

**BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE**

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

**THOMAS J. ROBINSON,**  
**Bar No. 013656**

Respondent.

**PDJ 2018-9072**

[State Bar File No. 18-0698]

**JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT**

**FILED DECEMBER 20, 2018**

Pursuant to Rule 57, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., the parties filed with the disciplinary clerk a Consent to Disbarment (Consent). The Consent being in compliance with Rule 57(a)(5) and the Presiding Disciplinary Judge having considered it,

Now therefore,

**IT IS ORDERED** accepting the Consent and disbaring Respondent, **THOMAS J. ROBINSON, Bar No. 013656**, from the State Bar of Arizona, retroactive to the effective date of his interim suspension, July 24, 2018. His name is stricken from the roll of lawyers and he 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. Robinson shall immediately comply with the requirements of Rule 72, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. which include but are not limited to notification of clients and others and filing all notices and affidavits required.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** under Rule 57(a)(5)(C), no further disciplinary action shall be taken regarding the matters that are the subject of the charges upon which the Consent and this judgment of disbarment are based.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Respondent shall pay the costs and expenses of the State Bar of Arizona in the amount of \$1,205.00. There are no costs or expenses incurred by the disciplinary clerk and/or Presiding Disciplinary Judge's Office in these disciplinary proceedings.

**DATED** this 20th day of December 2018.

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

Copies of the foregoing mailed/emailed  
this 20th day of December 2018.

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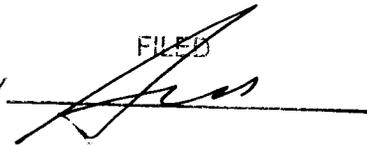
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**CONSENT TO DISBARMENT**

I, Thomas J. Robinson, residing at 233 E. Southern Ave PMB 24221 Tempe, AZ 85285-0001, voluntarily consent to disbarment as a member of the State Bar of Arizona and consent to the removal of my name from the roster of those permitted to practice before this court, and from the roster of the State Bar of Arizona.

I acknowledge that a formal complaint has been filed against me. I have read the complaint, and the charges there made against me. I further acknowledge 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.

The State Bar's Statement of Costs and Expenses is attached hereto as Exhibit B, and Respondent agrees to pay the costs and expenses within thirty (30) days from the date of the Judgment of Disbarment, and if costs are not paid within the 30 days, interest will begin to accrue at the legal rate.<sup>1</sup>

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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.

A proposed form of Judgment of Disbarment is attached hereto as Exhibit

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DONE AT Phoenix, Arizona, on December 17,  
2018.

Thomas J. Robinson

Thomas J. Robinson  
Respondent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018, by

Thomas J Robinson, who satisfactorily proved his identity to me.

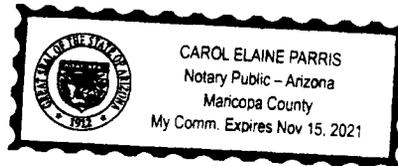
Carol Elaine Parris  
Notary Public

My Commission expires:

Nov. 15, 2021

Approved as to Form:

Shauna R. Miller  
Shauna R. Miller  
Senior Bar Counsel



Original filed with the Disciplinary Clerk of  
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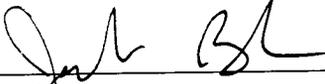
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**EXHIBIT A**

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IN THE MATTER OF A SUSPENDED  
MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF  
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**Bar No. 013656,**

Respondent.

PDJ 2018- 9072

[State Bar File No. 18-0698]

**COMPLAINT**

Complaint is made against Respondent as follows:

**GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

1. At all times relevant, Respondent was licensed to practice law in Arizona, having been admitted on May 18, 1991.
2. On April 24, 2018, Respondent pled guilty in Maricopa County Superior Court, *State of Arizona v. Thomas Robinson, CR 2017-143703-001*, to a Class 3 Felony Aggravated Assault and a Domestic Violence Offense.

3. On July 2, 2018, Respondent was sentenced to four months in jail and three years' probation.

4. On July 24, 2018, by order of the presiding disciplinary judge and pursuant to Rule 61, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., Respondent was placed on interim suspension until final disposition of all pending disciplinary proceedings.

**COUNT ONE (File no. 18-0698/Arizona)**

5. On the morning of August 25, 2017, during a domestic disturbance at Respondent's house, Respondent stabbed his wife multiple times. When initially questioned by the police at the hospital, Respondent and his wife said that the attacker was unknown.

6. On September 22, 2017, during a follow-up interview, wife told the police that she was actually attacked and stabbed by Respondent during an argument. During a post-Miranda interview, Respondent admitted to stabbing his wife multiple times.

7. During the post-Miranda interview, Respondent also told the police that he got rid of the knife he used and the bloody bedding his wife had laid on. Respondent admitted to placing the items in a dumpster behind a business in Chandler.

8. On September 26, 2017, Respondent was charged with one count of aggravated assault (domestic violence), two counts of false reporting to law enforcement, and two counts of tampering with physical evidence.

9. On April 24, 2018, Respondent entered into a plea agreement and pled guilty to a Class 3 Felony Aggravated Assault and to a Domestic Violence Offense. The State agreed to dismiss Counts 2 – 4, Allegations of Dangerousness.

10. At the time of the assault, Respondent was a Tempe municipal court judge, a position he held from 2009 until he retired from his position effective September 28, 2017.

11. On March 15, 2018, a screening letter was sent to Respondent's address of record with the State Bar asking him to provide a response to the allegations set forth above. Respondent did not respond.

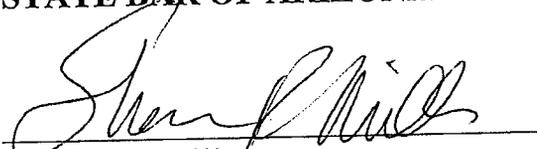
12. On April 9, 2018, a second letter was sent to Respondent's address of record with the State Bar, warning of potential ethical violations for failing to respond. Respondent did not respond.

13. Based upon the foregoing Respondent violated Rule 42, ER 8.4(b), and Rule 54(d) and (g) Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., specifically:

- a. **ER 8.4(b) (Misconduct)** (It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to commit a criminal act).
- b. **Rule 54 (d) (Grounds for Discipline)** (Grounds for discipline include failing to furnish information requested by the State Bar).
- c. **Rule 54(g) (conviction of a crime)** (A lawyer shall be disciplined upon conviction of any felony).

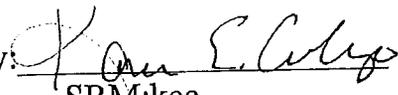
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**STATE BAR OF ARIZONA**



Shauna R. Miller  
Senior Bar Counsel

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**BEFORE THE ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE  
PROBABLE CAUSE COMMITTEE  
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA**

**IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF  
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**THOMAS J. ROBINSON  
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Respondent.

No. 18-0698

**PROBABLE CAUSE ORDER**

The Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee of the Supreme Court of Arizona ("Committee") reviewed this matter on July 13, 2018, 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 8-0-1<sup>1</sup>, the Committee finds probable cause exists to file a complaint against Respondent in File No. 18-0698.

**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 2 day of August, 2018.

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

<sup>1</sup> Committee member JoJean Mills did not participate in this matter.

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**EXHIBIT B**

## Statement of Costs and Expenses

In the Matter of a Suspended Member of the State Bar of Arizona,  
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File No. 18-0698

### 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.

<b><u>Staff Investigator/Miscellaneous Charges</u></b>	
04/04/18    Copies of police records	\$    5.00
Total for staff investigator charges	\$    5.00
<b><u>TOTAL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,205.00</u></b>

**EXHIBIT C**

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