

BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE

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

LYNDON B. STEIMEL,
Bar No. 011733

Respondent.

PDJ 2017-9005

JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

[State Bar Nos. 16-2038 & 16-2311]

FILED MAY 23, 2017

Pursuant to Rule 57, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., Respondent filed with the disciplinary clerk a Consent to Disbarment dated May 16, 2017. The Consent to Disbarment being compliant with Rule 57(a)(5) and the Presiding Disciplinary Judge having considered it,

Now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED accepting the Consent to Disbarment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Respondent, **LYNDON B. STEIMEL, Bar No. 011733**, is disbarred from the State Bar of Arizona and his name is stricken from the roll of lawyers effective immediately. Mr. Steimel 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 Mr. Steimel shall immediately comply with the requirements relating to notification of clients and others, and provide and/or file all notices and affidavits required by Rule 72, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED no further disciplinary action shall be taken in reference to the matters that are the subject of the charges upon which the Consent to Disbarment and this judgment of disbarment are based.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Mr. Steimel shall pay the costs and expenses of the State Bar of Arizona in the amount of \$1,200.00. There are no costs or expenses incurred by the disciplinary clerk and/or Presiding Disciplinary Judge's Office in connection with these disciplinary proceedings. If the State Bar's costs and expenses remain unpaid after thirty (30) days, interest will begin to accrue on the unpaid sum at the statutory rate.

DATED this 23 day of May, 2017.

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

Copies of the foregoing mailed/emailed
this 24th day of May, 2017.

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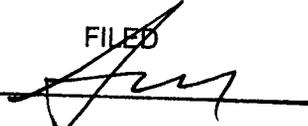
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NOTICE OF FILING

State Bar No. 16-2038

The State Bar of Arizona, by undersigned bar counsel, hereby gives notice of filing the attached Consent to Disbarment executed by Respondent on May 12, 2017.

The State Bar requests that the hearing scheduled for May 19, 2017, be vacated.

DATED this 16th day of May, 2017.

STATE BAR OF ARIZONA

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Hunter F. Perlmeter
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**CONSENT TO
DISBARMENT**

State Bar No. 16-2038

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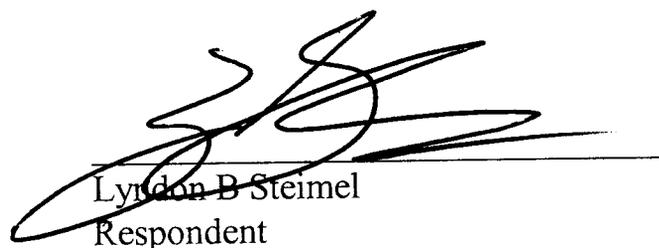
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that I do not desire to contest or defend the charges, but wish to consent to disbarment. I have been advised of and have had an opportunity to exercise my right to be represented in this matter by a lawyer. I consent to disbarment freely and voluntarily and not under coercion or intimidation. I am aware of the rules of the Supreme Court with respect to discipline, disability, resignation and reinstatement, and I understand that any future application by me for admission or reinstatement as a member of the State Bar of Arizona will be treated as an application by a member who has been disbarred for professional misconduct, as set forth in the Complaint filed against me. The misconduct of which I am accused is described in the Complaint bearing the number referenced above, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

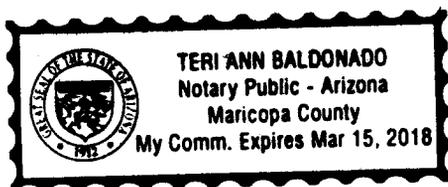
A proposed form of Judgment of Disbarment is attached hereto as Exhibit "B."

DONE AT SBA, Arizona, on MAY 12,
2017.


Lyndon B Steimel
Respondent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 12th day of May, 2017, by

Lyndon B Steimel, who satisfactorily proved his identity to me.



Teri A. Baldonado
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

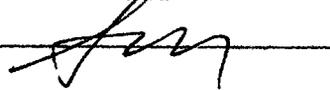
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EXHIBIT "A"

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COMPLAINT

[State Bar No. 16-2038 and 16-2311]

Complaint is made against Respondent as follows:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

1. 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 October 24, 1987.

COUNT ONE (File No. 16-2038/Begin)

2. In June of 2015, Ana Begin hired Respondent to appeal a judgment entered against her as a result of an adverse ruling in a justice court matter. Ms. Begin paid Respondent \$500.

3. On June 17, 2015, Respondent sent a letter to opposing counsel indicating that Ms. Begin intended to appeal the Judgment.

4. Shortly thereafter, Respondent filed a Notice of Appeal on Begin's behalf.

5. On June 23, 2015, Respondent forwarded a check written by Begin to opposing counsel for \$3,200. The check was delivered with the hope that the partial payment on the \$8,000 judgment would help Begin avoid collection efforts.

6. On July 10, 2015, Begin contacted Respondent to inform him that the check had not been cashed. Respondent informed Begin that opposing counsel had asked for a statement from Begin indicating that the partial payment was not to be treated as a settlement of the outstanding judgment.

7. On August 24, 2015 and September 3, 2015, Respondent and Begin corresponded. Respondent advised that Begin should continue with the appeal process rather than providing the requested statement.

8. On September 14, 2015, Begin asked Respondent concerning the appeal, "[d]o you have an idea of when will (sic) be notified of next steps? How long does it usually take?"

9. Begin received no response to her question and would receive no communication from Respondent during the next several months.

10. On November 20, 2015, the court dismissed the appeal deeming that it had been abandoned because an appellate memorandum had not been filed by Respondent.

11. Respondent did not notify Begin that he had failed to file an appellate memorandum and did not notify Begin that the appeal had been dismissed by the court.

12. On March 15, 2016, Ms. Begin received an email from opposing counsel notifying her that his client would begin garnishing her wages. He enclosed a copy of the November 20, 2015, order dismissing the appeal. This was the first time Ms. Begin had been advised that the appeal had been abandoned and the first time she learned that her wages would be garnished.

13. On the same date, Ms. Begin called Respondent several times, but could not reach him. Ms. Begin also emailed Respondent. Respondent responded via email that he was dealing with health concerns involving his wife, but that he would move to set aside the order on March 18, 2016.

14. On March 18, 2016, Ms. Begin emailed Respondent to confirm that he had filed the motion to set aside. Respondent did not respond.

15. On March 22, 2016, Ms. Begin reached Respondent; he indicated that he had not had time to file the motion because he was busy with other matters, but that he would soon do so.

16. On April 4 and 19, 2016, Ms. Begin called and emailed to confirm that the motion had been filed, but received no response.

17. On May 2, 2016, Ms. Begin called Respondent's office, but the number had been disconnected.

18. On May 11, 2016, Ms. Begin drove to Respondent's office. Respondent apologized and indicated he would give more attention to the matter. Respondent also indicated that the opposing party's garnishment paperwork was faulty and that he would contact opposing counsel about it.

19. On May 16, 2016, Ms. Begin asked Respondent to forward any emails concerning his communications with opposing counsel about the garnishment. Respondent failed to do so.

20. On May 25, 2016, Respondent emailed opposing counsel asserting that garnishment procedures had not been properly followed.

21. On the same day, opposing counsel responded pointing out that Respondent had failed to acknowledge various communications concerning the garnishment efforts, had not responded to communications, had abandoned the appeal, and had given no indication that he was still representing Ms. Begin. He also asked that Respondent provide an entry of appearance so that it was clear whether Ms. Begin could be dealt with directly or whether Respondent was continuing to provide representation.

22. On May 31, 2016, Ms. Begin emailed opposing counsel and indicated that she was terminating Respondent. She would ultimately settle the matter without Respondent's assistance.

23. Ms. Begin has asked Respondent for a refund of the \$500 she had paid, plus \$1,000 in interest that accrued on the judgment against her. Respondent responded that he would think about it, but that he was having financial problems. He did not follow up with Ms. Begin concerning the refund request.

24. In engaging in the above conduct set forth in Count One, Respondent violated ERs 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.15(d), and 8.4(d).

COUNT TWO (File No. 16-2311/Bolt)

25. In September of 2015, Ruth Bolt hired Respondent to handle a personal bankruptcy. She paid him \$1,835.

26. Ms. Bolt never met with Respondent in person. All communication was done through email.

27. After Respondent received payment, he stopped communicating for approximately three months. When confronted about his failure to communicate, Respondent indicated that his wife's health problems had caused a delay in filing Ms. Bolt's petition.

28. Respondent did not file the petition until April 2016. Upon reviewing the filed petition, Ms. Bolt noticed numerous errors. Many creditors were not included, Respondent incorrectly noted that Ms. Bolt was living in Alabama rather than Arizona, and \$0 was incorrectly entered as the value of Ms. Bolt's assets.

29. After he filed the petition, Respondent contacted Ms. Bolt and asked her for her signature on the "Declaration Re: Electronic Filing-Declaration of Petitioner" form. Ms. Bolt indicated that she was uncomfortable signing the document because it included language indicating that all information in the filing was correct.

30. Respondent insisted that she sign the form and indicated that he would correct the errors later.

31. Thereafter, Respondent corrected some, but not all errors.

32. Due to the errors, Ms. Bolt rescheduled the meeting of creditors so that Respondent could make her requested changes.

33. When Respondent failed to make the changes, Ms. Bolt attempted to reschedule the meeting of creditors a second time, but her request was denied.

34. As a result, on July 14, 2016, Ms. Bolt sent a letter to the judge and the trustee stating that she was dismissing Respondent as her attorney.

35. On July 18, 2016, Ms. Bolt attended the meeting of creditors. To her surprise Respondent appeared, even though he had been notified that Ms. Bolt wished to terminate the representation. Ms. Bolt asserted that the petition had inaccuracies, but the trustee told her that he was willing to go forward with discharging the debts listed in the petition.

36. After the meeting ended, Ms. Bolt filed forms to dismiss the bankruptcy because she felt uncomfortable proceeding.

37. Ms. Bolt then filed a motion to disgorge fees; Respondent filed a response. After hearing the matter, the judge ordered a partial disgorgement requiring Respondent to return approximately half of his fee in the case (\$750). Respondent complied with the order.

38. In engaging in the above conduct set forth in Count Two, Respondent violated ERs 1.3, 1.4, and 8.4(d).

DATED this 13th day of January, 2017.

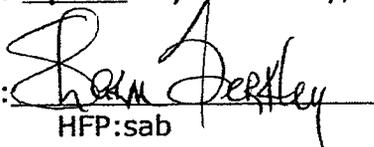
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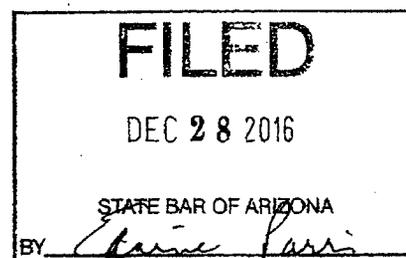
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Original filed with the Disciplinary Clerk of
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**BEFORE THE ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE
PROBABLE CAUSE COMMITTEE
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No. 16-2311

PROBABLE CAUSE ORDER

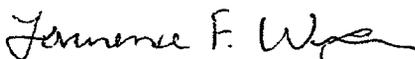
The Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee of the Supreme Court of Arizona ("Committee") reviewed this matter on December 9, 2016, pursuant to Rules 50 and 55, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., for consideration of the State Bar's Report of Investigation and Recommendation.

By a vote of 7-0-2¹, the Committee finds probable cause exists to file a complaint against Respondent in File No. 16-2311.

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 28 day of December, 2016.



Judge Lawrence F. Winthrop, Chair
Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee
of the Supreme Court of Arizona

¹ Committee member Daisy Flores and Jeffrey B. Messing did not participate in this matter.

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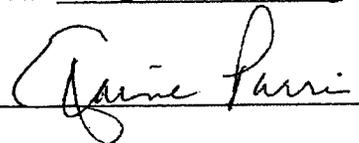
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Pursuant to Rule 57, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., the undersigned Presiding Disciplinary Judge of the Supreme Court of Arizona has considered Respondent's Consent to Disbarment dated May 15, 2017, and filed herein. Accordingly:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED accepting the consent to disbarment. Respondent, , is hereby disbarred from the State Bar of Arizona and his name is hereby stricken from Lyndon B Steimel the roll of lawyers **effective**

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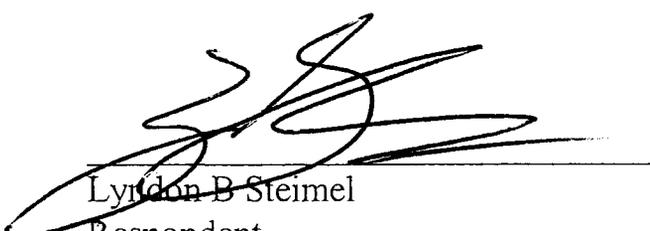
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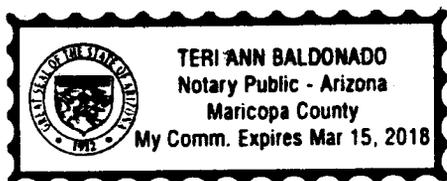
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Teri A. Baldonado
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

March 15, 2018

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