

***In the Matter of Gary L. Lassen, Bar No. 005259, PDJ-2011-9079. Attorney Suspended Effective April 28, 2012 and Costs imposed.***

Pursuant to Rule 57(a), Ariz.R.Sup.Ct, the presiding disciplinary judge accepted an agreement for discipline by consent submitted by the parties and Suspended Gary L. Lassen for 30 days effective April 28, 2012.

Respondent failed to diligently represent and perform legal services on behalf of his client. Respondent further failed, over a prolonged period (years), to clearly communicate his belief that his client did not have a valid cause of action. Actual or potential injury occurred to the client as the client did not seek other representation to protect his legal rights.

Aggravating factors: prior disciplinary offense and substantial experience in the practice of law.

Mitigating factors: absence of a dishonest or selfish motive and personal or emotional problems.

Respondent violated Rule 42, Ariz.R.Sup.Ct., specifically ERs 1.3, 1.4(a)(2)-(4), 1.4(b), 1.5(b), 2.1, 8.1, and 8.4(c).