

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 1321 Disciplinary Docket No. 3  
Petitioner :  
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 : No. 8 DB 2007  
v. :  
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MICHAEL L. BLOCK, :  
Respondent : Attorney Registration No. 59387


ORDER

PER CURIAM:

AND NOW, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2008, upon consideration of the Recommendation of the Three-Member Panel of the Disciplinary Board dated October 25, 2007, the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent is hereby granted pursuant to Rule 215(g), Pa.R.D.E., and it is

ORDERED that Michael L. Block is suspended on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth for a period of one year and one day, to run concurrently with the suspension imposed by this Court on August 30, 2007, at No. 1257 Disciplinary Docket No. 3 and he shall comply with all the provisions of Rule 217, Pa.R.D.E.

It is further ORDERED that respondent shall pay costs to the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Rule 208(g), Pa.R.D.E.

A True Copy Patricia Nicola  
As of: ~~March 10, 2008~~  
Attest:   
Chief Clerk  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

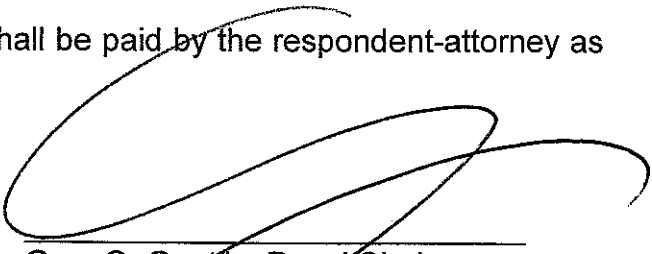
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RECOMMENDATION OF THREE-MEMBER PANEL  
OF THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Three-Member Panel of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, consisting of Board Members Gary G. Gentile, William A. Pietragallo and Charlotte S. Jefferies, has reviewed the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent filed in the above-captioned matter on September 5, 2007.

The Panel approves the Petition consenting to a One Year & One Day Suspension concurrent with the One Year Suspension imposed by Order of the Supreme Court dated August 30, 2007 and recommends to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania that the attached Joint Petition be Granted.

The Panel further recommends that any necessary expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter shall be paid by the respondent-attorney as a condition to the grant of the Petition.



Gary G. Gentile, Panel Chair  
The Disciplinary Board of the  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Date: October 25, 2007

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SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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JOINT PETITION IN SUPPORT OF DISCIPLINE  
ON CONSENT UNDER RULE 215(d), Pa.R.D.E.

Petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Paul J. Killion, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and Gloria Randall Ammons, Disciplinary Counsel, and Respondent, Michael L. Block, by Samuel C. Stretton, Esquire, file this Joint Petition In Support Of Discipline On Consent Under Rule 215(d), Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement and respectfully represent that:

1. Respondent, Michael L. Block, was born on March 3, 1965 and was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on December 13, 1990.

2. Respondent's present attorney registration address is 22 Trebark Terrace, Voorhees, NJ 08043. Respondent, who is also admitted to practice law in New Jersey, is currently under suspension in New Jersey. See ¶ 42(b)(vi), *infra*.

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The Disciplinary Board of the  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

3. Petitioner filed a Petition for Discipline against Respondent with the Secretary of the Disciplinary Board on January 29, 2007. On February 10, 2007, the Petition for Discipline with Notice to Plead was personally served upon Respondent at his attorney registration address.

4. Respondent has not filed an Answer to the Petition.

SPECIFIC FACTUAL ADMISSIONS AND  
RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT VIOLATED

5. Respondent stipulates that the following factual allegations contained in the Petition for Discipline are true and correct and that he violated the charged Rules of Professional Conduct.

6. On May 31, 2002, the Continuing Legal Education Board ("CLE Board") forwarded to Respondent at his office address located at 300 Sunset Rd., Suite 308, Burlington, NJ 08016-3625 ("office address"), a Preliminary Annual CLE Report ("Report") for the compliance year ending on August 31, 2002, which indicated that Respondent had not yet met his Continuing Legal Education ("CLE") requirements.

7. Respondent received the Report.

8. On October 25, 2002, the CLE Board sent Respondent an Annual CLE Report, at his office address, which indicated that Respondent was "NON-COMPLIANT" with his CLE requirements and that a \$100 late fee was being assessed.

9. Respondent received the Report.

10. By letter dated February 4, 2003, to Respondent, the CLE Board, *inter alia*, advised Respondent that:

- a. he had not met his CLE requirements and was non-compliant;
- b. he was being assessed a second late fee of \$100;
- c. the process of preparing the list of non-compliant attorneys for submission to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court was nearing completion;
- d. the final non-compliant list was to be prepared by the CLE Board by 4:00 p.m. on March 6, 2003;
- e. it was imperative for Respondent to contact the CLE Board to determine the steps necessary for Respondent to remedy the situation;
- f. he may want to take advantage of the time remaining before March 6, 2003;
- g. if Respondent failed to comply with the Pennsylvania CLE requirements, the Supreme Court would enter an Order to involuntarily inactivate Respondent's license; and

h. "Once the Supreme Court Order is issued, in order to return to active status, a non-compliant attorney must complete the then current year's requirement and any unfulfilled requirements from the preceding two compliance years, pay the \$100 initial late compliance fee, the \$100 second late compliance fee, and the \$100 reinstatement fee if not previously paid."

11. Respondent received the letter.

12. Respondent did not bring himself into compliance with CLE requirements by March 25, 2003.

13. By Order dated March 25, 2003, effective April 24, 2003, the Supreme Court ordered that Respondent was to be transferred to inactive status pursuant to Rule 111(b), Pa.R.C.L.E.

14. By certified letter dated March 25, 2003, Elaine M. Bixler, Executive Director and Secretary to the Disciplinary Board, *inter alia*, advised Respondent that he would be transferred to inactive status effective April 24, 2003, for failure to comply with the Pennsylvania Rules for Continuing Legal Education; that he was required to comply with Rule 217 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement; and that "[i]n order to resume active status, [he would] be

required to comply with the Pa.C.L.E. Board before a request for reinstatement to the Disciplinary Board will be considered."

15. Respondent received that letter.

16. Respondent failed to file a Statement of Compliance within ten days of the effective date of his transfer to inactive status, as required by Pa.R.D.E. 217(e), or at anytime thereafter.

17. Respondent remains on inactive status.

18. On or around March 5, 2004, while on inactive status in Pennsylvania, Respondent, who actively practices in New Jersey, was retained to represent Rita Ford in a Pennsylvania matter, as Ms. Ford is a resident of Philadelphia and her claim involved personal injuries sustained in a January 27, 2004 slip and fall accident in Pennsylvania.

19. Respondent failed to notify Ms. Ford that he had been transferred to inactive status and, therefore, was not eligible to practice law in the Commonwealth.

20. During the course of the representation, Ms. Ford delivered to Respondent photographs of her in a cast, x-rays, medical reports and condominium documents.

21. During the course of the representation, Respondent failed to keep Ms. Ford informed regarding the status of her legal matter.

22. On January 26, 2006, Respondent filed a civil complaint on behalf of Ms. Ford, in a case captioned **Ford v. Bakers Bay Condominium Association, et al.**, January Term 2006, No. 03770 (C.C.P. Phila. Co.).

23. Respondent failed to inform Ms. Ford that he had filed a complaint on her behalf.

24. By letter dated February 14, 2006, to Respondent, William C. Reil, Esquire, attorney for Ms. Ford, enclosed a "Discharge of Counsel and Request for Client's File" letter signed by Ms. Ford on January 27, 2006, wherein Ms. Ford requested that the complete file be forwarded to Mr. Reil immediately.

25. Respondent received the letter and the notice of discharge.

26. Respondent failed to respond to the letter.

27. Respondent failed to withdraw as counsel in the civil matter.

28. Respondent failed to forward the file.

29. By letter dated March 3, 2006, to Respondent, Mr. Reil, *inter alia*:

- a. referred to his February 14, 2006 letter;
- b. requested that Respondent send a copy of the file; and



- c. requested that Respondent provide him with an itemization of Respondent's out-of-pocket costs.

30. Respondent received the letter.

31. Respondent failed to respond to the letter.

32. By letter dated April 3, 2006, to Respondent, Mr.

Reil, *inter alia*:

- a. again referred to his February 14, 2006 letter;
- b. requested that Respondent forward a copy of Ms. Ford's file and itemization of Respondent's costs; and
- c. stated that since Respondent had not responded to his first two letters, he would advise his client to file a complaint with the Disciplinary Board.

33. Respondent received the letter.

34. Respondent failed to respond.

35. By letter dated May 2, 2006, to Respondent, Mr.

Reil, *inter alia*:

- a. referred to his February 14 letter; and
- b. stated that since Respondent had not responded to his first "two" letters, he would advise

his client to file a complaint with the  
Disciplinary Board.

36. Respondent received the letter.

37. Respondent failed to respond.

38. In January 2007, Respondent returned Ms. Ford's file  
to her.

39. Respondent admits that by his conduct as described  
in paragraphs 6 through 38 above, he violated the following  
Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules of Disciplinary  
Enforcement:

- a. RPC 1.4(a) (former), which states that a lawyer  
shall keep a client informed about the status  
of a matter and promptly comply with  
reasonable requests for information;
- b. RPC 1.4(a) (3), which states that a lawyer  
shall keep the client reasonably informed  
about the status of a matter;
- c. RPC 1.4(b), which states that a lawyer shall  
explain a matter to the extent reasonably  
necessary to permit the client to make  
informed decisions regarding the  
representation;
- d. RPC 1.16(d), which states that an attorney,  
upon termination of representation, must take

steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for employment of other counsel, surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that has not been earned or incurred. The lawyer may retain papers relating to the client to the extent permitted by other law;

- e. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(3), which states that it is grounds for discipline for a lawyer to willfully violate any other provision of the Enforcement Rules, via the Enforcement Rules charged in subsections f-j, *infra*;
- f. Pa.R.D.E. 217(c)(1), which states that a formerly admitted attorney shall promptly notify, or cause to be notified, of the ... transfer to inactive status, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, all persons or their agents or guardians to whom a fiduciary duty is or may be owed at any time after the ... transfer to inactive status;

- g. Pa.R.D.E. 217(c)(2), which states that a formerly admitted attorney shall promptly notify, or cause to be notified, of the ... transfer to inactive status, by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, all other persons with whom the formerly admitted attorney may at any time expect to have professional contacts under circumstances where there is a reasonable probability that they may infer that he or she continues as an attorney in good standing;
- h. Pa.R.D.E. 217(d), which states ... that the formerly admitted attorney, after entry of ... the transfer to inactive status order, shall not accept any new retainer or engage as attorney for another in any new case or legal matter of any nature ...;
- i. Pa.R.D.E. 217(e), which states within ten days after the effective date of the ... transfer to inactive status order, the formerly admitted attorney shall file with the Board a verified statement showing: (1) that the provisions of the order and these rules have been fully complied with; and (2) all other

state and federal and administrative jurisdictions to which such person is admitted to practice. Such statement shall also set forth the residence and other address of the formerly admitted attorney where communications to such person may thereafter be directed; and

- j. Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(4)(iv)-(vii), which states that without limiting the other restrictions in this subdivision (j), a formerly admitted attorney is specifically prohibited from engaging in any of the following activities: (iv) representing himself or herself as a lawyer or person of similar status; (v) having any contact with clients either in person, by telephone, or in writing, except as provided in paragraph (3); (vi) rendering legal consultation or advice to a client; and (vii) appearing on behalf of a client in any hearing or proceeding or before any judicial officer, arbitrator, mediator, court, public agency, referee, magistrate, hearing officer or any other adjudicative person or body.

SPECIFIC JOINT RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE

40. Petitioner and Respondent jointly recommend that the appropriate discipline for Respondent's admitted misconduct is a suspension from the practice of law for one year and one day.

41. Respondent hereby consents to that discipline being imposed upon him by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Attached to this Petition is Respondent's executed Affidavit required by Rule 215(d), Pa.R.D.E., stating that he consents to the recommended discipline and including the mandatory acknowledgements contained in Rule 215(d)(1) through (4), Pa.R.D.E.

42. In support of Petitioner and Respondent's joint recommendation, it is respectfully submitted that:

(a) There are several mitigating circumstances:

(i) Respondent has admitted engaging in misconduct and violating the charged Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

(ii) Respondent has cooperated with Petitioner, as is evidenced by Respondent's admissions herein, and his consent to receiving a suspension of one year and one day.

(b) In addition, there are several aggravating factors:

- (i) In Pennsylvania in June 2004, Respondent received an informal admonition in one client matter (C1-02-1151) for incompetence, lack of diligence, lack of communication and misrepresentation.
- (ii) By Order dated April 19, 2004, effective May 22, 2004, the Supreme Court of New Jersey temporarily suspended Respondent from the practice of law in New Jersey for failure to satisfy a fee arbitration award. By Order dated August 17, 2004, the New Jersey Supreme Court reinstated Respondent to the practice of law.
- (iii) By Order dated September 9, 2004, the Supreme Court of New Jersey publicly reprimanded Respondent for violating RPC 1.1(a) (gross neglect), RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence) and RPC 1.3 (failure to communicate with client).
- (iv) By Order dated October 14, 2005, the Supreme Court of New Jersey temporarily suspended Respondent from the practice of

law in New Jersey for failure to comply with the terms established for payment of a sanction to the Disciplinary Oversight Committee. By Order dated November 3, 2005, the New Jersey Supreme Court reinstated Respondent to the practice of law.

(v) By Order dated October March 26, 2006, the Supreme Court of New Jersey temporarily suspended Respondent from the practice of law in New Jersey for failure to pay the final installment of a sanction to the Disciplinary Oversight Committee ordered by the Court on October 14, 2005. By Order dated March 29, 2006, the New Jersey Supreme Court restored Respondent to the practice of law.

(vi) By Order dated February 20, 2007, effective March 21, 2007, the Supreme Court of New Jersey suspended Respondent for a period of one year from the practice of law in New Jersey.

43. Although there are no *per se* rules of discipline, a review of recent case law establishes that the range of



discipline for practicing law while on inactive status is a suspension of three months to two years. The Supreme Court takes seriously the unauthorized practice of law and depending on the presence of aggravating and mitigating factors and the degree of willfulness exhibited, suspensions ranging from three months to two years have been imposed. **Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. David Ferleger**, No. 51 and 104 DB 2004, 78 D.&C.4<sup>th</sup> 437, 446 (2005) (one-year-and-one-day suspension); **Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Stephen W. Simpson**, No. 6 DB 2004, 74 D.&C.4<sup>th</sup> 206 (2005) (two-year suspension); **Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Gustee Brown**, No. 64 DB 2003, 71 Pa. D.&C.4<sup>th</sup> 99 (2004) (one-year-and-one-day suspension); **Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Goldin-Didinsky**, 87 DB 2003, 581 Pa. 425, 866 A.2d 253 (2004) (one-year-and-one-day suspension). Although Respondent only engaged in the authorized practice of law in one matter, a suspension of one year and one day is appropriate. See, e.g., **Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Thomas Quirk Harrigan**, No. 123 DB 2000, 572 Pa. 237, 814 A.2d 178 (2002) (a respondent who had a history of discipline, failed to withdraw his appearance in one matter, continued to represent the client, and negotiated and ultimately settled the case after he was transferred to inactive status for failure to meet his C.L.E. requirements, was suspended for one year and one day).

44. After the Supreme Court of New Jersey entered its February 20, 2007 Order suspending Respondent for one year, this Honorable Supreme Court, by Notice and Order dated May 30, 2007, directed Respondent pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 216(a) to inform the Court of any claim he has that imposition of identical or comparable discipline in this Commonwealth would be unwarranted. ***In the Matter of MICHAEL L. BLOCK***, No. 1257 Disciplinary Docket No. 3. A true and correct copy of the Notice and Order is attached as "Appendix A."

- a. Respondent requests that if this Honorable Court imposes an Order of reciprocal discipline before granting this joint petition, the Order of consent discipline run concurrent with the reciprocal Order (i.e., be effective 30 days after the date of entry pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 217(d)).
- b. ODC does not take a position on concurrent or consecutive discipline.
- c. Both parties acknowledge that the decision to impose concurrent or consecutive discipline is within the sole discretion of this Honorable Court.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner and Respondent respectfully request that:

(a) Pursuant to Rule 215(e) and 215(g), Pa.R.D.E., the three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board review and approve the above Joint Petition In Support Of Discipline On Consent and file its recommendation with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in which it is recommended the Supreme Court enter an Order:

(i) Suspending Respondent from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day; and

(ii) Directing Respondent to comply with all of the provisions of Rule 217, Pa.R.D.E.

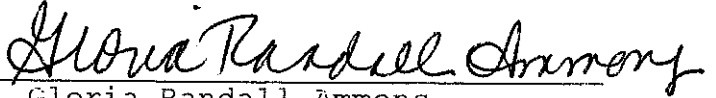
(b) Pursuant to Rule 215(i), the three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board order Respondent to pay the necessary expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter as a condition to the grant of the Petition and that all expenses be paid by Respondent before the

imposition of discipline under Rule 215(g),  
Pa.R.D.E.

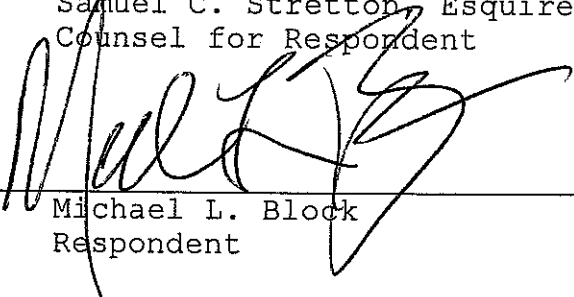
Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

PAUL J. KILLION  
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

By   
Gloria Randall Ammons  
Disciplinary Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Samuel C. Stretton, Esquire  
Counsel for Respondent

By   
Michael L. Block  
Respondent

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In the Matter of : No. 1257 Disciplinary Docket  
MICHAEL L. BLOCK : No. 3  
: Board File No. C1-07-312  
: (Supreme Court of New Jersey,  
: D-49 September Term 2006)  
: Attorney Registration No. 59387  
: (Out of State)

NOTICE AND ORDER

PER CURIAM:

AND NOW, this 30th day of May, 2007,  
it appearing that Michael L. Block, a member of the Bar of  
this Commonwealth, has been suspended from the practice of  
law in the State of New Jersey for a period of one year by  
the attached Order of the Supreme Court of New Jersey,  
dated February 20, 2007, in accordance with Rule 216,  
Pa.R.D.E., it is

ORDERED that Michael L. Block is hereby directed to  
inform this Court within thirty days from service of Notice  
of any claim he has that the imposition of the identical or  
comparable discipline in this Commonwealth would be  
unwarranted and the reasons therefor.

A true copy Patricia Niccola  
As of: May 30, 2007  
Attest: Patricia Niccola  
Chief Clerk  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY  
D-49 September Term 2006

IN THE MATTER OF  
MICHAEL LEE BLOCK,  
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW  
(Attorney No. 035591990)

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FEB 23 2007      ORDER

~~Attorney~~  
: ~~CLERK~~

The Disciplinary Review Board having filed with the Court its decision in DRB 06-258, concluding that MICHAEL LEE BLOCK of VOORHEES, who was admitted to the bar of this State in 1990, should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year for unethical conduct in fourteen matters, including violations of RPC 1.3 (lack of diligence), RPC 1.4(a) (failure to keep client reasonably informed), RPC 1.5(b) (failure to provide a writing setting forth the basis or rate of the fee), RPC 1.8(e) (providing financial assistance to a client in connection with pending litigation), RPC 1.8(h)(2) (settling a potential claim with an unrepresented client or former client without advising the client, in writing, of the desirability of seeking, and giving the client a reasonable opportunity to seek, the advice of independent legal counsel), RPC 1.15(a) (failure to hold client funds in a trust account), RPC 1.15(b) (failure to promptly deliver funds to a client), RPC 1.15(d) (failure to maintain a trust account), RPC 1.16(d) (failure to protect a client's

interest on termination of the representation by not promptly returning property belonging to the client), RPC

1.16(a)(2) (failure to withdraw from the representation if the lawyer's physical or mental condition materially impairs the lawyer's ability to represent the client), RPC 8.1(b) (failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities) and RPC 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation);

And the Disciplinary Review Board having further concluded that prior to reinstatement to practice, respondent should be required to submit proof of his fitness to practice law and on that on reinstatement, he should practice under supervision for a period of two years;

And good cause appearing;

It is ORDERED that MICHAEL LEE BLOCK is suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and until the further Order of the Court, effective March 21, 2007; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent comply with Rule 1:20-20 dealing with suspended attorneys; and it is further

ORDERED that pursuant to Rule 1:20-20(c), respondent's failure to comply with the Affidavit of Compliance requirement of Rule 1:20-20(b)(15) may (1) preclude the Disciplinary Review Board from considering respondent's petition for reinstatement for a period of up to six months from the date respondent files proof of compliance; (2) be found to constitute a violation of RPC 8.1(b) and RPC 8.4(c); and (3) provide a basis for an action

For contempt pursuant to Rule 1:10-2; and it is further

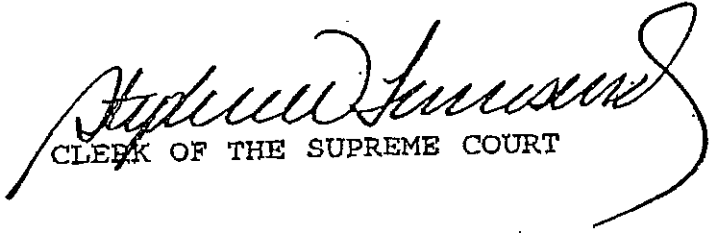
ORDERED that prior to reinstatement to practice, respondent shall provide proof of his fitness to practice law as attested to by a mental health professional approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics, and it is further

ORDERED that on reinstatement to practice respondent shall practice under the supervision of a practicing attorney approved by the Office of Attorney Ethics for a period of two years and until the further Order of the Court; and it is further

ORDERED that the entire record of this matter be made a permanent part of respondent's file as an attorney at law of this State; and it is further

ORDERED that respondent reimburse the Disciplinary Oversight Committee for appropriate administrative costs and actual expenses incurred in the prosecution of this matter, as provided in Rule 1:20-17.

WITNESS, the Honorable James R. Zazzali, Chief Justice, at Trenton, this 20th day of February, 2007.

  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT

The foregoing is a true copy of the original on file in my office.

  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
NEW JERSEY



BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
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v.

MICHAEL L. BLOCK,

VERIFICATION

The statements contained in the foregoing Joint Petition In Support of Discipline on Consent Under Rule 215(d), Pa.R.D.E., are true and correct to the best of our knowledge or information and belief and are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. §4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

9/4/07  
Date

Gloria Randall Ammons  
Gloria Randall Ammons  
Disciplinary Counsel

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Date

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Samuel C. Stretton, Esquire  
Counsel for Respondent

8/30/07  
Date

Michael L. Block  
Michael L. Block  
Respondent

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AFFIDAVIT UNDER RULE 215(d), Pa.R.D.E.

Respondent, Michael L. Block, hereby states that he consents to the imposition of a suspension from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day, and further states that:

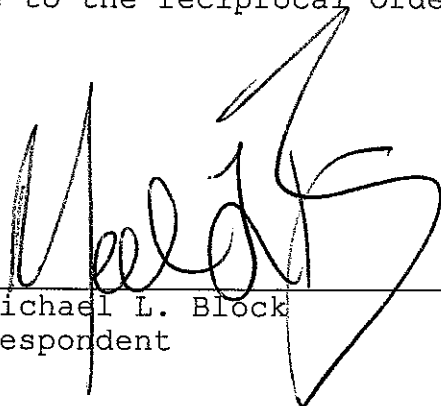
1. His consent is freely and voluntarily rendered; he is not being subjected to coercion or duress; he is fully aware of the implications of submitting the consent; and he has consulted with counsel in connection with the decision to consent to discipline;

2. He is aware that there is presently pending a proceeding involving allegations that he has been guilty of misconduct as set forth in the Joint Petition;

3. He acknowledges that the material facts set forth in the Joint Petition are true;

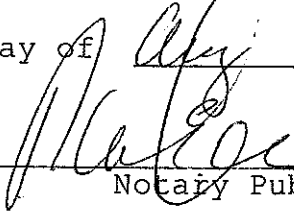
4. He consents because he knows that if the charges against him continue to be prosecuted in the pending proceeding, he could not successfully defend against them; and

5. He is fully aware that if the Supreme Court enters a reciprocal Order of suspension in the pending proceeding at No. 1257 Disciplinary Docket No. 3 before granting this Joint Petition, the Supreme Court has the discretion to make the consent Order of suspension effective 30 days after entry (Pa.R.D.E. 217(d)) or consecutive to the reciprocal Order of suspension.



Michael L. Block  
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 30<sup>th</sup>  
day of April, 2007.



Notary Public

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
Notarial Seal  
Patricia E. Jones, Notary Public  
Tinicum Twp., Delaware County  
My Commission Expires July 2, 2008  
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries