## SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF A ME	MBER	)	Arizona Supreme Court No.
OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,		)	SB-06-0125-D
		)	
		)	Disciplinary Commission
		)	No. 04-1979
ARNOLD M. SODIKOFF,		)	
Bar No. 001821		)	
		)	
	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, there having been no discretionary review and *sua sponte* review having been declined by the Court,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that **ARNOLD M. SODIKOFF**, a member of the State Bar of Arizona, is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of thirty (30) days, effective thirty (30) days from the date of this judgment and order, for conduct in violation of his duties and obligations as a lawyer, as disclosed in the Disciplinary Commission Report.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **ARNOLD M. SODIKOFF** shall be placed on probation for a period of two years upon reinstatement and effective upon the signing of the probation contract. Bar Counsel shall notify the Disciplinary Clerk of the date on which the probation begins. The terms of probation are as follows:

- 1) Respondent shall contact the director of State Bar's Member Assistance Program (MAP) within thirty days of entry of the final Judgment and Order and enter into a probation contract.
- 2) Respondent shall be placed under the supervision of a practice monitor appointed by the State Bar for a period of one year following reinstatement.
- 3) Respondent shall complete the State Bar's Professionalism Course within six months of the commencement of the probationary period.
- 4) Respondent shall complete six additional hours of continuing legal education in the area of ethics.
- 5) In the event that Respondent fails to comply with any of the foregoing conditions, and the State Bar receives information to that effect, bar counsel shall file with the Hearing Officer a Notice of Non-Compliance, pursuant to Rule 60(a)5, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. The Hearing Officer shall conduct a hearing within thirty days after receipt of said notice, to determine whether the terms of probation have been violated and if an additional sanction should be imposed. In the event there is an allegation that any of these terms have been violated, the burden of proof shall be on the State Bar of Arizona to prove non-compliance by clear and convincing evidence.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with all the provisions of Rule 72, Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, including, but not limited to, Rule 72(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 72(e).

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall be assessed costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceedings as provided in Rule 60(b).

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_\_ , 2006.

NOEL K. DESSAINT Clerk of the Court

TO:

Arnold M. Sodikoff, Respondent (Certified Mail, Return Receipt and Regular Mail) Clarence E. Matherson, Jr., Bar Counsel Michael L. Rubin, Hearing Officer Lauren E. Eiler, Disciplinary Clerk (Cert. Copy) Sandra Montoya, Lawyer Regulation Records Manager, State Bar of Arizona (Cert. Copy) Cathy Catterson, Clerk, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (Cert. Copy) Richard Weare, Clerk, United States District Court, District of Arizona (Cert. Copy) West Publishing Company (Jode Ottman) Lexis/Nexis

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