

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

In the Matter of a Member of the) Arizona Supreme Court
State Bar of Arizona,) No. SB-11-0095-D
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GIL SHUGA,) Office of the Presiding
Attorney No. 14049) Disciplinary Judge
) No. PDJ-2011-9066
Respondent.)
_____) **FILED 01/11/2012**

ORDER OF INTERIM SUSPENSION

The State Bar filed a Motion for Interim Suspension with the presiding disciplinary judge pursuant to Rule 61(c)(2), Rules of the Supreme Court. Respondent GIL SHUGA did not file a response. On November 22, 2011, the presiding disciplinary judge issued an order imposing temporary suspension and recommending that this Court issue an order of interim suspension. The order was filed in this Court pursuant to Rule 61(c)(2)(D).

Upon review, the Court finds that the motion for interim suspension should be granted. The State Bar has presented substantial facts to support the allegations that Respondent appears to be misappropriating funds and engaging in serious misconduct, the continuation of which will result in substantial harm, loss, or damage to the public, the legal profession, or the administration of justice. Rule 61(a).

IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to Rule 61(c), Rules of the Supreme Court, that GIL SHUGA is suspended from the practice of law, effective this date.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the suspension shall continue in effect until final disposition of all pending proceedings against him, unless earlier vacated or modified.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, from this date, GIL SHUGA, shall not represent any existing client or accept for representation any new cases.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that GIL SHUGA is precluded from distributing funds from any trust account to anyone except with the written approval of bar counsel or this Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 72(a), Rules of the Supreme Court, GIL SHUGA shall notify all his clients within ten days from the date hereof of his inability to continue to represent them and that they should promptly retain new counsel, and he shall promptly inform this Court of his compliance with this Order as provided by Rule 72(e), Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

DATED this _____ day of January, 2012.

REBECCA WHITE BERCH
Chief Justice

TO:
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