

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**SUPREME COURT**

**ORDER**

**LD-2012-0009, In the Matter of Peter A. Riley**

On July 3, 2012, the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) filed an assented-to petition for a two-year suspension of the respondent, Peter A. Riley, with one year effective April 6, 2012, and the remaining year stayed with conditions. The respondent was required to comply with alcohol rehabilitation counseling and a monitoring program. On February 25, 2013, following a remand from this court, the PCC found that the respondent had violated these conditions by drinking alcohol, by failing to appear for a urine test, and by engaging in the practice of law. Accordingly, the PCC recommended a revised sanction. On March 14, 2013, the PCC filed an assented-to petition for a two-year suspension, effective on the date the respondent last practiced law.

The PCC found that the respondent violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct:

- (1) Rule 3.5, by engaging in over-zealous and emotional advocacy, and by attempting to disrupt a tribunal;
- (2) Rule 8.4(b)-(c), by falsely attesting to the execution of a power of attorney; and
- (3) Rule 8.4(a), by violating the Rules of Professional Conduct.

We accept the PCC's findings and rulings as to the rules violations.

The PCC's amended recommendations propose that the respondent be suspended for a period of two years, effective September 10, 2012. The respondent and Disciplinary Counsel agreed to the suspension. At oral argument on October 10, 2013, the respondent failed to appear. Nonetheless, we accept the PCC's recommendation that the respondent be suspended for a period of two years.

THEREFORE, Attorney Peter A. Riley is hereby suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire for a period of two years effective September 10, 2012. In addition, he is assessed all expenses incurred by the Professional

Conduct Committee in the investigation and prosecution of this matter. See  
Rule 37(19).

Dalianis, C.J., and Hicks, Conboy, Lynn, and Bassett, JJ., concurred.

DATE: October 28, 2013

ATTEST:

  
**Eileen Fox, Clerk**

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