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# BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

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

NANCY D. PETERSEN, Bar No. 017025,

Respondent.

PDJ-2012- 4072

# AGREEMENT FOR DISCIPLINE BY CONSENT (PRE-FILING)

State Bar Nos. 11-3421, 12-0815 and 12-0833

The State Bar of Arizona, through undersigned Bar Counsel, and Respondent Nancy D. Petersen, who has chosen not to seek the assistance of counsel, hereby submit their Tender of Admissions and Agreement for Discipline by Consent, pursuant to Rule 57(a), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. (hereafter, all references to rules are to the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, unless specifically designated otherwise). Respondent voluntarily waives the right to an adjudicatory hearing on the complaint, unless otherwise ordered, and waives all motions, defenses, objections or requests which have been made or raised, or could be asserted thereafter, if the conditional admissions and proposed form of discipline are approved.

Respondent conditionally admits that her conduct, as set forth below, violated Rule 42, ERs 1.4, 3.3, 3.4(c), 4.1, 5.5, 8.1(b), and 8.4(a), (c) and (d); Rule 31(b) and (c); Rule 54(a), (c), and (d); and Rule 72. Upon acceptance of this agreement, Respondent agrees to accept imposition of the following discipline: one-year suspension. Respondent also agrees to pay the costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceeding.¹ The State Bar's Statement of Costs and Expenses is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

#### **FACTS**

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

 At all times relevant, Respondent was a lawyer licensed to practice law in the state of Arizona having been first admitted to practice in Arizona on December 17, 1996.

# **COUNT ONE (State Bar File No. 11-3421)**

- As of May 27, 2011, Respondent was counsel of record for the plaintiffs in Maricopa County Superior Court no. CV2008-092036 ("suit").
- By Final Judgment and Order filed June 6, 2011 in State Bar matter nos. 09-1893, 09-2267, and 09-2327, Respondent was suspended from practicing law for 90 days "effective immediately."
- 4. Respondent continued to act as counsel of record in the suit without first obtaining an order reinstating her to the practice of law, as required by Rule 64(e)(2). She received court minute entries through October 14, 2011. On that

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Respondent understands that the costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceeding include the costs and expenses of the State Bar of Arizona, the Disciplinary Clerk, the Probable Cause Committee, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge and the Supreme Court of Arizona.

- date, she appeared in a telephonic status conference and advanced arguments and statements regarding the status of the case.
- 5. The judge in the suit sent a copy of her October 14 minute entry to the State Bar. On October 24, 2011, bar counsel sent a screening letter to Respondent with a copy of the minute entry enclosed. Screening was for violations of rules regarding the unauthorized practice of law and violation of court orders.
- 6. In connection with a different matter, Respondent told bar counsel that she did not know she had to apply for or obtain an order of reinstatement. After being informed of the relevant rules, Respondent filed an Application for Reinstatement on October 18, 2011.
- 7. The State Bar opposed Respondent's application on the ground that she did not comply with the Rule 72 requirements of her suspension which is a prerequisite for reinstatement under Rule 64(e)(2). On November 9, 2011, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge denied Respondent's application with instructions to comply with Rule 72 as a condition precedent to reinstatement.
- 8. Thereafter, Respondent did not comply with Rule 72, re-apply for reinstatement, or obtain an order of reinstatement. Respondent also did not seek an order of her withdrawal as counsel of record in the suit.
- 9. On November 9, 2011, counsel for the defendants in the suit filed a notice that the plaintiffs had failed to comply with a prior court order. Respondent still was counsel of record for the plaintiffs and was sent a copy of that notice.
- 10. On January 6, 2012, the court held a telephonic status conference. The plaintiffs appeared on their own behalf. The minute entry states:

Discussion is held regarding the suspension from practice of Nancy D. Petersen, former counsel for Plaintiffs. Mr. Lake [opposing counsel] is

heard in response. . . IT IS ORDERED that Defendants' Notice of [plaintiffs'] Non-Compliance with Court Order is deemed resolved by [plaintiffs'] agreement to provide the documents directly to Defendants' counsel given that Ms. Petersen no longer represents the Plaintiffs. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Petersen is deemed to have withdrawn as Plaintiffs' counsel.

- 11. On October 5, 2011, Respondent filed a Notice of Appearance of Counsel for Petitioner in Pinal County Superior Court no. DO2011-01207. On December 9, 2011, she filed a Notice of Withdrawal of Counsel on the ground that "current counsel does not have an active license with the State Bar of Arizona as she is presently suspended." The document bears Respondent's client's signature and consent to the withdrawal.
- 12. Respondent asserted that she negotiated a term of her suspension with bar counsel. Specifically:

I wanted to be reinstated without any formal applications and my understanding was that you had agreed to this. The order states that the suspension was ordered for 90 days and does not contain any facts about applying for reapplication [sic]. . . . I did not practice for the next 90 days and was under the impression that I was able to practice after that period had run. . . . I am now aware that I should not have been representing clients until after a reapplication [sic] was filed and approved. I was not aware of the requirement at the time I represented the Plaintiffs in this conference. . . . I understand there likely will be repercussions from this, particularly as I did appear in other matters. Please understand that I did not intentionally practice without a valid license. I believed it was reinstated and the order is silent as to the need to file for reapplication. After viewing the rule, I now know otherwise [emphasis added].

- 13. The Final Judgment and Order by which Respondent was suspended ordered her to "immediately comply with the requirements relating to notification of clients and others" pursuant to Rule 72. Respondent did not comply with that rule.
- 14. Respondent engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in several different ways (e.g., practicing law, holding herself out to the public as admitted to

- practice, establishing a systematic and continuous presence for the practice of law, filing a Notice of Appearance while suspended, appearing in court for a client while suspended), in violation of ER 5.5 and Rule 31.
- 15. Respondent caused the court and all participants to take court time to address her suspension and the consequences thereof, resulting in prejudice to the administration of justice in violation of ER 8.4(d).
- 16. Respondent knowingly violated court orders prohibiting her from practicing law while suspended and directing her to immediately comply with Rule 72, in violation of Rule 54(c).
- 17. By virtue of all of the above-identified violations of the rules of professional conduct, Respondent violated Rule 54(a).

# COUNT TWO (State Bar File Nos. 12-0815 and 12-0833)

- 18. By Final Judgment and Order filed June 6, 2011 in State Bar matter nos. 09-1893, 09-2267, and 09-2327, Respondent was suspended from practicing law for 90 days "effective immediately."
- 19. After 90 days Respondent appeared in court without first obtaining an order reinstating her to the practice of law, as required by Rule 64(e)(2). The judge in that case referred the violation to the State Bar for screening, and Respondent was notified.
- 20. Respondent told bar counsel that she did not know she had to apply for or obtain an order of reinstatement. After being informed of the relevant rules, Respondent filed an Application for Reinstatement on October 18, 2011.
- 21. The State Bar opposed Respondent's application on the ground that she did not comply with the Rule 72 requirements of her suspension which is a prerequisite

- for reinstatement under Rule 64(e) (2). On November 9, 2011, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge denied Respondent's application with instructions to comply with Rule 72 as a condition precedent to reinstatement.
- 22. Thereafter, Respondent did not comply with Rule 72, re-apply for reinstatement, or obtain an order of reinstatement.
- 23. On March 14, 2012, Respondent appeared in Maricopa County Superior Court as counsel of record for "Mother" in FC2006-093009, on Mother's Petition to Modify Child Support. The court took judicial notice that Respondent filed a Notice of Appearance on October 11, 2011 (Respondent was suspended at the time).
- 24. Others present in court during all relevant times were Commissioner Alysson H. Abe, Misael Santos (father), Javier Sobampo (father's attorney), Esmeralda Santos (mother), Assistant Attorney General Jennifer Mihalovich, court interpreter Marianne Hutchinson, and deputy clerk L. Hart.
- 25. Respondent announced her presence on the record as counsel for Mother. Court staff advised Commissioner Abe that court records revealed that Respondent was on inactive status with the State Bar. Commissioner Abe asked Respondent if her State Bar status was inactive. Respondent asked to discuss the matter privately at the bench. Commissioner Abe declined. Respondent then told Commissioner Abe, in the presence of all others in court, that she had been suspended but was no longer suspended. Commissioner Abe asked Respondent if she was currently in good, active status. Respondent answered, "That's my understanding. I believe so." Commissioner Abe accepted Respondent's avowal, noted that the opposing party had no objection to proceeding, and proceeded with the hearing.

- 26. Commissioner Abe took testimony from the parties, received other evidence, and heard arguments of counsel. The matter concluded after 20 minutes and she took it under advisement. Twenty-five minutes later, court reconvened in the absence of the parties but in the presence of Ms. Mihalovich. Commissioner Abe ordered the minutes to reflect that court staff verified with the State Bar that Respondent remained on "inactive" status and that, therefore, "Mother did not have the benefit of being represented by counsel." She ordered Respondent to contact the State Bar immediately regarding her status and, finally, concluded that based on the foregoing findings, "there is no matter under advisement."
- 27. Respondent did not contact the State Bar regarding her status, either "immediately" or at all.
- 28. On May 4, 2012, the State Bar sent a screening letter to Respondent and asked that she respond within 20 days. Respondent did not respond to the State Bar's screening letter.
- 29. On June 5, 2012, Respondent provided to bar counsel her long-overdue response in connection with State Bar matter no. 12-0833. She wrote:

This is the response to the bar charge and your recent letter. I now understand I was not reinstated at the time I appeared at the hearing in question, however, I did believe that I was reinstated at the time of the hearing. After speaking with counsel, and reading through your file, I understand I was not reinstated. The reasons I believed I was reinstated were that I had counsel helping me with the reinstatement, the period of time that had passed, and my understanding of the process and rules. I also continued to be contacted from the bar about the terms of probation and information needed during the process, which has added to my confusion about the reinstatement.

As I now know I was not reinstated, and it was perhaps foolish to believe I was, I cannot present a meaningful defense to the charge. Please contact me to discuss how to resolve this matter.

- 30. Respondent failed to inform Mother that Respondent was suspended from the practice of law, thereby violating ER 1.4.
- 31. Respondent knew she was suspended from the practice of law but falsely told Commissioner Abe and others in the courtroom that she was on active status and was no longer suspended, thus violating ER 3.3.
- 32. Respondent knowingly disobeyed Supreme Court rules relating to the unauthorized practice of law and trial court rules relating to filing a Notice of Appearance when she was not authorized to act as counsel, in violation of ER 3.4(c). Respondent also knowingly violated her obligation to abide by a court order when she failed to immediately contact the State Bar regarding her status, in violation of Rule 54(c).
- 33. Respondent made false statements of material fact or law to several third persons in court when she falsely represented her State Bar status, in violation of ER 4.1.
- 34. Respondent violated unauthorized practice of law rules in several different ways (e.g., practicing law, holding herself out to the public as admitted to practice, establishing a systematic and continuous presence for the practice of law, filing a Notice of Appearance while suspended, appearing in court for a client while suspended), in violation of ER 5.5 and Rule 31.
- 35. Respondent knowingly failed to respond timely to the State Bar's screening investigation, in violation of ER 8.1 and Rule 54(d).
- 36. Respondent violated the Rules of Professional conduct enumerated above, knowingly violated the Presiding Disciplinary Judge's Order of Suspension by practicing law while suspended, and knowingly violated trial court rules relating

- to appearing as counsel of record when Respondent was not an authorized counsel in violation of ER 8.4(a).
- 37. By misrepresenting her status to the court and all others present, Respondent violated ER 8.4(c).
- 38. By causing the court and all participants to waste time in a nullified hearing, Respondent violated ER 8.4(d).
- 39. Respondent violated the Rules of Professional conduct enumerated above, knowingly violated the Presiding Disciplinary Judge's Order of Suspension by practicing law while suspended, and knowingly violated trial court rules relating to appearing as counsel of record when Respondent was not an authorized counsel, in violation of ER 8.4(a).

## **CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS**

Respondent's admissions are being tendered in exchange for the form of discipline stated below and is submitted freely and voluntarily and not as a result of coercion or intimidation.

Respondent conditionally admits that her conduct violated Rule 42, ERs 1.4, 3.3, 3.4(c), 4.1, 5.5, 8.1(b), and 8.4(a), (c) and (d); and Rules 31, 54, and 72.

### RESTITUTION

Restitution is not an issue in this matter.

#### **SANCTION**

Respondent and the State Bar of Arizona agree that based on the facts and circumstances of this matter, as set forth above, the following sanction is appropriate: suspension for one year.

# **LEGAL GROUNDS IN SUPPORT OF SANCTION**

In determining an appropriate sanction, the parties consulted the American Bar Association's *Standards for Imposing Lawyer Sanctions (Standards)* pursuant to Rule 57(a)(2)(E). The *Standards* are designed to promote consistency in the imposition of sanctions by identifying relevant factors that courts should consider and then applying those factors to situations where lawyers have engaged in various types of misconduct. *Standards* 1.3, Commentary. The *Standards* provide guidance with respect to an appropriate sanction in this matter. *In re Peasley*, 208 Ariz. 27, 33, 35, 90 P.3d 764, 770 (2004); *In re Rivkind*, 162 Ariz. 154, 157, 791 P.2d 1037, 1040 (1990).

In determining an appropriate sanction consideration is given to the duty violated, the lawyer's mental state, the actual or potential injury caused by the misconduct and the existence of aggravating and mitigating factors. *Peasley*, 208 Ariz. at 35, 90 P.3d at 772; *Standard* 3.0.

## The duty violated

As described above, Respondent's conduct violated her duty to her client, the profession, the legal system, and the public.

# The lawyer's mental state

For purposes of this agreement the parties agree that Respondent's mental state was knowing.

# The extent of the actual or potential injury

For purposes of this agreement, the parties agree that there was actual harm to the Respondent's client, the profession, the legal system, and the public.

The parties agree that the following *Standards* are the appropriate ones given the facts and circumstances of this matter.

### ER 1.4

Standard 4.42

Suspension is generally appropriate when:

(a) a lawyer knowingly fails to perform services for a client and causes injury or potential injury to a client . . .

## ERs 3.3 and 4.1

Standard 6.12

Suspension is generally appropriate when a lawyer knows that false statements or documents are being submitted to the court or that material information is improperly being withheld, and takes no remedial action, and causes injury or potential injury to a party to the legal proceeding, or causes an adverse or potentially adverse effect on the legal proceeding.

### ER 3.4

Standard 6.22

Suspension is appropriate when a lawyer knowingly violates a court order or rule, and there is injury or potential injury to a client or a party, or interference or potential interference with a legal proceeding.

## ERs 5.5 and 8.1

Standard 7.2

Suspension is generally appropriate when a lawyer knowingly engages in conduct that is a violation of a duty owed as a professional, and causes injury or potential injury to a client, the public, or the legal system.

### ER 8.4(a)

Standards 4.42, 6.12, 6.22, and 7.2 (see above).

### ER 8.4(c)

Standard 4.62

Suspension is generally appropriate when a lawyer knowingly deceives a client, and causes injury or potential injury to a client.

### ER 8.4(d)

Standards 6.12 and 6.22 (see above).

The foregoing *Standards* generally provide that suspension is appropriate when a lawyer knowingly engages in conduct that violates lawyerly duties, and causes injury to a client, the profession, the legal system, or the public. Respondent's conduct fits within these *Standards*. The cases involve knowing failure to perform

services for a client resulting in client injury; miscommunicating material information about Respondent's bar status to her client, third persons, and the Court; engaging in the unauthorized practice of law; and violating court orders.

# Aggravating and mitigating circumstances

The presumptive sanction in this matter is suspension. The parties conditionally agree that the following aggravating and mitigating factors should be considered.

## In aggravation:

- (a) prior disciplinary offenses
  - 2011 (09-1893, 09-2267, 09-2327): Suspension for 90 days, ERs 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.15(a), 1.16(d), 3.2, 8.4(c), and 8.4(d), and Rules 43(a), 43(b)2.D, and 43(c);
  - ii. 2009 (08-1964): Informal reprimand (currently, admonition) and probation (MAP and LOMAP for two years), ERs 1.4 and 1.5.
  - iii. 2007 (06-0523, 06-0878, 07-0243, 07-0565, 07-0571): Informal reprimand (currently, admonition) and probation (MAP, LOMAP, practice monitor, EEP for two years), ERs 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5(d) (3), 1.15, 1.16
  - iv. 2006 (04-1146, 04-1170, 04-1211): Diversion-(LOMAP, MAP, EEP, practice monitor, fee arbitration), ERs 1.3 and 1.4. Diversion is not considered prior discipline but if diversion meets the criteria and is pursued, it serves to "remedy the immediate problem and likely prevent any recurrence of it." Rule 56(b).
- (c) a pattern of misconduct;
- (d) multiple offenses;
- (i) substantial experience in the practice of law.

## In mitigation:

- (b) absence of a dishonest or selfish motive;
- (c) personal or emotional problems;

(e) full and free disclosure to a disciplinary board or cooperative attitude toward proceedings;

(i) remorse.

#### Discussion

The parties conditionally agree that a greater or lesser sanction would not be appropriate under the facts and circumstances of this matter. Suspension is the presumptive sanction, and Respondent's disciplinary history warrants assessing a long-term rather than short-tem suspension.

Based on the Standards and in light of the facts and circumstances of this matter, the parties conditionally agree that the sanction set forth above is within the range of appropriate sanction and will serve the purposes of lawyer discipline.

### CONCLUSION

The object of lawyer discipline is not to punish the lawyer, but to protect the public, the profession and the administration of justice. Peasley, supra at  $\P$  64, 90 P.3d at 778. Recognizing that determination of the appropriate sanction is the prerogative of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, the State Bar and Respondent believe that the objectives of discipline will be met by the imposition of the proposed sanction of suspension for one year and the imposition of costs and expenses. A proposed form order is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

**DATED** this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

STATE BAR OF ARIZONA

David L. Sandweiss Senior Bar Counsel This agreement, with conditional admissions, is submitted freely and voluntarily and not under coercion or intimidation. I acknowledge my duty under the Rules of the Supreme Court with respect to discipline and reinstatement. I understand these duties may include notification of clients, return of property and other rules pertaining to suspension.

DATED this

day of

2012.

Nancy D. Petersen

Respondent

Approved as to form and content.

Maret Vessella

Chief Bar Counsel

Original filed with the Disciplinary Clerk of the Office of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge this 4th day of August, 2012.

Copies of the foregoing mailed/<u>emailed</u> this <u>7</u> day of August, 2012, to:

Nancy D. Petersen 668 North 44th Street, Suite 300 Phoenix, Arizona 85008-6524 Email: petersennd@aol.com Respondent

Copy of the foregoing <u>emailed</u> this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of August, 2012, to:

William J. O'Neil

Presiding Disciplinary Judge Supreme Court of Arizona Email: officepdj@courts.az.gov Ihopkins@courts.az.gov

Copy of the foregoing hand-delivered this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012, to:

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PROBABLE CAUSE COMMITTEE
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

STATE BAR OF ARIZONA

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

NANCY D. PETERSEN Bar No. 017025

Respondent

Nos. 11-3421, 12-0815 and 12-0833

PROBABLE CAUSE ORDER

The Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee of the Supreme Court of Arizona ("Committee") reviewed this matter on July 13, 2012, pursuant to Rules 50 and 55, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., for consideration of the State Bar's Reports of Investigation and Recommendation and Respondent's Response.

By a vote of 7-0-2,<sup>1</sup> the Committee finds probable cause exists to file a complaint against Respondent in File Numbers 11-3421, 12-0815 and 12-0833.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED pursuant to Rules 55(c) and 58(a), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., authorizing the State Bar Counsel to prepare and file a complaint with the Disciplinary Clerk.

Parties may not file motions for reconsideration of this Order.

**DATED** this <u>13</u> day of July, 2012.

Janrence F. L. Judge Lawrence F) Winthrop

Chair, Attorney Discipline Probable Cause

Committee of the Supreme Court of Arizona

Committee members Richard A. Segal and Jeffrey B. Messing did not participate in this matter.

Original of the foregoing filed this 177 day of July, 2012, with:

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EXHIBIT "A"

# **Statement of Costs and Expenses**

In the Matter of a Suspended Member of the State Bar of Arizona, Nancy D. Petersen, Bar No. 017025, Respondent

File No(s). 11-3421, 12-0815, 12-0833

## **Administrative Expenses**

The Supreme Court of Arizona has adopted a schedule of administrative expenses to be assessed in lawyer discipline. If the number of charges/complainants exceeds five, the assessment for the general administrative expenses shall increase by 20% for each additional charge/complainant where a violation is admitted or proven.

Factors considered in the administrative expense are time expended by staff bar counsel, paralegal, secretaries, typists, file clerks and messenger; and normal postage charges, telephone costs, office supplies and all similar factors generally attributed to office overhead. As a matter of course, administrative costs will increase based on the length of time it takes a matter to proceed through the adjudication process.

# General Administrative Expenses for above-numbered proceedings

\$1,200.00

Additional costs incurred by the State Bar of Arizona in the processing of this disciplinary matter, and not included in administrative expenses, are itemized below.

# **Staff Investigator/Miscellaneous Charges**

04/13/12	Travel and mileage to court	\$ 6.65
Total for staff investigator charges		\$ 6.65

**TOTAL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED** 

\$1,206.65

Sandra E. Montoya

**Lawyer Regulation Records Manager** 

8-7-12

**Date** 

EXHIBIT "B"

# BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

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FINAL	JUDGMENT	AND	ORDER			

State Bar Nos. 11-3421, 12-0815 and 12-0833

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The undersigned Presiding Disciplinary Judge of the Supreme Court of Arizona, having reviewed the Agreement for Discipline by Consent filed on August 7, 2012, pursuant to Rule 57(a), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., hereby accepts the parties' proposed agreement. Accordingly:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent, Nancy D. Petersen, is hereby suspended for one year for her conduct in violation of the Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct, as outlined in the consent documents, effective thirty (30) days from this Order or \_\_\_\_\_

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall be subject to any additional terms imposed by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge as a result of reinstatement hearings held.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, pursuant to Rule 72 Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., Respondent shall immediately comply with the requirements relating to notification of clients and others.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent pay the cos	sts and expenses of			
the State Bar of Arizona in the amount of \$				
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall p	pay the costs and			
expenses incurred by the disciplinary clerk and/or Presiding [	Disciplinary Judge's			
Office in connection with these disciplinary proceedings in	n the amount of			
DATED this day of August, 2012.	COPY			
The Honorable William J. O'Neil Presiding Disciplinary Judge				
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