

BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE

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

JEFFREY MARTIN JONES,

Bar No. 011548

Respondent.

PDJ-2018-9065

**FINAL JUDGMENT AND
ORDER**

[State Bar No. 18-2160-RC]

FILED SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

Under Rules 54(h) and 57(b), *Reciprocal Discipline*, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., a certified copy of the Supreme Court of California’s Order of disbarment of Jeffrey Martin Jones, Bar No. 011548, and restitution filed October 4, 2011, has been received by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge (PDJ) of the Supreme Court of Arizona. Under Rule 57(b)(1)¹, upon being disciplined in another jurisdiction, a lawyer admitted to practice in Arizona, “whether active, inactive, retired, or suspended” shall inform the disciplinary clerk of such action within thirty days of service of that notice of imposition of sanctions from that other jurisdiction.

Despite the duty of Mr. Jones to inform the Disciplinary Clerk, there is no record of receiving such prior notification of its’ imposition. The State Bar has certified that it has no record of receiving prior notice of the disbarment of Mr. Jones.

¹ Unless otherwise stated, all rule references are to the Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

Under Rule 57(b)(3), *Discipline to Be Imposed*, the PDJ “shall impose the identical or substantially similar discipline” unless bar counsel or Respondent establishes by preponderance of the evidence a basis under that rule not to impose such discipline.

By Order dated August 3, 2018, the PDJ directed Mr. Jones or Bar Counsel to inform the PDJ within thirty (30) days of service of that Order of any claim by Mr. Jones or Bar Counsel predicated upon the grounds within Rule 57(b)(3), *Discipline to Be Imposed*, that imposing identical or substantially similar discipline would be unwarranted and the reasons therefore. The Order cautioned that absent Mr. Jones or Bar Counsel timely establishing by a preponderance of the evidence a basis under Rule 57(b)(3) not to impose such discipline, identical or substantially similar discipline would be imposed by the PDJ.

On August 28, 2018, the State Bar filed a response attaching the Decision and Order of the California Supreme Court. It details that Mr. Jones engaged in multiple acts of serious misconduct that included misappropriation of client funds, failing to maintain client funds in a trust account, charging and collecting an illegal fee, representing clients with adverse interest and aiding in the unauthorized practice of law. The misconduct of Mr. Jones significantly harmed his clients and the administration of justice. Mr. Jones has failed to establish by a preponderance of the evidence through affidavits, or documentary evidence, or as a matter of law by reference to applicable legal authority, any of the grounds in Rule 57(b)(3).

Now Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED imposing reciprocal discipline of disbarment upon **Jeffrey Martin Jones, Bar No. 011548**, and his name is stricken from the roll of lawyers, effective this date. Mr. Jones is no longer entitled to the rights and privileges of a lawyer but remains subject to the jurisdiction of the Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Jeffrey Martin Jones shall comply with the provisions of the California Supreme Court Order dated October 4, 2011, as a judgment of this court and as a condition of reinstatement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Jeffrey Martin Jones shall pay the costs and expenses of the State Bar of Arizona for \$1,200.00. There are no costs or expenses incurred by the disciplinary clerk and/or Presiding Disciplinary Judge's Office with these disciplinary proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Jeffrey Martin Jones shall be subject to any additional terms imposed by the Supreme Court because of any reinstatement hearings held.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Jeffrey Martin Jones shall immediately comply with the requirements relating to notification of clients and others and file all notices and affidavits required by Rule 72, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

DATED this 10th day of September, 2018.

William J. O'Neil

William J. O'Neil, Presiding Disciplinary Judge

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