

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SUPREME COURT

ORDER

LD-2014-0006, In the Matter of Gregory D.H. Jones, Esquire

On July 7, 2014, the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) filed a petition for a two-year suspension of Attorney Gregory D.H. Jones from the practice of law. In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 37(16), a copy of the petition was served upon Attorney Jones with an order requiring Attorney Jones to file an answer to the petition. Attorney Jones notified the court that he concurred with the petition for two-year suspension and that he did not request a hearing.

The matter was submitted to the PCC based on a stipulation of facts, violations and sanctions, which had been agreed to by Disciplinary Counsel and Attorney Jones. Based on the stipulation, the PCC found that Attorney Jones violated the following rules:

- (1) Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15, and Supreme Court Rule 50, by commingling earned fees with client trust account funds, and by failing to maintain records relating to the handling, maintenance and disposition of client funds;
- (2) Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 3.3, by filing annual trust accounting certificates falsely stating that he was in compliance with trust accounting requirements;
- (3) Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(c), by placing earned fees in a client trust account for the purpose of avoiding an IRS levy; and
- (4) Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(a), which makes it professional misconduct to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct.

The PCC also approved the parties' stipulation as to the recommended sanction of a two-year suspension.

After reviewing the petition, the PCC's recommendation, and Attorney Jones' response, the court accepts the PCC's recommendation that Attorney Jones be suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire for a period of two years.

Accordingly, the court orders as follows:

- (1) Attorney Gregory D. H. Jones is suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire for a period of two years. This suspension shall become effective on September 29, 2014, unless a motion for reconsideration is filed.
- (2) Attorney Jones shall reimburse the Attorney Discipline Office for all costs and expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.
- (3) In accordance with Rule 37(13), Attorney Jones is ordered to notify all of his clients in pending matters, including litigated matters and administrative proceedings, of his suspension and consequent inability to act as an attorney after the effective date of the suspension, and shall advise the clients to seek new legal counsel.
- (4) Within 30 days after the effective date of the suspension, Attorney Jones shall file with the court an affidavit showing that he has fully complied with the provisions of this order and with the requirements of Rule 37(13). A copy of the affidavit shall be sent to the Attorney Discipline Office.

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

DATE: August 28, 2014

ATTEST:


Eileen Fox, Clerk

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