OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 2339 Disciplinary Docket No. 3

Petitioner : No. 209 DB 2016

v. : Attorney Registration No. 40596

AARON S. FRIEDMANN, : (Philadelphia)

Respondent

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 12th day of February, 2018, upon consideration of the Verified Statement of Resignation, Aaron S. Friedmann is disbarred on consent from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, retroactive to January 12, 2017. *See* Pa.R.D.E. 215. Respondent shall 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 2/12/2018

Chief Clerk
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

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RESIGNATION UNDER Pa.R.D.E. 215

Aaron S. Friedmann hereby tenders his unconditional resignation from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in conformity with Rule 215, Pa.R.D.E. ("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 May 15, 1984. His attorney registration number is 40596.
- 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 is aware that there are presently pending investigations into allegations that he has been guilty of misconduct, the nature of the allegations having been made

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The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

known to him by a Joint Petition for Immediate Temporary Suspension Under Pa.R.D.E. 208(f), a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto, made a part hereof and marked "Exhibit A."

- 5. He acknowledges that the material facts upon which the allegations of complaint contained in Exhibit A are based, are true.
- 6. 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.
- 7. 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).
- 8. He is aware that pursuant to Enforcement Rule 215(c), the fact that he has tendered this resignation shall become a matter of public record immediately upon delivery of the resignation statement to Disciplinary Counsel or the Secretary of the Board.
- 9. Upon entry of the order disbarring him on consent, he will promptly comply with the notice, withdrawal, resignation, trust accounting, and cease-and-desist provisions of subdivisions (a), (b), (c) and (d) of Enforcement Rule 217.

- 10. After entry of the order disbarring him on consent, he will file a verified statement of compliance as required by Enforcement Rule 217(e)(1).
- 11. 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, 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.
- 12. 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, consulted with and acted upon the advice of Robert S. Tintner, Esquire, in connection with his decision to execute the within resignation.
- 13. He requests that his disbarment be made retroactive to January 12, 2017, the date that the temporary suspension order was entered. He is advised that the Office of Disciplinary Counsel does not oppose his request. He understands that the decision to grant his request lies solely within the discretion of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

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 25th day of January, 2018.

Aaron S. Friedmann

WITNESS: Bridget Quine

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AARON S. FRIEDMANN : Board File No. C1-16-939

: Atty. Reg. No. 40596

: (Philadelphia)

JOINT PETITION FOR IMMEDIATE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION UNDER Pa.R.D.E. 208(f)

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

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TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC), by Paul J. Killion, Esquire, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and by Harriet R. Brumberg, Esquire, Disciplinary Counsel, and Joint Petitioner and Respondent, Aaron S. Friedmann (hereinafter Respondent), and Respondent's Counsel, Robert S. Tintner, Esquire, jointly file this Petition for Immediate Temporary Suspension Under Pa.R.D.E. 208(f), and in support thereof represent:

1. Petitioner, whose principal office is located at PA 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 ("Pa.R.D.E."), with the power and duty to investigate all matters involving alleged

misconduct of an attorney admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to prosecute all disciplinary proceedings.

- 2. Respondent, Aaron S. Friedmann, was born October 10, 1958, and was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth on May 15, 1984.
- 3. Respondent's attorney registration address is Disability Law Advocates, 1617 John F. Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 355, Philadelphia, PA 19103-1837.
- 4. By letter dated December 6, 2016, Respondent, through his counsel, self-reported his violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct. These violations included Respondent's mishandling of over \$250,000 from the Estate of Sheldon Sidney Farber while serving as estate executor and Respondent's failure to make prompt distribution of estate assets to the residual beneficiaries.
- 5. Respondent acknowledges that his misconduct may result in his suspension from the practice of law.
- 6. ODC's investigation of Respondent's misconduct is ongoing.
- 7. Respondent acknowledges that his request to be placed on immediate temporary suspension and all waivers made to expedite that request are made knowingly,

intelligently and voluntarily after consultation with, and upon advice of counsel.

- 8. Respondent has a record of prior discipline, having received a six-month suspension on March 15, 2005, reciprocal with an order of discipline entered in New Jersey.
- 9. Respondent is aware that the grant of retroactivity of any future order of final discipline is a matter of grace that is within the sole discretion of the Court.
- 10. Respondent agrees to desist from the practice of law and to comply with all of the requirements of Pa.R.D.E. 217 during his term of temporary suspension.
- 11. ODC and Respondent believe it would be in the best interests of the public, the bar and the courts for Respondent to be suspended from the practice of law at this time pending the conclusion of ODC's investigation and further proceedings under Rule 208(b), Pa.R.D.E., to determine the extent of final discipline.

WHEREFORE, Respondent and ODC jointly move your Honorable Court to enter an Order temporarily suspending Respondent from the practice of law pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 208(f) until further definitive action by the Court.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

Paul J. Killion Chief Disciplinary Counsel

DATE 12/22/10

Ву

Harriet R. Brumberg Disciplinary Counsel

Attorney Registration No. 31032

DATE 12-22./6

Aaron S. Friedmann

Attorney Registration No. 40596

DATE 12-22-16

Ву

Robert S. Tintner, Esquire

Counsel for Respondent

Attorney Registration No. 73865

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: Atty. Reg. No. 40596

: (Philadelphia)

VERIFIED STATEMENT

I, Harriet R. Brumberg, Disciplinary Counsel, state under the penalties provided in 18 Pa.C.S. \$4904 (unsworn falsification to authorities) that:

I am authorized to make this verified statement; and
The facts contained in the attached Joint Petition For
Immediate Temporary Suspension Under Pa.R.D.E. 208(f) are
true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information
and belief.

Harriet R. Brumberg

Disciplinary Counsel District I Office

Atty. Registration No. 31032

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VERIFIED STATEMENT

I, Aaron S. Friedmann, state under the penalties provided in 18 Pa.C.S. \$4904 (unsworn falsification to authorities) that the facts contained in the attached Joint Petition For Immediate Temporary Suspension Under Pa.R.D.E. 208(f) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Aaron S. Friedmann

Respondent

Atty. Registration No. 40596

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VERIFIED STATEMENT

I, Robert S. Tintner, Esquire, state under the penalties provided (unsworn in 18 Pa.C.S. **§4904** falsification to authorities) that the facts contained in the attached Joint Petition For Immediate Suspension Under Pa.R.D.E. 208(f) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.

Robert S. Tintner, Esquire

Counsel for Respondent

Atty. Registration No. 73865

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: Atty. Reg. No. 40596

: (Philadelphia)

ORDER

PER CURIAM:

This Order constitutes an imposition of public discipline within the meaning of Rule 402, Pa.R.D.E., pertaining to confidentiality.

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PROOF OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am this day serving the foregoing documents upon the person and in the manner indicated below, which service satisfies the requirements of Pa.R.A.P. 121:

Service by Certified Mail and First Class Mail addressed as follows:

Robert S. Tintner, Esquire (215) 299-2766 Fox Rothschild LLP 2000 Market Street, 20th Floor Philadelphia, PA 19103-3222

(Counsel for Respondent)

Dated: 12/22/2014

Harriet R. Brumberg, Attorney Registration No. 31032

Disciplinary Counsel

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