

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**SUPREME COURT**

**ORDER**

**LD-2014-0003, In the Matter of Ron E. Hoffman, Esquire**

On August 20, 2014, Attorney Ron E. Hoffman submitted copies of the MAP contract and the monitoring agreement to the court and the ADO. Although Attorney Hoffman did not expressly state in his letter accompanying the documents that he agreed to the additional conditions set forth in the June 17, 2014 order, the court infers from his submission of the documents that he has agreed to the court's additional conditions for suspending implementation of the two-year suspension.

Accordingly, the court orders that Attorney Ron E. Hoffman be suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire for a period of two-years; implementation of the entire suspension period is suspended on the condition that Attorney Hoffman comply with all of the terms set forth in the September 30, 2013 order of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, and with the additional conditions set forth in this court's June 17, 2014 order.

If the ADO and/or the PCC determines at any time that Attorney Hoffman has not met the requirements set forth in the order of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court or the order of this court, the PCC shall hold further proceedings to determine what additional action should be taken, which may include the filing of a request with the court to impose the two-year suspension.

The court notes that the Maine Supreme Judicial Court's order requires Attorney Hoffman to enter into a contract with Maine Assistance Program for a period of five years from the date of its September 30, 2013 order. At the end of this period, Attorney Hoffman may file a motion requesting that the two-year suspension be permanently suspended. Any such motion must be accompanied by evidence establishing that Attorney Hoffman has met all of the conditions set forth in the order of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court and the June 17, 2014 order of this court.

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

DATE: August 27, 2014

ATTEST:

  
Eileen Fox, Clerk

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On March 13, 2014, the Attorney Discipline Office (ADO) filed a certified copy of an order of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, suspending Attorney Ron E. Hoffman from the practice of law in Maine for a period of two years, with the entire suspension period conditionally suspended from implementation. The discipline was based upon the finding that Attorney Hoffman violated Rule 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct.

Supreme Court Rule 37(12) governs reciprocal discipline. In accordance with subsection (b) of the rule, the court issued an order requiring that a copy of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court's order be served on Attorney Hoffman. The court ordered Attorney Hoffman and the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) to inform the court if either contended that the imposition of identical or substantially similar discipline would be unwarranted. The PCC notified the court that it believed that the sanction of a two-year suspension, conditionally suspended, was warranted. Attorney Hoffman filed no response.

Rule 37(12)(d) provides for the imposition of the same or substantially similar discipline by the Supreme Court unless the respondent attorney or the PCC demonstrates, or the court finds, based on the face of the record from which the discipline is predicated, that:

- (1) The procedure [followed by the jurisdiction imposing discipline] was so lacking in notice or opportunity to be heard as to constitute a deprivation of due process; or
- (2) The imposition of the same or substantially similar discipline by the court would result in grave injustice; or
- (3) The misconduct established warrants substantially different discipline in New Hampshire.

The court has reviewed the record of the disciplinary proceedings before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. The record reveals that Attorney Hoffman was charged with and convicted of two counts of Terrorizing (Class D) in violation of 17-A M.R.S. §210(1)(A). Upon conviction, Attorney Hoffman was

sentenced to 364 days of confinement for each count, to run consecutively, and the entire confinement period was suspended. Attorney Hoffman was placed on Administrative Release for a period of two years. The court found that Attorney Hoffman's conduct, which was the basis for his criminal convictions, violated Rule 8.4(a), (b), (c) and (d) of the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct.

In its discussion of the sanction to be imposed for these violations, the Maine Supreme Judicial Court found that Attorney Hoffman was suffering from multiple serious and chronic medical conditions at the time of his misconduct. The court found that Attorney Hoffman sought treatment to address these conditions after the misconduct occurred, and specifically found that Attorney Hoffman had successfully addressed the issues that led to the disciplinary proceedings. The Maine Supreme Judicial Court ordered that Attorney Hoffman be suspended from the practice of law in Maine for two years, with all of the suspension suspended from implementation on the condition that he comply with a number of requirements, including compliance with the terms of a MAP contract, submission to random mental health, medical and drug testing, and an agreement to submit to monitoring of his law practice for a period of at least two years.

Having reviewed the order of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, the court is unable to find on the face of the record any basis for imposing substantially different discipline. See Rule 37(12)(d). It is clear from the record that Attorney Hoffman had an opportunity to participate, and did participate, in the Maine disciplinary proceedings. In light of the serious nature of Attorney Hoffman's misconduct, the court does not find that the imposition of a two-year suspension, conditionally suspended, would result in grave injustice or that his misconduct would warrant substantially different discipline in New Hampshire. Accordingly, the court concludes that the imposition of substantially similar discipline is warranted. It orders that Attorney Ron E. Hoffman be suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire for a period of two-years, and that the implementation of the entire suspension period be suspended on the condition that Attorney Hoffman comply with all of the terms set forth in the order of the Maine Supreme Judicial Court, and with the following additional conditions:

1. Attorney Hoffman shall provide the ADO with a copy of the MAP contract referred to in the Maine Supreme Judicial Court Order;
2. Attorney Hoffman shall provide the ADO with a copy of the monitoring agreement entered into with Attorney Margot Joly;
3. Attorney Hoffman shall authorize and direct Attorney Joly to provide copies of her written status reports regarding the results of her monitoring directly to the ADO; and
4. Attorney Hoffman shall agree that, to the extent that the MAP contract or the monitoring agreement provide that any person provide notification to the Maine Bar Counsel or to the Maine Supreme

Judicial Court, notification shall also be given to the ADO. Attorney Hoffman shall take the necessary steps to ensure that the parties to these agreements agree to provide such notification to the ADO in the future.

On or before July 17, 2014, Attorney Hoffman shall notify the court in writing whether he accepts the additional conditions imposed by this order, and if so, he shall provide the ADO with copies of the agreements and the authorizations required by these additional conditions. After Attorney Hoffman notifies the court whether he accepts the additional conditions, a further order of this court will be issued regarding the effective date of the stayed suspension, or alternatively, of further proceedings in this matter.

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

DATE: June 17, 2014

ATTEST:



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**In Case No. LD-2014-0003, In the Matter of Ron E. Hoffman, Esquire, the court on December 26, 2018, issued the following order:**

The Attorney Discipline Office's request to close this matter is granted. Attorney Hoffman remains suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire. See LD-2017-0006, In the Matter of Ragnar Huffmann, Esquire a/k/a Ronald Hoffman, Esquire.

Lynn, C.J., and Hicks, Bassett, Hantz Marconi, and Donovan, JJ., concurred.

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