Supreme Court Board of Legal Document Preparers

Judicial Education Center 541 East Van Buren Street, Phoenix, AZ 85004 Gold Room 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

March 30, 2005 Regular Session Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Nancy Swetnam Margaret Kleinman Donald Steward Virlynn Tinnell Mary Carlton

AOC Staff Present:

Nina Preston David Stone Linda Grau Terence J. Whatley David Withey

Members Present Telephonically:

Judge Roland J. Steinle Dr. Roger Hartley Carol Wells J. Ward Sturm Vellia Piña Susan C. Vasquez

Members of the Public:

Allan Sobol Jeanne Galvin, Assistant Attorney General

Members Absent: None

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Judge Roland J. Steinle at 12:33 p.m.

Review of Pending Complaint

Consideration of Emergency Suspension pursuant to Arizona Code of Judicial Administration § 7-208 (H)(5)(c) Regarding Pending Certificate Holder Complaint Numbers 04-L077, 05-L008 and 05-L014 Involving AZCLDP Certificate Holders Allan Sobol and Quick and Legal Paralegal Services.

Staff discussed the motion made at the March 21st meeting which included a review of complaint numbers 04-L007, 05-L008 and 05-L014 and prompted the scheduling of this meeting to consider initiation of emergency suspension proceedings. Donald Steward, Vellia Piña and Nancy Swetnam recused. Staff recommended the Board grant Mary Carlton signing authority on behalf of the Board for any Board actions resulting from this meeting, consistent with the Board's earlier motion regarding the Notice of Formal Charges regarding these complaints.

A **motion** was made by Judge Roland J. Steinle and seconded by Virlynn Tinnell to authorize Mary Carlton to sign on behalf of the Board for any action the Board may take in this meeting. Motion passed. **LDP-05-095**

Dr. Roger Hartley emphasized his concern that the nature of the complaints and the recent court actions and the impact and future ramifications of Mr. Sobol's conduct on public safety and the welfare of the customers of Quick and Legal Paralegal Services.

The Board invited comment from Allan Sobol. Mr. Sobol stated he believes the action being considered by the Board is premature, that he did not receive copies of the actual complaints, that he did not have the chance to respond to those complaints, that the allegations are false, malicious and unfounded and that the charges will be determined to be unfounded.

Virlynn Tinnell asked Program staff which of the complaints the Board was considering emergency suspension. Staff recommended that if the Board issues an emergency suspension order that it be specific to complaints 04-L007 and 05-L014.

Judge Roland J. Steinle called for a motion.

A **motion** was made by Dr. Roger Hartley and seconded by Carol Wells to issue an emergency suspension order against Allan Sobol and Quick and Legal Paralegal Services.

Executive Session

A **motion** was made by Margaret Kleinman and seconded by Virlynn Tinnell to go into Executive Session to discuss records exempt by law or rule from public inspection or for advice of counsel. Motion passed. **LDP-05-096**

Executive Session ended.

The motion made by Dr. Roger Hartley and seconded by Carol Wells to issue an emergency suspension order against Allan Sobol and Quick and Legal Paralegal Services. Donald F. Steward, Nancy Swetnam, and Vellia M. Piña recused. A hand count was conducted. Motion failed. **LDP-05-097**

A **motion** was made by Judge Roland J. Steinle and seconded by Dr. Roger Hartley to adjourn. Motion passed. **LDP-05-098.** Meeting adjourned at 12:52 p.m.