

In the Matter of Gil Shuga, Bar No: 014049, PDJ 2011-9082. Attorney Disbarred Effective February 17, 2012 and Restitution and Costs Imposed.

In Count One, Respondent received and endorsement three settlement checks without his client's knowledge or consent.

In Count Two, Three, Four and Five, Respondent abandoned his clients and caused their matters to be dismissed or they were forced to retain alternative counsel.

Respondent further failed to respond timely to the State Bar's lawful requests for information in all counts.

Aggravating factors: dishonest or selfish motive; pattern of misconduct; multiple offenses; bad-faith obstruction of the disciplinary proceeding by intentionally failing to comply with the rules or orders of the disciplinary agency; refusal to acknowledge wrongful nature of conduct; substantial experience in the practice of law; indifference to making restitution; and illegal conduct.

Mitigating factor: Absence of a prior disciplinary record was found.

Respondent violated Rule 42, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., specifically ERs 1.2(a), 1.3, 1.4(a)(1), 1.4(a)(2), 1.4(a)(3), 1.4(a)(4), 1.4(b), 1.15(a), 1.15(d), 1.16(d), 8.1(b), 8.4(b), and 8.4(c) and (d), and Rules 43 and 54(d), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

Respondent was ordered to pay 12,000 in restitution to the client in Count One and assessed costs and expenses in the amount of \$2,037.95 for the disciplinary proceedings.