

**THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**SUPREME COURT**

**ORDER**

**LD-2006-0006, In the Matter of Robert R. Bennett**

On October 20, 2006, the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) filed a petition for disbarment of the respondent, Robert R. Bennett. On October 25, 2006, the court issued an order requiring that the petition be sent to Attorney Bennett by first class mail and certified mail. In accordance with Rule 37(16)(b), the order and petition were sent to Attorney Bennett at the address that he provided to the New Hampshire Bar Association, as well as to a second address provided to the court by the PCC. The court's order required Attorney Bennett to file an answer to the petition within 30 days of service. No answer to the petition has been filed.

Rule 37(16)(c) provides that if a respondent attorney fails to answer a petition filed by the PCC, the allegations of the petition "shall be deemed to be admitted and no further hearing shall be required." In this case, the PCC alleged that Robert Bennett violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct:

- (1) Rule 8.1(b), by making false statements and failing to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority;
- (2) Rule 8.4(c), by engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation; and
- (3) Rule 8.4(a), by violating the Rules of Professional Conduct.

In accordance with Rule 37(16)(c), the committee's allegations are deemed admitted. Because of the seriousness of the violations, the court concludes that the respondent's violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct justify disbarment.

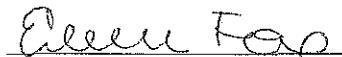
THEREFORE, Robert R. Bennett is disbarred from the practice of law in New Hampshire. He is ordered to notify the attorney discipline authority of any other jurisdictions in which he is licensed to practice law of the issuance of the court's order.

Robert R. Bennett is hereby assessed all expenses incurred by the Professional Conduct Committee in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

Broderick, C.J., and Dalianis, Duggan, Galway and Hicks, JJ., concurred.

DATE: January 18, 2007

ATTEST:

  
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