

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 2168 Disciplinary Docket No. 3  
: :  
Petitioner : No. 72 DB 2015  
: :  
v. : Attorney Registration No. 56836  
: :  
ERIK SOBKIEWICZ : (Allegheny County)  
: :  
Respondent : :  
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ORDER

**PER CURIAM**

**AND NOW**, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016, upon consideration of the Verified Statement of Resignation, Respondent Erik Sobkiewicz is disbarred on consent from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. See Pa.R.D.E. 215. He is directed to comply with the provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217 and pay costs to the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 208(g).

A True Copy Patricia Nicola  
As Of 11/9/2016

Attest:   
Chief Clerk  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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**RESIGNATION BY RESPONDENT**

Pursuant to Rule 215  
of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement

Re: Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
v. ERIK SOBKIEWICZ  
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**RECORD OF PRIOR DISCIPLINE**

**None**

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: Respondent : (Allegheny County)

RESIGNATION  
UNDER Pa.R.D.E. 215

Erik Sobkiewicz hereby tenders his unconditional resignation from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in conformity with Pa.R.D.E. 215 ("Enforcement Rules") and further states as follows:

1. He is an attorney admitted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having been admitted to the bar on or about December 1, 1989. His attorney registration number is 56836.

2. He desires to submit his resignation as a member of said bar.

3. His resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered; he is not being subjected to coercion or duress and he is fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.

4. He acknowledges that he is fully aware of his right to consult and employ counsel to represent him in the instant

proceeding. He has retained, and consulted with and acted upon the advice of counsel in connection with his decision to execute the within resignation.

5. He is aware that there is presently pending an investigation into allegations that he has been guilty of misconduct, the nature of which allegations have been made known to him by service of a Petition for Discipline, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked Exhibit "A".

6. He acknowledges that the material facts upon which the complaint is predicated and contained in Exhibit "A" are true.

7. He submits the within resignation because he knows that he could not successfully defend himself against the charges of professional misconduct set forth in the attached exhibit.

8. He is fully aware that the submission of this Resignation Statement is irrevocable and that he can only apply for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to the provisions of Enforcement Rule 218(b) and (c).

9. He is aware that pursuant to Enforcement Rule 215(c) the fact that he has tendered his resignation shall become a matter of public record immediately upon delivery of the resignation statement to Disciplinary Counsel or the Secretary of the Board.

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10. Upon entry of the order disbaring him on consent, he will promptly comply with the notice, withdrawal, resignation, trust account, and cease-and-desist provisions of Enforcement Rule 217 (a), (b), (c) and (d).

11. After entry of the order disbaring him on consent, he will file a verified statement of compliance as required by Enforcement Rule 217(e) (1).

12. He is aware that the waiting period for eligibility to apply for reinstatement to the practice of law under Enforcement Rule 218(b) shall not begin until he files the verified statement of compliance required by Enforcement Rule 217(e) (1), and if the order of disbarment contains a provision that makes the disbarment retroactive to an earlier date, then the waiting period will be deemed to have begun on that earlier date.

It is understood that the statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S., Section 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signed this 31st day of July, 2016.

  
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Erik Sobkiewicz

WITNESS:   
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PETITION FOR DISCIPLINE

Petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Paul J. Killion, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and Samuel F. Napoli, Disciplinary Counsel, files the within Petition for Discipline, and charges Respondent Erik Sobkiewicz with professional misconduct in violation of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement as follows:

1. Petitioner, whose principal office is located at Pennsylvania Judicial Center, Suite 2700, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, P.O. Box 62485, Harrisburg, PA 17106-2485, is invested, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement (hereafter "Pa.R.D.E."), with the power and the duty to investigate all matters involving alleged misconduct of an

*Samuel F. Napoli*  
We hereby certify the within to be  
a true and correct copy.



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attorney admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to prosecute all disciplinary proceedings brought in accordance with the various provisions of the aforesaid Rules.

2. Respondent, Erik Sobkiewicz, was born in 1964. He was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on December 1, 1989. Respondent's attorney registration mailing address is 432 Morewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Respondent is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

3. By Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated June 5, 2015, it was ordered that Respondent be placed on temporary suspension, pursuant to Rule 214(d)(2), Pa.R.D.E.

#### CHARGE

4. On about November 12, 2014, a Criminal Information was filed against Respondent in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, docketed at No. 2:14-cr-00256-DSC-1, in which he was charged with one count of Mail Fraud and two counts of Bank Fraud.



5. On February 9, 2015, Respondent, pursuant to a plea agreement, entered a plea of guilty to one count of Bank Fraud.

6. On July 23, 2015, Respondent was sentenced to a term of incarceration of thirty-six months, to be followed by supervised release for a term of three years, and to pay restitution in the amount of \$658,597.31, as well as a special assessment of \$100.

7. Respondent is to report for incarceration on October 9, 2015.

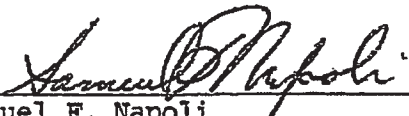
8. Respondent's conviction constitutes grounds for discipline pursuant to Rule 203(b)(1), Pa.R.D.E.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that your Honorable Board appoint, pursuant to Rule 205, Pa.R.D.E., a Hearing Committee to hear testimony and receive evidence in accordance with Rule 214(f)(1) on the sole issue of the extent of the final discipline to be imposed, and at the conclusion of said hearing, to make such findings of fact and recommendation for discipline as it may deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

PAUL J. KILLION  
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

By   
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VERIFICATION

The statements contained in the foregoing Petition for Discipline are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief and are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

9/23/15  
Date

Samuel F. Napoli  
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Disciplinary Counsel