

# THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

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PAUL JAMES BURNS, )  
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ATTORNEY AT LAW. )

## DISBARMENT ORDER

BAR NO. 13320

Supreme Court No.  
201,770-3

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Disciplinary  
Board

Docket # 008

This matter came before the Supreme Court originally on a Notice of Appeal filed by Paul James Burns regarding the Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Disciplinary Board's order wherein the Disciplinary Board adopted the Amended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Hearing Officer's Recommendation of disbarment. Before any briefing was filed, on July 11, 2018, the parties' filed a "Joint Motion to Dismiss Appeal". The motion indicated that Mr. Burns wished to withdraw his appeal of the Disciplinary Board's recommendation of disbarment and requested the Court enter a final order in accord with the Disciplinary Board's order filed on March 16, 2018. On July 13, 2018, the Clerk granted the motion to the extent that the case would no longer be processed as an appeal and the matter would be circulated to the Court for entry of an appropriate order. The Court reviewed the Disciplinary Board's Order and the Amended Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Hearing Officer's Recommendation and determined unanimously that the recommendation should be approved. Now, therefore, it is hereby

### ORDERED:

Paul James Burns is disbarred from the practice of law. Pursuant to ELC 13.2, the effective date of disbarment is seven days from the date of this order. Costs and expenses, pursuant to ELC 13.9, as approved by the disciplinary board, shall be paid by Mr. Burns.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2018.

For the Court

Fairhurst, C.J.  
CHIEF JUSTICE