


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF ANTHONY R.  
LOPEZ, JR. ESQ., BAR NO. 5053.

No. 55626

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ORDER IMPOSING RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

This is a petition under SCR 114 to reciprocally discipline attorney Anthony Lopez, Jr., based on discipline imposed upon him in California. Lopez did not file a response to the petition.

Lopez engaged in numerous incidences of misconduct, involving several clients, in eight different cases.

In the first case, Lopez and California bar counsel stipulated that by failing to disburse his clients' portions of their settlements until over one year after he received the settlement funds and the fees and costs and medical expenses had become fixed, Lopez failed to pay client funds promptly and violated rule 4-100(B)(4) of the California Rules of Professional Conduct. In addition, Lopez and California bar counsel stipulated that by failing to obtain court approval of settlements of the minor clients, and by failing to obtain an order directing payment of his attorney fees and medical expenses prior to disbursing the funds, Lopez willfully violated California Probate Code sections 3500 and 3600-3601, and thereby failed to support the laws of the State of California in violation of Business and Profession Code section 6068(a).

In the second case, Lopez and California bar counsel stipulated that by delaying over one year to satisfy a medical lien, Lopez failed to honor the medical lien of a client in willful violation of rule 4-100(B)(4) of the California Rules of Professional Conduct.

In the third case, Lopez and California bar counsel stipulated that by failing to inform his client about written settlement offers, Lopez failed to communicate promptly with the client in willful violation of Rule 3-510 of the California Rules of Professional Conduct. In addition, Lopez and California bar counsel stipulated that by delaying over one year to satisfy a lien, Lopez violated California Rule of Professional Conduct 4-100(B)(4).

In the fourth case, Lopez and California bar counsel stipulated that by failing to file a complaint for interpleader until 10 months after his client received a collection notice, Lopez violated rule 3-110(A) of the California Rules of Professional Conduct.

In the fifth case, Lopez and California bar counsel stipulated that by failing to adequately explain the terms of a settlement, Lopez failed to communicate with his clients in violation of the California Business and Professions Code section 6068(m).

In the sixth case, Lopez and California bar counsel stipulated that by failing to adequately explain terms of a settlement, Lopez failed to communicate with his client in willful violation of California Business and Professions Code section 6068(m).

In the seventh case, Lopez and California bar counsel stipulated that by failing to obtain a court order directing payment of attorney fees and medical expenses prior to disbursing settlement funds, Lopez violated California Probate Code sections 3500 and 3600-3601, and

thereby failed to support the law of the State of California in violation of California Business and Profession Code section 6068(a).

The eighth case involved conduct committed in Nevada. In that case, Lopez stipulated that he violated California Rule of Professional Conduct 1-400(D)(2) by running a misleading advertisement in Nevada.

The California Supreme Court approved the parties' stipulation that Lopez be suspended from the practice of law for one year; that he be suspended from the practice of law for the first 90 days of that suspension; that the remainder of the suspension be stayed; and that he be placed on probation for one year, subject to numerous conditions.

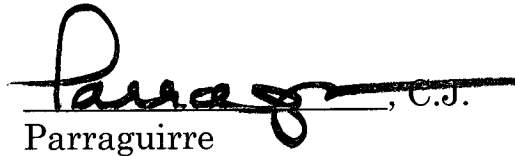
SCR 114(4) provides that this court shall impose identical reciprocal discipline unless the attorney demonstrates, or this court finds, that one of four exceptions applies. None of the exceptions is present in this case.

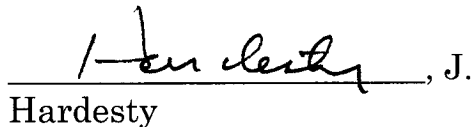
Accordingly, we grant the petition for reciprocal discipline. Attorney Lopez is hereby suspended from the practice of law for one year. Lopez shall be suspended from the practice of law for the first 90 days of that suspension. The remainder of the suspension is stayed and he is placed on probation for one year. Lopez must provide proof to Nevada bar counsel of compliance with the conditions of probation imposed upon him by California. Failure to do so constitutes a violation of probation and could subject Lopez to further discipline.<sup>1</sup> Lopez and the State Bar shall comply with SCR 115 and SCR 121.1.

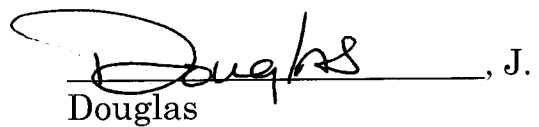
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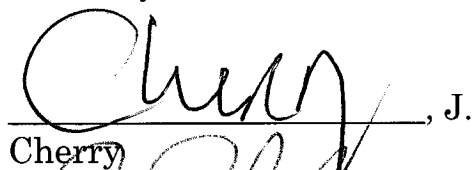
<sup>1</sup>This suspension is separate from and in addition to the discipline imposed upon Lopez in In re: Discipline of Anthony Lopez, Jr., Docket No. 53493 (Order Imposing Public Reprimand, April 9, 2010). While we  
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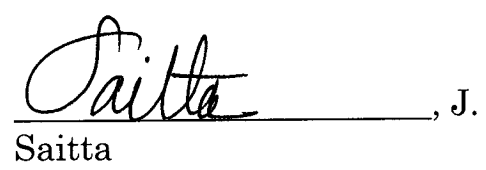
It is so ORDERED.

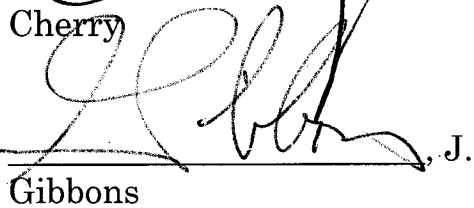
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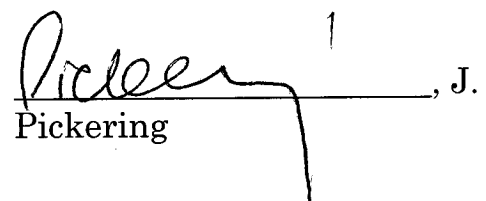
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acknowledge that the discipline imposed by the California Supreme Court arose, in part, from the misconduct committed in Nevada, we are convinced that the gravity of the other misconduct outlined in the present case, which occurred solely in California, warrants the imposition of reciprocal discipline.