

**BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY  
JUDGE**

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

**KARL R. LAUTZ,  
Bar No. 014211**

Respondent.

**PDJ 2015-9043**

**ORDER OF INTERIM SUSPENSION**

[State Bar File Nos. 14-1620, 14-2166,  
14-3377, 14-3556, 15-0667, 15-0783]

**FILED MAY 18, 2015**

On May 14, 2015, the parties filed a Stipulation to Interim Suspension (Stipulation) pursuant to Rule 61(c)(2), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. Rule 61(c)(2), *All Other Grounds For Interim Suspension* provides:

The state bar may file a motion for interim suspension with the presiding disciplinary judge. The motion shall be accompanied by verification or separate affidavit upon personal knowledge stating sufficient facts to support the requested suspension, and shall include a copy of any related hearing panel report.

The parties attached as Exhibit A, a partial statement and admission in support of the Stipulation. Mr. Lautz admits he failed to comply with trust account rules for over two years. Mr. Lautz admits he converted client funds for his own benefit and he is no longer able to manage his law practice in a professional and ethical manner.

The State Bar of Arizona and Respondent, through his attorney Denise Quinterri, agree to Respondent's interim suspension pending the outcome of the

investigation of Files Nos. 14-1620, 14-2166, 14-3377, 14-3556, 15-0667, and 15-0783. Rule 61(c)(2),(B), *Hearing* also provides:

After receiving the response or after the time for filing a response has passed, the presiding disciplinary judge shall, within ten (10) days, conduct an evidentiary hearing, unless the parties have stipulated to the entry of an order of interim suspension.

The PDJ having considered the parties' Stipulation to Interim Suspension in File Nos. 14-1620, 14-2166, 14-3377, 14-3556, 15-0667, 15-0783, and good cause appearing, accordingly:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** accepting the Stipulation.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** pursuant to Rule 61(d), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., Respondent, **KARL R. LAUTZ**, is suspended from the practice of law effective June 15, 2015, until further order of this court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** effective immediately Mr. Lautz shall not accept for representation any new clients and is precluded from accepting funds for that purpose.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** all open client files shall be transferred to other attorneys, including but not limited to Shawn P. Lautz, Bar No. 028627, on or before June 15, 2015.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Shawn P. Lautz, Bar No. 028627 shall be responsible for overseeing the Lautz Law Group, PC, including the firm's client trust account. Respondent shall have no access to the firm's trust account.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** Respondent shall immediately comply with the requirements relating to notification of clients and others, and provide and/or file all notices and affidavits required by Rule 72, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** a telephonic status review conference is set on **July 14, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.**

**DATED** this 18th day of May, 2015.

*William J. O'Neil*

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

Copies of the foregoing mailed/emailed  
this 18th day of May, 2015.

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