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In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

In the Disciplinary Matter Involving)

PAUL D. STOCKLER,)

Attorney.)

) Supreme Court No. S-17685

) ABA File No. 2016D058

) **Order**

) **Order No. 0109 – February 7, 2020**

Before: Bolger, Chief Justice, Winfree, Stowers, and Carney, Justices.
[Maassen, Justice, not participating.]

Bar Counsel for the Alaska Bar Association and attorney Paul Stockler entered into a stipulation for discipline by consent that would result in an 18 month suspension, with 12 months to serve and 6 months of the suspension stayed, and a 2 year probationary period. The Bar Association's Disciplinary Board approved the stipulation and now recommends that we do so as well. The facts of Stockler's misconduct are set forth in the stipulation, which is attached as an appendix.¹ We take these facts as true,²

¹ The stipulation has been edited to delete identifying references to others, for clarification, and to conform to supreme court technical requirements; attachments to the stipulation have been removed.

² Cf. *In re Miles*, 339 P.3d 1009, 1018 (Alaska 2014) (stating we independently review entire disciplinary proceeding record while affording great weight to Disciplinary Board's findings of fact).

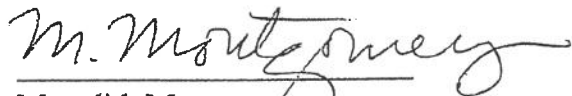
and we apply our independent judgment to the sanction's appropriateness.³

Based on the stipulated facts, we agree with the legal analysis as set out in the stipulation and find the following to be the appropriate sanction for Stockler's misconduct:

Effective the date of this order, Stockler is suspended for 18 months, with 6 months suspended. Following the year of suspension, Stockler will be on probation for two years. The details of the suspension and probation are as listed in the Stipulation For Discipline By Consent Pursuant to Alaska Bar Rule 22(h), Stipulated Discipline, section 73 (b)-(e). In addition Stockler shall pay \$1,000 to the Alaska Bar Association within 60 days from entry of this order for disciplinary costs and fees incurred in this case. (This fee was not stated in the lodged Stipulation For Discipline By Consent Pursuant to Alaska Bar Rule 22(h), but is agreed to per the Disciplinary Board Approval Of Modification Of Stipulation For Discipline By Consent And Recommendation filed January 7, 2020, at page 47).

Entered by direction of the court.

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³ *Id.*