

**BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE**

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF  
THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA,

**JOSEPH P. CULLAN,**  
**Bar No. 020802**

Respondent.

**PDJ-2018-9047**

**FINAL JUDGMENT AND  
ORDER OF REPRIMAND**

**FILED JULY 18, 2018**

Under Rules 54(h) and 57(b), *Reciprocal Discipline*, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.,<sup>1</sup> a certified copy of the May 2, 2018, Order of Public Reprimand issued by the Iowa Supreme Court was received by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge (PDJ) of the Supreme Court of Arizona.

Under Rule 57(b)(3), the PDJ “shall impose the identical or substantially similar discipline” unless bar counsel or Respondent establishes by preponderance of the evidence a basis under that rule not to impose such discipline. On June 15, 2018, Notice was issued to Mr. Cullan pursuant to Rule 57(b)(2), (“Notice”). The Notice included a certified copy of his Order of Reprimand issued by the Supreme Court of Iowa. On July 10, 2018, Mr. Cullan timely filed a Response to the Notice,

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise stated, all rule references are to the Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

(“Response”). He submitted that “identical or substantially similar discipline would be unwarranted.”

If it “clearly appears” that Rule 57(b)(3)(D) applies because “the misconduct established warrants substantially different discipline in this state” then Rule 57(b)(4) requires the PDJ direct a complaint be filed, impose suitable discipline or dismiss. Mr. Cullan requests dismissal. Rule 57(b)(5) directs, “In all other respects, a final adjudication in another jurisdiction that a lawyer has been found guilty of misconduct shall establish conclusively the misconduct for purposes of a discipline in this state.” Having agreed that he committed misconduct and that it warranted a public reprimand, a dismissal is not warranted.

His response is supported by a June 6, 2017 affidavit of an employee. To the extent it offered mitigation, that was considered in issuing the Public Reprimand by the Iowa Supreme Court. It does not clearly appear under Rule 57(b)(3) that imposing identical or substantially similar discipline is unwarranted.

Now Therefore,

**IT IS ORDERED** imposing the reciprocal discipline of reprimand upon Respondent, **Joseph P. Cullan, Bar No. 020802**, effective immediately.

**DATED** this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2018.

*William J. O'Neil*  
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**William J. O'Neil, Presiding Disciplinary Judge**

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