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# THE SUPREME COURT OF WASHINGTON

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GREGORY LOUIS SAMUELS, )  
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ATTORNEY AT LAW. )  
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**ORDER  
PURSUANT TO  
ELC 9.2**

BAR NO. 19497

Supreme Court No.  
201,659-6

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By decision and order of the Law Society of British Columbia Hearing Panel on Disciplinary Action, filed June 29, 2017, Gregory Louis Samuels was suspended for 30 days, with a start date of "sometime in 2017" to be agreed upon by counsel. Mr. Samuels was disciplined because he: (1) improperly withdrew \$9,690.05 US from his trust account and transferred it to his general account, where it remained for more than five years; (2) breached his firm's agreement with his client and with the third party Ministry of Health to forward the funds, its subrogated share of settlement proceeds, and failed to keep those funds in trust; (3) failed for more than five years to correct a representation he made to his client that the funds had been paid to the Ministry of Health, and that his client was potentially entitled to such funds; and (4) commenced an action on behalf of his client, without her knowledge or instructions, after not having communicated with her for six years. 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 Law Society of British Columbia Hearing Panel on Disciplinary Action, this Court issued an order, pursuant to ELC 9.2(c), directing Mr. Samuels to inform this Court of any claim that the imposition of identical discipline in the state would be unwarranted. Mr. Samuels waived filing a response and waived personal service of the order. He also asked that the suspension commence upon the issuance of the Supreme Court's order. The Court has reviewed the

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file in this matter and has 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 Gregory Louis Samuels is suspended from the practice of law for thirty (30) days. Pursuant to ELC 13.2, the suspension is effective immediately.

DATED at Olympia, Washington this 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

For the Court

Fairhurst, CJ.  
CHIEF JUSTICE