

In the Supreme Court of the State of Alaska

In the Disciplinary Matter Involving)

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) Supreme Court No. S-09649
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William D. Artus,
Respondent)
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Order

Date of Order: 5/1/2000

ABA Number 1996D043

Before: Matthews, Chief Justice, Eastaugh, Fabe, Bryner, and Carpeneti, Justices

Upon consideration of the Stipulation for Discipline By Consent, filed by the Alaska Bar Association on 04/05/2000,

IT IS ORDERED:

The Stipulation for Discipline by Consent is **APPROVED**. Mr. Artus is hereby suspended from the practice of law in Alaska under Alaska Bar Rule 16(a)(2) for a period of six months with all but ninety (90) days suspended on the following conditions: (1) Mr. Artus pay restitution to the Kims in the amount of \$5,000.00 in a single payment payable within 30 days of issuance of this order, and (2) Mr. Artus attend a mandatory ethics CLE within one year of the date of this order.

Entered at the direction of the court.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts

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Under Alaska Bar Rule 28(c), this court's order of suspension does not become effective immediately; it becomes effective 30 days after its entry date of May 1, 2000. While Rule 28(c) precludes a suspended attorney from accepting new employment after the entry of a suspension order, the rule expressly provides that "during the period from the entry date of the order to its effective date, [the suspended attorney] may, unless otherwise ordered by the Court in the order imposing discipline, wind up and complete, on behalf of any client, all matters which were pending on the entry date of the order." Since this court's suspension order does not provide for any restrictions beyond those specified in Rule 28(c), the order does not prohibit William Artus from continuing to participate in the currently ongoing superior court proceeding.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS ORDERED: William Artus's emergency motion for temporary relief from this court's suspension order of May 1, 2000, filed on May 5, 2000, is **DENIED** as unnecessary.

Entered by direction of individual Justice.

Clerk of the Appellate Courts


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