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SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION  
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA**

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IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER	)	Nos	07-0665, 07-1224, 07-2012,
OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,	)		08-0140, 08-0450
	)		
<b>WILLIAM L. TIFFT,</b>	)		
<b>Bar No. 003022</b>	)	<b>DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION</b>	
	)	<b>REPORT</b>	
RESPONDENT	)		
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This matter came before the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona on July 12, 2008, pursuant to Rule 58, Ariz R Sup Ct , for consideration of the Hearing Officer's Report filed June 2, 2008, recommending acceptance of the Tender of Admissions and Agreement for Discipline by Consent and Joint Memorandum providing for a six-month and one-day suspension, one year of probation with the State Bar's Law Office Management Assistance Program ("LOMAP"), Member Assistance Program ("MAP"), and payment of costs with 30-days of the date of the final Judgment and Order

**Decision**

The six members<sup>1</sup> of the Disciplinary Commission by a majority of five,<sup>2</sup> recommend rejecting the tender and Joint Memorandum and remanding this matter to Hearing Officer 6N for further evidentiary proceedings<sup>3</sup>

No hearing was held in this matter and the Commission determined that it is unclear from the existing record whether or not the Probate Court reached a final resolution

<sup>1</sup> One lawyer member seat remains vacant Commissioner Horsley did not participate in these proceedings Commission Flores recused

<sup>2</sup> Commissioner Belleau was opposed and would have accepted the Hearing Officer's recommendation

1 in the underlying matter. Additionally, it appears that the agreed-upon sanction may be  
2 insufficient for the alleged misconduct.

3 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008

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5 Jeffrey Messing  
6 Jeffrey Messing, Vice-Chair  
Disciplinary Commission

7 Original filed with the Disciplinary Clerk  
8 this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008

9 Copy of the foregoing mailed  
10 this 7<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2008, to

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26 <sup>3</sup> A copy of the Hearing Officer's Report is attached as Exhibit A