

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SUPREME COURT

ORDER

LD-2010-0005, In the Matter of Thomas P. Grodt

On December 6, 2010, the Attorney Discipline Office (ADO) filed a petition for immediate interim suspension of Attorney Thomas P. Grodt from the practice of law. In the petition, the ADO alleges that Attorney Grodt has committed a material breach of the conditions of the stay of his three-year suspension, which was approved by the court on June 28, 2010. In accordance with Rule 37(16)(d) and (f), the ADO petitions the court to order an immediate interim suspension of Attorney Grodt on the ground that such a suspension is necessary to protect the public and to preserve the integrity of the legal profession.

Having reviewed the allegations in the petition, the court finds that an immediate interim suspension is necessary to protect the public and to preserve the integrity of the legal profession. See Rule 37(16)(d) and (f). Accordingly, it is hereby ordered:

1. Attorney Thomas P. Grodt is immediately suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire on a temporary basis pending further order of this court. Attorney Grodt may show cause on or before ten days from the date of service why the temporary suspension should be lifted. See Reiner's Case, 152 N.H. 163 (2005);
2. Attorney Grodt is enjoined from transferring, assigning, hypothecating, or in any manner disposing of or conveying any assets of clients, whether real, personal, beneficial or mixed; and
3. A copy of this order and of the Attorney Discipline Office's filing shall be served on Attorney Grodt by first class mail and certified mail, return receipt requested. A copy of this order and of the Attorney Discipline Office's filing shall also be sent to Attorney John Liland and Cecile Hartigan by first class mail. A copy of this order shall also be sent to the ADO by first class mail.

The ADO shall advise the court on or before December 10, 2010, whether it recommends that an attorney be appointed to take immediate possession of the client files and trust and other fiduciary accounts of Attorney Grodt, to

make an inventory of such files and accounts, and to take such action as is necessary to protect the interests of Attorney Grodt's clients.

This order is entered by a single justice (Conboy, J.). See Rule 21(7).

DATE: December 6, 2010

ATTEST:


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