

Before the
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
of the
HAWAI'I SUPREME COURT

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,) ODC 09-103-8826
) 09-104-8827
Petitioner,)
) ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND
v.)
)
GERALD T. JOHNSON,)
)
) HAWAI'I SUPREME COURT
) RECEIVED
) 28 June 2012
Respondent.)
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ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

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On April 26, 2012, the Disciplinary Board of the Hawai'i Supreme Court ("Board") conducted a hearing regarding the matters of Office of Disciplinary Counsel vs. Gerald T. Johnson, ODC Nos. 09-103-8826, and 09-104-8827. The Board reviewed the Stipulation of Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Discipline filed on March 28, 2012. Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board accepted the parties' Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law, but rejected the recommended discipline and instead imposed a Public Reprimand. The Board informed the parties that it would impose upon Respondent a Public Reprimand and the payment of costs. In addition, the Board required Respondent to complete a one-year mentoring program pursuant to a plan submitted by Respondent and approved by the Board.

It appears that Respondent committed multiple violations of the Hawai'i Rules of Professional Conduct, specifically:

1. HRPC 3.4(e) by not filing a judgment as ordered by the court;

2. HRPC 1.3 by not carrying the matter through to conclusion without withdrawing;

3. HRPC 1.4(a) by failing to return a client's phone calls; and

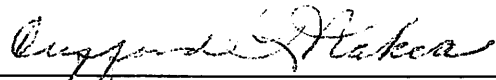
4. HRPC 1.15(f)(4) and 1.16(d) by failing to return a client's original documents promptly and by failing to send the client copies of his documents.

Therefore, it appearing that a PUBLIC REPRIMAND is warranted,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Gerald T. Johnson is publically reprimanded and shall pay all costs of the proceedings as approved upon timely submission of a bill of costs as prescribed by the RSCH 2.3, Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i. In addition, Respondent shall complete a one-year mentoring program approved by the Board.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 28, 2012.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
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By 
HON. CLIFFORD L. NAKEA (Ret.)
CHAIRPERSON, DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE HAWAI'I SUPREME COURT