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BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re
ROLONDO M. ADAME
Lawyer (WSBA No. 16006)

Proceeding No. 12#00007
**DISCIPLINARY BOARD ORDER
MODIFYING HEARING OFFICER'S
DECISION**

This matter came before the Disciplinary Board at its September 7, 2012 meeting, on automatic review of Hearing Officer Joseph Nappi's July 12, 2012 decision recommending a nine-month suspension and restitution following a default hearing.

Having reviewed the materials submitted by the Association and considering the applicable case law and rules;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Hearing Officer's decision is modified as follows.¹:

Finding 31 is amended to find serious or potentially serious injury.

The Hearing Officer found that Mr. Sosa and Mr. Cabrera were jailed due to Respondent's failures to appear. This constituted serious injury.

Finding 38 is amended to find serious or potentially serious injury.

The Hearing Officer found that Respondent was administratively removed from some cases and sanctioned by the court (FOF 30) In addition, the Hearing Officer found that Mr. Sosa and Mr. Cabrera were jailed due to Respondent's failures to appear. (FOF 31) The

¹ The vote on this matter was 11-3. Those voting in the majority were: Bray, Broom, Carrington, Coy, Ivarinen, Kaba, Lombardi, Neiland, Ogura, Trippett and Wilson. Those voting in the minority were: Butterworth, Evans and Waite. All three dissenting members would have approved a three-year suspension.

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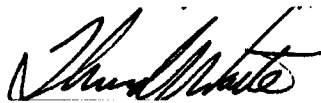
1 totality of this conduct justifies finding serious injury.

2 The presumptive sanction for the Count 4 violation of RPC 1.3 and the Count 5
3 violation of 1.4 is disbarment using ABA Standard 4.41(c):

4 **4.41(c) Disbarment is generally appropriate when a lawyer engages in
5 a pattern of neglect with respect to client matters and causes serious
6 or potentially serious injury to a client.**

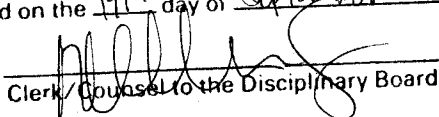
7 The Board recommends that the Court disbar Mr. Adame². The Board adopts the
8 remainder of the Hearing Officer's decision, specifically including the restitution provision.

9 Dated this 19th day of September, 2012.

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11 Thomas A. Waite
12 Disciplinary Board Chair

13 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

14 I certify that I caused a copy of the DB Order Modifying Adame's Decision
15 to be delivered to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to be mailed
16 to FORNARD ADAME Respondent/Respondent's Counsel
17 at 1205 STRATFORD BLVD. #1000 SEATTLE WA 98102 by Certified first class mail.
postage prepaid on the 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2012


Clerk/Counsel to the Disciplinary Board

² On July 16, 2012, the Board issued an order recommending Respondent's disbarment in an unrelated matter. That matter is pending at the Court. The board did not consider the unrelated matter in its deliberations on this matter.