_____IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 1606 Disciplinary Docket No. 3

Petitioner

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No. 64 DB 2010

JOHN PETER KAROLY, JR.,

: Attorney Registration No. 22224

Respondent

: (Lehigh County)

ORDER

PER CURIAM:

AND NOW, this 20th day of September, 2010, there having been filed with this Court by John Peter Karoly, Jr., his verified Statement of Resignation dated July 23, 2010, stating that he desires to resign from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in accordance with the provisions of Rule 215, Pa.R.D.E., it is

ORDERED that the resignation of John Peter Karoly, Jr., is accepted; he is disbarred on consent from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania retroactive to July 8, 2010; and he shall comply with the provisions of Rule 217, Pa.R.D.E. Respondent shall pay costs, if any, to the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Rule 208(g), Pa.R.D.E.

A True Copy John A. Vaskov

As of: September 20, 2010 Attest: 1 Im A Valer

Deputy Prothonotary

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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RESIGNATION BY RESPONDENT

Pursuant to Rule 215 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 1606, Disc. Docket

Petitioner : No. 3 - Supreme Court

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v. : Disc. Board File No. C2 - 09 - 606

JOHN PETER KAROLY, JR., : Atty. Reg. No. 22224

Respondent : (Lehigh County)

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

Respondent, JOHN P. KAROLY, JR., ["Respondent Karoly"] pursuant to Rule 215(a), Pa.R.D.E., states that he is the respondent in the above referenced proceeding and that he wishes to submit his voluntary resignation from the bar of Pennsylvania, consents to his disbarment by order available to the public, and in support of his resignation further states that:

- 1. His request for resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered; he is not being subjected to coercion or duress; he is under no mental disability as he makes this affidavit; he is fully aware of the implications of submitting this request for voluntary resignation; and he has consulted carefully with counsel in connection with his decision to resign from practice pursuant to Rule 215(a), Pa.R.D.E.
- 2. Respondent Karoly is aware that there is presently pending an investigation into allegations that he has been guilty

of misconduct in Pennsylvania and, in fact, on April 26, 2010, he joined in a Joint Petition to Temporarily Suspend his license which Joint Petition was filed under the above-referenced Supreme Court Disciplinary Docket number on May 3, 2010; the status of that Joint Petition is not known and Respondent Karoly asks that any order of disbarment of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania take notice of such action and set the effective date of his disbarment from or about the date of May 3, 2010, the date of his good-faith, cooperative action in this disciplinary matter.

- 3. The charges against Respondent Karoly arise from his guilty plea, conviction and sentence in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania following a non-jury (bench) trial before Hon. Lawrence F. Stengel of three counts of mail fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. \$1341, three counts of money laundering, in violation of 18 U.S.C. \$1956(a)(1) (B) (I), and three counts of money laundering in violation of 18 U.S.C. \$1957, all graded as felony crimes. No appeal was timely taken from those convictions. Respondent Karoly acknowledges that the charge by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel that he has been so convicted are true and provide a basis for discipline under the "serious crime" provision of Rule 214(I), Pa.R.D.E; and
- 4. He submits his resignation because he knows that if the charges pending against him were to continue to be prosecuted in the pending proceedings, because certified copies of the

convictions are "conclusive evidence" of his commission of the crimes in the proceeding pursuant to Rule 214(e), Pa.R.D.E, he could not successfully defend against them.

5. He presents this voluntary resignation asking only that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania act promptly to enter it Order of Disbarment so that he may begin the period of disbarment from the bar and his rehabilitation.

John P. Karoly, Jr.

Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _____ day of July, 2010.

Notary Public

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

County of Lehigh

On this, the 23rd day of July, 2010, before me, the undersigned officer, personally appeared, John P. Karoly III, Esquire, known to me to be a member of the bar of the highest court of said Commonwealth and a subscribing witness to the within instrument, and certified that he was personally present when John P. Karoly Jr., Esquire, whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, executed the same and that said person acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.

In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal, on this 23 day of

, 2010

Notary Public

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Notarial Seal Sharon Lee Hartman, Notary Public South Whitehall Twp., Lehigh County My Commission Expires June 29, 2014

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BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

No. 1606, Disc. Docket OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, :

Petitioner No. 3 – Supreme Court

Disc. Board File No. C2 - 09 - 606 v.

: Atty. Reg. No. 22224 JOHN PETER KAROLY, JR.,

: (Lehigh County) Respondent

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Robert H. Davis, Jr, Esq., state and affirm that I am counsel to the Petitioner, John P. Karoly, Jr., in the referenced proceeding and that I have this day served, by regular First Class United States Mail in a properly addressed envelope with sufficient postage affixed to assure delivery, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Affidavit Under Rule 215(a), Pa.R.D.E. in support of Respondent Karoly's voluntary resignation upon Paul J. Killion, Esq., Chief Counsel and Harold Ciampoli, Jr., Esq, ADC, District II, of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, in accordance with the requirements of 204 Pa. Code § 89.22., Section 89.22 of the Rules of the Disciplinary Board.

Dated this What day of July, 2010.

This statement is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

ROBERT H. DAVIS, JR., ESQ.

Atty I.D. No.

Counsel for Respondent