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THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

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STEPHEN RAY RASMUSSEN,)
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ATTORNEY AT LAW.)
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**ORDER
PURSUANT TO
ELC 9.2**

BAR NO. 18757

Supreme Court No.
201,679-1

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By order of the Oregon State Disciplinary Board, dated September 5, 2017, Stephen Ray Rasmussen was suspended from the practice of law for six months, with all but 60 days stayed, pending successful completion of a two-year term of probation. Mr. Rasmussen was disciplined because he stipulated to engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice in violation of Oregon's RPC 8.4(a)(4). Mr. Rasmussen admitted that he failed to address his client's typewritten notes in his response to opposing counsel's Request for Production, as well as in the response to opposing counsel's Motion for Sanctions. ELC 9.2(e) provides that a final adjudication of lawyer misconduct in another jurisdiction conclusively establishes the misconduct for purposes of a disciplinary proceeding in this state. Upon notification of the action of the Oregon State Disciplinary Board, this Court issued an order, pursuant to ELC 9.2(c), directing Mr. Rasmussen to inform this Court of any claim that the imposition of identical discipline in the state would be unwarranted. Mr. Rasmussen filed a response on October 2, 2017. The Washington State Bar Association filed a reply to the response on October 5, 2017. The Court reviewed the file in this matter and determined unanimously that the following order should be entered. Now, therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED:

The Washington State Supreme Court does hereby reciprocate discipline in the State of Washington and orders that Stephen Ray Rasmussen is suspended from the practice of law for six months, with all but 60 days stayed, pending successful completion

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of a two-year term of probation in the State of Oregon. Pursuant to ELC 13.2, the effective date of suspension is 7 days from the date of this order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 20th day of October, 2017.

For the Court

Fairhurst. C.J.
CHIEF JUSTICE