IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF JACQUE M. RAMOS, BAR NO. 11859.

No. 89054

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ORDER IMPOSING RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE AND SUSPENDING ATTORNEY

This is a petition under SCR 114 to reciprocally discipline attorney Jacque M. Ramos based on a two-year suspension from the practice of law in Utah for violating Utah Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4(c) (misconduct).

The Third Judicial District Court of Salt Lake County, Utah found sufficient evidence to demonstrate that in Ramos's representation of a client in a personal injury lawsuit, Ramos: (1) failed to adequately communicate with the client prior to or during the lawsuit, despite the client's requests for information; (2) failed to competently or diligently file a complaint, seek evidence, prepare disclosures, respond to written discovery, and respond to a motion for summary judgment; (3) failed to inform the client that the client's case had been summarily adjudicated and dismissed; (4) misrepresented the case status to the client; (5) refused to provide the client's file to new counsel after Ramos's representation was terminated; and (6) failed to respond to the disciplinary authority's requests for information regarding the underlying representation. The Utah court found that Ramos knowingly violated the Rules of Professional Conduct, causing injury to the client and the profession, and it suspended Ramos

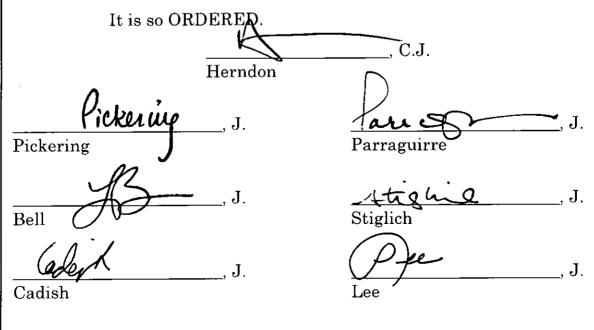
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from the practice of law in Utah for two years. The Nevada State Bar filed a petition under SCR 114, and Ramos did not respond to the petition.

Under SCR 114(4), this court must impose identical reciprocal discipline unless the attorney demonstrates, or this court determines, that (1) the other jurisdiction failed to provide adequate notice, (2) "there was such an infirmity of proof establishing the misconduct" in the other jurisdiction that this court could not accept the decision of that jurisdiction, (3) the established misconduct warrants sufficiently different discipline in this jurisdiction, or (4) the established misconduct does not constitute misconduct under Nevada's professional conduct rules. None of these exceptions apply here, and "[i]n all other respects, a final adjudication in another jurisdiction that an attorney has engaged in misconduct conclusively establishes the misconduct for the purposes of a disciplinary proceeding in this state." SCR 114(5).

Accordingly, we grant the petition for reciprocal discipline and hereby suspend Jacque M. Ramos from the practice of law in Nevada for two years from the date of this order. The parties shall comply with SCR 115 and SCR 121.1.



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