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No. 17-BG-570

IN RE CHRISTOPHER W. POVERMAN

2014 DDN 315

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District of Columbia
Court of Appeals
Julio Castillo
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Clerk of Court

An Administratively Suspended Member of the
Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Bar Reg. No. 437053

BEFORE: Beckwith, Associate Judge, and Nebeker and Steadman, Senior Judges.

ORDER

(Filed – September 28, 2017)

On consideration of the certified order of the Maryland Court of Appeals indefinitely suspending respondent from the practice of law in the state of Maryland with the right to apply for reinstatement after no less than one year; this court's June 9, 2017, order temporarily suspending respondent in this case and directing him to show cause why functionally equivalent reciprocal discipline should not be imposed; the statement of Disciplinary Counsel regarding reciprocal discipline; and it appearing that respondent did not file a response to this court's show cause order or file the required D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14 (g) affidavit, it is

ORDERED that Christopher W. Poverman is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the District of Columbia for one year with reinstatement subject to a fitness requirement. *See In re Sibley*, 990 A.2d 483, 487-88 (D.C. 2010) (explaining that the presumption of identical discipline in D.C. Bar R. XI, § 11 (c) will prevail except in "rare" cases); *In re Cole*, 809 A.2d 1226, 1227 n.3 (D.C. 2002) (explaining that in unopposed reciprocal matters the "imposition of identical discipline should be close to automatic"). For purposes of eligibility to petition for reinstatement, the suspension will not begin to run until such time as respondent files a D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14 (g) affidavit.

PER CURIAM