BEFORE THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA, **BRET O. WHIPPLE,** **Bar No. 017082** Respondent.	**PDJ-2018-9077** **FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF ADMONITION** [State Bar No. 18-2612-RC] **FILED OCTOBER 31, 2018**

Under Rules 54(h) and 57(b), *Reciprocal Discipline*, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.,[1] a certified copy of the September 27, 2018, Letter of Reprimand issued by the State Bar of Nevada, Southern Screening Panel 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 September 20, 2018, Notice and a certified copy of the Letter of Reprimand was issued to Mr. Whipple pursuant to Rule 57(b)(2). On October 1, 2018, the State Bar timely filed a response to the Notice submitting that Arizona does not recognize a Letter of Reprimand and the substantially similar discipline of an admonition is warranted. No response was filed by Mr. Whipple.

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[1] Unless otherwise stated, all rule references are to the Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

Now Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED imposing the reciprocal discipline of admonition upon Respondent, **Bret O. Whipple, Bar No. 017082,** effective immediately pursuant to Rule 57(b)(3).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED Mr. Whipple shall pay costs and expenses to the State Bar in the amount of $1,200.00 pursuant to Rule 60(b).

DATED this 31st day of October, 2018.

       William J. O'Neil

William J. O'Neil, Presiding Disciplinary Judge

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