

SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER)
OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,)
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DEBORAH L. ABERNATHY,)
Bar No. 014112)
)

RESPONDENT.)

JUDGMENT AND ORDER

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

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that **DEBORAH L. ABERNATHY**, a member of the State Bar of Arizona, is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of ten months, effective thirty days from the date of this judgment and order, for conduct in violation of her duties and obligations as a lawyer, as disclosed in the Disciplinary Commission Report.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **DEBORAH L. ABERNATHY**, shall be placed on probation for a period of two years upon reinstatement with terms and conditions to include six additional CLE hours related to ethics and participation in the State Bar’s Law Office Management Assistance Program.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that **DEBORAH L. ABERNATHY** shall pay restitution in the following amounts to the following individuals:

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| Edie Eisenschenk | \$2,500.00 |
| Deborah L. Gallagher | <u>\$2,176.00</u> |
| Total: | \$4,676.00 |

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 her clients, within ten days from the date hereof, of her inability to represent them and that she should promptly inform this Court of her compliance with this order as provided in Rule 72(e).

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 _____, 2009.

Rachelle M. Resnick
Clerk of the Court

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TO:

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