

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,)	Supreme Court No. SB-08-0139-D
)	
)	Disciplinary Commission
)	Nos. 06-0230, 06-1633, 07-0013
WILLIAM D. HOWELL, III, Bar No. 020188)	
)	
RESPONDENT.)	JUDGMENT AND ORDER

This matter having come on for hearing before the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona, it having duly rendered its decision, and no discretionary review or *sua sponte* review occurring,

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that **WILLIAM D. HOWELL, III**, a member of the State Bar of Arizona, is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months and one day, effective thirty days from the date of this judgment and order, for conduct in violation of his duties and obligations as a lawyer, as disclosed in the Disciplinary Commission Report.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **WILLIAM D. HOWELL, III**, shall be placed on probation for a period of two years upon reinstatement. Bar Counsel shall notify the Disciplinary Clerk of the date on which the probation begins. The terms of probation are as follows:

1. Within thirty days of reinstatement, Respondent shall contact the Director of MAP and schedule a MAP assessment. Respondent thereafter shall enter into a probation contract based on the recommendations of the MAP director or designee. The period of probation shall run from the date that all parties have signed the probation contract and will conclude two years from that date.
2. Within thirty days of reinstatement, Respondent shall contact the Director of LOMAP and schedule a LOMAP audit. Respondent thereafter shall enter into a probation contract based on the recommendations of the LOMAP director or designee. The period of probation shall run from the date that all parties have signed the probation contract and will conclude two years from that date.
3. Within thirty days of reinstatement, Respondent shall contact the Director of TAP. Respondent shall thereafter enter into a Memorandum of Understanding based on recommendations of the TAP director or designee. Respondent shall also attend TAEEP during the term of probation. Respondent shall contact Gloria Green, Program Coordinator, at (602) 340-7278 to schedule his attendance at TAEEP.

4. In the event that Respondent fails to comply with any of the foregoing conditions, and the State Bar receives information, bar counsel shall file with the imposing entity a Notice of Non-Compliance, pursuant to Rule 60(a)(5), Ariz.R.Sup.Ct. The Hearing Officer shall conduct a hearing within thirty days after receipt of said notice, to determine whether the terms of probation have been violated and if an additional sanction should be imposed. In the event there is an allegation that any of these terms have been violated, the burden of proof shall be on the State Bar of Arizona to prove non-compliance by clear and convincing evidence.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with all the provisions of Rule 72, Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona, including, but not limited to, Rule 72(a), which requires that Respondent notify all of his clients, within ten (10) days from the date hereof, of his inability to represent them and that he should promptly inform this Court of his compliance with this Order as provided in Rule 72(e).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with all rule provisions regarding reinstatement proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall be assessed costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceedings as provided in Rule 60(b).

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2008.

Rachelle M. Resnick
Clerk of the Court

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