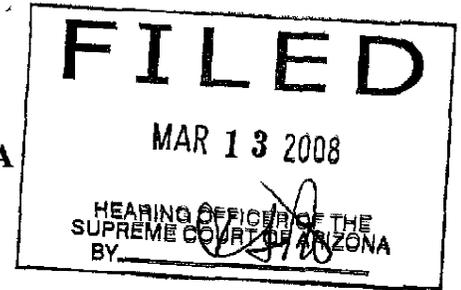
This matter came before the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona on April 19, 2008, pursuant to Rule 58, Ariz R Sup Ct , for consideration of the Hearing Officer's Report filed March 13, 2008, recommending acceptance of the Tender of Admissions and the Agreement for Discipline by Consent ("Tender") and the Joint Memorandum in Support of Agreement for Discipline by Consent ("Joint Memorandum") providing for censure, view the continuing legal education program entitled "The Ten Deadly Sins of Conflict," and costs

Decision

Having found no facts clearly erroneous, the seven members¹ of the Disciplinary Commission unanimously recommend accepting and incorporating the Hearing Officer's findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation for censure, view the continuing legal education program entitled "The Ten Deadly Sins of Conflict," and costs of these

¹ Commissioners Flores and Katzenberg did not participate in these disciplinary proceedings Hearing Officer Mark Sifferman participated as an ad hoc member One lawyer member seat remains vacant

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HEARING OFFICER'S REPORT

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 56(e) I have reviewed the submitted Tender of Admissions and Agreement for Discipline by Consent and accompanying Joint Memorandum of Discipline By Consent I find them compliant with Rule 56 as to form and have considered the proposed remedy, that Respondent be censured, view the continuing legal education program entitled "The Ten Deadly Sins of Conflict," and all costs, detailed as amounting to \$600

It does not seem to me that Respondent's asking and getting a loan from his elderly client could violate E R 1 7 E R 1 7(a) applies on its face only to conflicts that involve at least two clients, not the attorney and only one client E R 1 7(b) (whose violation is conditionally admitted) sets out only exceptions not violations Be that as it may, E R 1 8 is clearly in point, just as clearly violated, and violation unconditionally admitted

I would have preferred that the proposed settlement have dealt specifically with whether Respondent induced his client to give him a particularly favorable rate of interest, either initially or when the interest rate was reduced from 6% to 5%, but I cannot say that had I been asked to review the loan before it was made I would have considered it outside the limits of reasonableness, given the close and long term relationship of client and lawyer, and, in retrospect, taking into account that when asked to repay the loan the Respondent promptly did so.

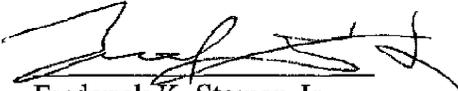
I have considered specifically the question of proportionality and find the proposed sanction proportional and within the range of the cases cited

Accordingly, I recommend acceptance of the agreement

Respectfully submitted,


Frederick K Steiner, Jr
Hearing Officer 8T

Submitted this 22 day of March, 2008 to the Disciplinary Clerk of the Arizona Supreme Court, with instructions to file the same with the Disciplinary Commission and to provide copies to the Arizona State Bar and Respondent


Frederick K. Steiner, Jr

Copy of the foregoing mailed
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