

BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE

IN THE MATTER OF AN INACTIVE
MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF
ARIZONA,

R. CHRISTOPHER READE,
Bar No. 026931

Respondent.

PDJ-2017-9125

**FINAL RECIPROCAL
DISCIPLINE JUDGMENT OF
FOUR YEAR SUSPENSION**

FILED JANUARY 9, 2018

Under Rules 54(h) and 57(b), *Reciprocal Discipline*, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., a certified copy of the Order of Suspension issued by the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada on November 16, 2017, imposing a four (4) year suspension retroactive to June 25, 2014, was filed with the Presiding Disciplinary Judge of the Supreme Court of Arizona (“PDJ”).

The misconduct of Mr. Reade resulted in a felony conviction under U.S.C. § 3, for one count of accessory after the fact to money laundering. He was sentenced to 366 days in prison, to be followed by supervised release for up to three years, ordered to pay a \$40,000 fine and to abandon the \$75,000 payment he received from Global One to the Internal Revenue Service. Those financial sanctions have been paid.

Mr. Reade was served with notice of this reciprocal matter on December 4, 2017. He was informed that under Rule 57(b)(3), Ariz. R. S. Ct., that 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. Mr. Reade filed a Limited Opposition.

Mr. Reade has petitioned for rehearing before the Supreme Court of Nevada. Mr. Reade affirms he has been on inactive status, by stipulation with the State Bar of Nevada, since January 16, 2014. He argues before the Nevada Supreme Court that any suspension should be retroactive to that date. That Court has directed a response to his petition be filed.

Mr. Reade also gave notice through his limited opposition that through an agreement the Presiding Disciplinary Judge of Colorado issued a reciprocal order of a three (3) year suspension retroactive to June 25, 2014. The Presiding Disciplinary Judge finds that imposing a substantially similar discipline of a four (4) year suspension retroactive to January 16, 2014 is warranted.

Now therefore,

IT IS ORDERED imposing reciprocal discipline of a four (4) year suspension upon **R. Christopher Reade, Bar No. 026931**, effective retroactive to January 16, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Mr. Reade shall be subject to any additional terms imposed by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge because of any reinstatement hearings held.

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

DATED this 9th day of January, 2018.

William J. O'Neil

William J. O'Neil, Presiding Disciplinary Judge

Copy of the foregoing mailed/e-mailed
this 9th day of January, 2018, to:

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