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BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

JULIO MEDINA ZAPATA,
Lawyer (Bar No. 28185).

Proceeding No.

ODC File No. 17-00763

ADMONITION

Pursuant to Rule 13.5 of the Rules for Enforcement of Lawyer Conduct, the following
Admonition was issued by the Disciplinary Board Chair.

I. ADMISSION TO PRACTICE

At all times material to the complaint, you were licensed to practice law in the state of
Washington. You were also licensed to practice law in the state of Arizona.

II. FACTS

1. Beginning in 2013, you represented a client in Arizona in a civil case between the
client and the client's ex-fiancé.
2. As part of the representation, your client sought the return of a valuable
engagement ring that he had given his ex-fiancé.
3. The engagement ring was the subject of the litigation.
4. On January 15, 2016, your client, "seeking to provide payment for [your] legal

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1 services," assigned and conveyed "all of his right, title, and interest in and to the engagement
2 ring that is the subject of this litigation" to you by written instrument.

3 5. You accepted the assignment and thereby acquired a proprietary interest in the
4 engagement ring.

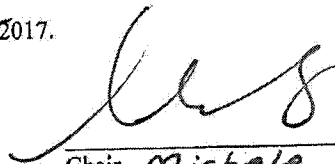
5 **III. MISCONDUCT**

6 13. By acquiring a proprietary interest in the subject of the litigation, you violated
7 Arizona Ethics Rule 1.8(i), which is identical to Rule 1.8(i) of the Washington Rules of
8 Professional Conduct (RPC).

9 **IV. ADMONITION**

10 YOU ARE HEREBY ADMONISHED FOR THIS MISCONDUCT. This admonition is
11 not a disciplinary sanction, but is a disciplinary action, and shall be admissible in evidence in
12 subsequent discipline or disability proceedings involving you.

13 Dated this 13th day of September, 2017.

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16 Chair, Michele Carney
17 Disciplinary Board

18 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

19 I certify that I caused a copy of the Admonition
20 to be delivered to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to be mailed
21 to Juan Lopez at 2020 S. Alma School Rd #190 Chanhassen, MN 55015 by certified first class mail
22 postage prepaid on the 13th day of Sept, 2017

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24 Clerk/Counsel to the Disciplinary Board