



SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF A SUSPENDED MEMBER)
OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,)

Supreme Court
No. SB-05-0079-D

GORDON M. WASSON,)
Bar No. 009884)

Disciplinary Commission
Nos. 03-1206, 04-0523

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 there having been no discretionary review and *sua sponte* review having been declined by the Court,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that GORDON M. WASSON, a suspended member of the State Bar of Arizona, is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years, effective October 20, 2003, for conduct in violation of his duties and obligations as a lawyer, as disclosed in the Disciplinary Commission Report.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that GORDON M. WASSON shall be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, effective upon reinstatement. The terms of probation shall include:

- 1) Execution of a Member Assistance Program (MAP) Agreement.
- 2) Payment of all back-dues and current State Bar of Arizona fees.
- 3) Compliance with all MCLE requirements and filing of requisite MCLE forms with the State Bar of Arizona.
- 4) Compliance with the probation requirements imposed upon Respondent due to criminal convictions in Graham County Superior Court, Matter CR 2003-057, and Maricopa County Superior Court, Matter CR 2002-097856.
- 5) In the event that Respondent fails to comply with any of the foregoing conditions, and the State Bar receives information, bar counsel shall file with the Hearing Officer a Notice of Non-Compliance, pursuant to Rule 60(a)5, Ariz. R. S. Ct. The Hearing Officer shall conduct a hearing within thirty (30) 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.

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 pursuant to Rule 60(b), the State Bar of Arizona is granted judgment against GORDON M. WASSON for costs and expenses of these proceedings in the amount of \$969.86, together with interest at the legal rate from the date of this judgment.

DATED this 29th day of June, 2005.

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

Noel K. Dessaint
NOEL K. DESSAINT
Clerk of the Court

TO: Simon Beltran Deputy

Gordon M. Wasson, Respondent (Certified Return Receipt/Regular Mail)

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