

**BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE**

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

**WILLIAM S. PAPAZIAN,**  
**Bar No. 020621**

Respondent.

**PDJ 2016-9120**

**FINAL JUDGMENT AND  
ORDER**

[State Bar Nos. 16-0199, 16-0622,  
16-1362]

**FILED APRIL 18, 2017**

The Presiding Disciplinary Judge having reviewed the Agreement for Discipline by Consent filed on March 21, 2017, pursuant to Rule 57(a), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., accepts the parties' proposed agreement. Accordingly:

**IT IS ORDERED** Respondent, **William S Papazian, Bar No. 020621**, is reprimanded for his conduct in violation of the Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct, as outlined in the consent documents effective the date of this order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Mr. Papazian shall not apply for reinstatement from his summary suspension prior to July 1, 2017.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Mr. Papazian shall pay the costs and expenses of the State Bar of Arizona in the amount of \$ 1,277.50, within thirty (30) days from

the date of this order. There are no costs or expenses incurred by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge's Office in connection with these disciplinary proceedings.

**DATED** this 18th day of April, 2017.

*William J. O'Neil*  

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**William J. O'Neil, Presiding Disciplinary Judge**

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**PDJ-2016-9120**

**DECISION AND ORDER  
ACCEPTING MODIFIED  
DISCIPLINE BY CONSENT**

[State Bar File Nos. 16-0199, 16-  
0622, 16-1362]

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Probable Cause Orders issued on August 31, 2016 and September 27, 2016, and the formal complaint was filed on November 30, 2016. The parties filed an Agreement for Discipline by Consent (Agreement) on March 21, 2017, under Rule 57(a)(3) Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.<sup>1</sup> Upon filing such Agreement, the presiding disciplinary judge (PDJ), “shall accept, reject, or recommend the agreement be modified.” Rule 57(a)(3)(b).

On April 5, 2017, the PDJ recommended the Agreement be modified to reflect a knowing mental state, a sworn statement be filed to supplement the mitigating factors, and conditions of reinstatement for Mr. Papazian’s summary suspension for

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all rule references are to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

non-payment of dues. On April 11, 2017, the parties filed a Notice of Acceptance of Recommended Modifications to Agreement.

Rule 57 requires admissions be tendered solely "...in exchange for the stated form of discipline..." Under that rule, the right to an adjudicatory hearing is waived only if the "...conditional admission and proposed form of discipline is approved..." If the agreement is not accepted, those conditional admissions are automatically withdrawn and shall not be used against the parties in any subsequent proceeding.

Notice of this Agreement was provided to the complainant(s) by letter notifying them of the opportunity to file a written objection within five (5) days under Rule 53(b)(3), and no objection has been received.

The Agreement details a factual basis to support the admissions to the charges. Mr. Papazian was licensed to practice law in Arizona on October 23, 2000. On June 23, 2015, Mr. Papazian was suspended from the practice of law for nonpayment of dues and he subsequently closed his law office. In Count One (File No. 16-0199), Mr. Papazian represented a client in an immigration matter. The client paid Mr. Papazian \$4,660.00 in March of 2014, and ultimately terminated the representation in December of 2015 because Mr. Papazian failed to communicate or diligently represent the client. Mr. Papazian refunded the entire fee of \$4,660 to the client after a bar charge was filed.

In Count Two (File No. 16-0622), Mr. Papazian was paid \$750.00 to represent a client in an immigration matter. Mr. Papazian thereafter, terminated the representation having performed no work for the client. Mr. Papazian informed the client in December of 2015, he would issue a full refund however, he failed to do so until the client filed a bar charge.

In Count Three (File No. 16-1362), Mr. Papazian represented a husband and wife in an immigration matter in spring 2014. The clients paid \$1,750 for the representation. Mr. Papazian filed adjustment of status documents on their behalf but then never communicated with the clients. Mr. Papazian also failed to supervise his legal assistant during the representation of the clients. The clients terminated Mr. Papazian. However, Mr. Papazian issued no refund until the clients filed a bar charge.

Mr. Papazian conditionally admits his conduct violated Rule of Professional Conduct 42, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., specifically ERs 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.16(d) (terminating representation), and 5.3 (supervising non-lawyer assistants). The parties agree based on the facts and circumstances in this matter that reprimand is the appropriate sanction. Restitution is not an issue as Mr. Papazian has refunded the clients' fees.

As referenced in the parties' Notice of Acceptance of Recommended Modifications to Agreement, the parties now agree the mental state of Mr. Papazian

was knowing, rather than negligent. *Standard 4.42, Lack of Diligence* applies and provides suspension is appropriate when a lawyer knowingly fails to perform services for a client and causes injury or potential injury to a client. Mr. Papazian knowingly violated his duty to his clients and the legal profession, resulting in potential harm to his clients.

The parties further agree the following aggravating and mitigating factors are present in the record. They warrant a reduction in the presumptive sanction of suspension to reprimand. In aggravation: *Standard 9.22(d)* (multiple offenses) and *Standard 9.22(i)* (substantial experience in the practice of law); in mitigation: *Standard 9.32(a)* (no prior discipline) and *9.32(c)* (personal or emotional problems filed under seal).

Mr. Papazian abandoned his clients when he closed his law practice in June 2015. He accepted payment for legal services and then failed to perform those services. While in two instances Mr. Papazian was delayed in refunding his clients the fee he charged, the fact that he has refunded those monies is important evidence of his acceptance of responsibility for his misconduct. Mr. Papazian was summarily suspended for failure to pay his dues effective June 23, 2015 and is not returning to the practice of law due to the mitigating circumstances of personal or emotional problems. The parties accepted the recommended modification of the Agreement which requires Mr. Papazian be reinstated under Rule 65 only.

**IT IS ORDERED** incorporating the Agreement and any supporting documents by this reference. The agreed upon sanction is: reprimand costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceeding totaling \$1,277.50, to be paid within thirty (30) days from this order. There are no costs incurred by the office of the presiding disciplinary judge.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** the Agreement is accepted. Costs as submitted are approved for \$1,277.50. A final judgment and order is signed this date.

**DATED** April 18, 2017.

*William J. O'Neil*  
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**William J. O'Neil, Presiding Disciplinary Judge**

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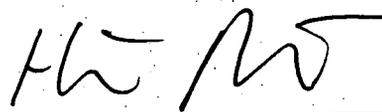
**NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF  
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MODIFICATIONS TO  
AGREEMENT**

State Bar Nos. 16-0199, 16-0622, and  
16-1362

The State Bar of Arizona, by undersigned bar counsel, and Respondent, hereby file a Notice of Acceptance of the Recommended Modifications to Agreement made by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge in his April 5, 2017, order. Respondent will separately file the additional documentation referenced in the order.

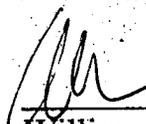
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STATE BAR OF ARIZONA



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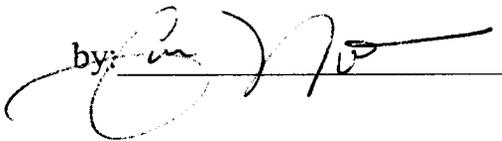
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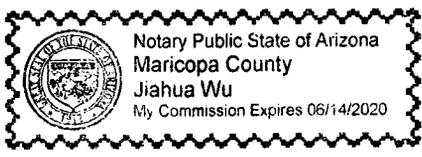
18 **WILLIAM S. PAPAZIAN SWORN**  
19 **STATEMENT**

20 [State Bar No. 16-0199, 16-0622, 196-  
21 1362]

22 I, William S. Papazian, do swear and affirm that the facts in mitigation submitted under  
23 seal as Exhibit C to an Agreement for Discipline by Consent by the parties are true and  
24 accurate.

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26 \_\_\_\_\_  
27 William S. Papazian

28 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017.



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31 Notary Public

32 My commission expires:  
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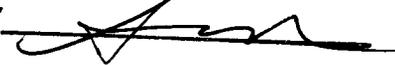
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**PDJ 2016-9120**

State Bar File Nos. 16-0199, 16-0622,  
16-1362

**AGREEMENT FOR DISCIPLINE  
BY CONSENT**

The State Bar of Arizona, through undersigned Bar Counsel, and Respondent, William S. Papazian, who is represented in this matter by counsel, Edward F. Novak, hereby submit their Agreement for Discipline by Consent, pursuant to Rule 57(a), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. Probable cause orders were entered on August 31, 2016, in file nos. 16-0199 and 16-0622, respectively. On September 27, 2016, a probable cause order was also entered in file no. 16-1362. Respondent voluntarily waives the right to an

adjudicatory hearing, 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 admission and proposed form of discipline is approved.

Pursuant to Rule 53(b)(3), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., notice of this agreement was provided to the complainants by letter notifying them of the opportunity to file a written objection to the agreement with the State Bar within five (5) business days of bar counsel's notice. The State Bar has received no objections to the proposed resolution.

Respondent conditionally admits that his conduct, as set forth below, violated Rule 42, ERs 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.16(d), and 5.3. Upon acceptance of this agreement, Respondent agrees to accept imposition of the following discipline: Reprimand. Respondent also agrees to pay the costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceeding, within 30 days from the date of this order, and if costs are not paid within the 30 days, interest will begin to accrue at the legal rate.<sup>1</sup> The State Bar's Statement of Costs and Expenses is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

## **FACTS**

### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

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<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.

1. Respondent was licensed to practice law in Arizona on October, 23, 2000.

2. On June 23, 2015, Respondent was suspended from the practice of law for nonpayment of dues. He has not been reinstated.

3. Respondent closed his law office in the summer of 2015.

**COUNT ONE (File No. 16-0199/Alvarez)**

4. In March of 2014, Natali Alvarez hired Respondent in an immigration matter.

5. Ms. Alvarez paid Respondent \$4,660.

6. Respondent believes he performed work in the matter, but has no documentation of such work. He has not retained a copy of the case file after returning the file to Ms. Alvarez.

7. Ms. Alvarez terminated the representation in December of 2015 because she received no communication from Respondent concerning her case and because he failed to return phone calls.

8. In November of 2016, after Ms. Alvarez filed the underlying bar charge against Respondent, Respondent issued a full refund of \$4,660 to Alvarez.

9. Respondent's conduct in Count One violated ER 1.2 (Scope), ER 1.3 (Diligence), ER 1.4 (Communication), ER 1.5 (Fees) and ER 1.16 (Terminating representation.)

**COUNT TWO (File No. 16-0622/Delaney)**

10. In May of 2015, Shifali Delaney hired Respondent to assist her in an immigration matter. She paid \$750 at the start of the representation.

11. Respondent terminated the representation without performing any work.

12. In December of 2015, Respondent informed Ms. Delaney that he would refund the \$750. He, however, failed to do so until August 10, 2016, after Delaney filed her bar charge.

13. Respondent's conduct in Count Two violated ER 1.3 (Diligence), ER 1.4 (Communication), ER 1.5 (Fees), and ER 1.16 (Terminating representation)

**COUNT THREE (File No. 16-1362/Espinoza-Lopez)**

14. In the spring of 2014, Antonia Espinoza-Lopez and her husband hired Respondent to represent them in their respective immigration cases. They paid a total of \$1,750 for the representations.

15. Respondent never spoke with either client; all communication was done through Respondent's legal assistant, Tammy Barba, who worked off-site and received no attorney supervision during her meetings with Ms. Espinoza-Lopez and her husband.

16. Respondent filed adjustment of status documents for both clients.

17. After the documents were filed, Respondent stopped returning phone calls.

18. On January 15, 2016, Ms. Espinoza-Lopez wrote a letter terminating Respondent.

19. After Ms. Espinoza-Lopez filed a bar charge against Respondent, Respondent issued a full refund.

20. Respondent's conduct in Count Three violated ER 1.4 (communication) and ER 5.3 (Responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistants).

### **CONDITIONAL ADMISSIONS**

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

Respondent conditionally admits that his conduct violated Rule 42, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., specifically ERs 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.16(d), and 5.3.

### **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, Reprimand is the appropriate sanction. If Respondent violates any of the terms of this agreement, further disciplinary proceedings may be brought.

## 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 parties agree that *Standard* 4.43 is the appropriate *Standard* given the facts and circumstances of this matter. *Standard* 4.43 provides that Reprimand is generally appropriate when a lawyer is negligent and does not act with reasonable diligence in representing a client, and causes injury or potential injury to a client.

**The duty violated**

As described above, Respondent's conduct violated his duty to his clients and the profession.

**The lawyer's mental state**

For purposes of this agreement the parties agree that Respondent negligently failed to adequately represent immigration clients in the above referenced matters and that his conduct was in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

**The extent of the actual or potential injury**

For purposes of this agreement, the parties agree that there was potential harm to the clients, but that Respondent has refunded all fees that he received.

**Aggravating and mitigating circumstances**

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

**In aggravation:**

*Standard 9.22(d)* multiple offenses

*Standard 9.22(i)* (substantial experience in the practice of law)

**In mitigation:**

*Standard 9.32(a)*: (no prior discipline)

**Standard 9.32(c) (personal or emotional problems): See attachment C prepared by Respondent and submitted under seal.**

**Discussion**

The parties have conditionally agreed that, upon application of the aggravating and mitigating factors to the facts of this case, the presumptive sanction of Reprimand is appropriate. The parties have conditionally agreed that a greater or lesser sanction would not be appropriate under the facts and circumstances of this matter.

**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 ¶ 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 Reprimand and the imposition of costs and expenses. A proposed form order is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

**DATED** this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2017

**STATE BAR OF ARIZONA**



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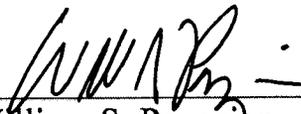
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**This agreement, with conditional admissions, is submitted freely and voluntarily and not under coercion or intimidation.**

**DATED** this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2017.



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William S. Papazian  
Respondent

**DATED** this 23 day of March, 2017.



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Counsel for Respondent

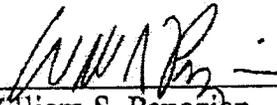
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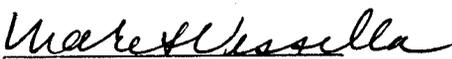
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William S. Papazian  
Respondent

DATED this 20 day of March, 2017.

  
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Edward F. Novak  
Counsel for Respondent

Approved as to form and content

  
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Maret Vessella  
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**EXHIBIT A**

## Statement of Costs and Expenses

In the Matter of a suspended Member of the State Bar of Arizona,  
William S. Papazian, Bar No. 020621, Respondent

File Nos. 16-0199, 16-0622, 16-1362

### 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

08/22/16	LexisNexis Invoice	\$ 57.85
03/31/16	LexisNexis Invoice	\$ 16.95
02/29/16	LexisNexis Invoice	\$ 2.70

Total for staff investigator charges \$ 77.50

**TOTAL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED** **\$1,277.50**

**EXHIBIT B**

**BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_, pursuant to Rule 57(a), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., hereby accepts the parties' proposed agreement. Accordingly:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Respondent, **William S Papazian**, is hereby Reprimanded for his conduct in violation of the Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct, as outlined in the consent documents.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent pay the costs and expenses of the State Bar of Arizona in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_, within 30 days from the date of service of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent shall pay the costs and expenses incurred by the disciplinary clerk and/or Presiding Disciplinary Judge's

Office in connection with these disciplinary proceedings in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_, within 30 days from the date of service of this Order.

**DATED** this \_\_\_\_\_ day of March, 2017

**William J. O'Neil, Presiding Disciplinary Judge**

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