

BROOKS R. SIEGEL

(Public Reprimand)

The Professional Conduct Board has issued a Public Reprimand to Arizona lawyer Brooks R. Siegel, based on professional misconduct.

The Professional Conduct Board Order followed a stipulated resolution of an Idaho State Bar (“ISB”) reciprocal disciplinary proceeding. On January 27, 2023, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge of the State Bar of Arizona (PDJ) accepted an Amended Agreement for Discipline by Consent by which Mr. Siegel was reprimanded, voluntarily resigned from the Arizona State Bar for two years, and ordered to pay the State Bar’s costs and expenses. Mr. Siegel was found to have violated Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 [Competence], 1.3 [Diligence], 1.4 [Communication], 5.3 [Responsibilities Regarding Nonlawyers], 5.5 [Unauthorized Practice of Law], and 8.4(d) [Misconduct]. Those Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct correspond to the same Idaho Rules of Professional Conduct. The Public Reprimand relates to the following facts and circumstances.

Mr. Siegel was hired in 2021 to represent a client in a Lemon Law matter. The client only spoke to non-lawyer staff members, who attempted to negotiate a settlement on her behalf. The client later discharged the firm without ever having spoken to a lawyer. Mr. Siegel negligently violated his duty to the client and the profession causing potential harm. Aggravating factors considered by the State Bar of Arizona were prior disciplinary offenses, a pattern of misconduct, and multiple offenses. Mitigating factors considered the absence of a dishonest or selfish motive, full and free disclosure to the disciplinary board or cooperative attitude toward proceedings, and the imposition of other sanctions, including Mr. Siegel’s agreement to resign from the State Bar of Arizona for two years and payment of costs and expenses.

The Public Reprimand does not limit Mr. Siegel’s eligibility to practice law.

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