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BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

ROSA DEL CARMEN RODRIGUEZ

Lawyer (WSBA No. 27407)

Proceeding No. 09#00101

DISCIPLINARY BOARD ORDER
ADOPTING HEARING OFFICER'S
DECISION WITH INCREASED SANCTION

This matter came before the Disciplinary Board at its May 6, 2011 meeting, on automatic review of Hearing Officer Kimberly A. Boyce's November 8, 2010, decision recommending a two-year suspension.

Having reviewed the materials submitted by the parties, heard oral argument and considering the applicable case law and rules;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT the Hearing Officer's decision is amended as follows: The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are adopted. The recommended sanction is increased to disbarment.¹

¹ The vote on this matter was 8-1. Those voting in the majority were: Bahn, Handmacher, Ivarinen, Lombardi, Ogura, Stiles, Trippett and Waite. Mr. Butterworth voted in the minority and would have approved a three-year suspension. Mr. Butterworth agrees with the hearing officer that [Respondent's] "inexperience, the dire circumstances created by Mr. Velasco's prior attorney, Respondent's sincerely held motive to act quickly enough to avert a disastrous outcome for him, and the fact that she was left alone by the partner to cope with all of this..." justify mitigating the presumptive sanction of disbarment to a three-year suspension.

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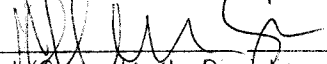
1 The Board finds that the mitigating factors do not outweigh the aggravating factors
2 and that the presumptive sanction of disbarment is appropriate. The decision will be sent to
3 the Supreme Court for final action.

4 Dated this 11th day of May, 2011.

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6 H.E. Stiles, II
Disciplinary Board Chair

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8 CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

9 I certify that I caused a copy of the DC order adopting the decision with increased sanction
to be delivered to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to be mailed
to Wland Ripley, Respondent/Respondent's Counsel
at PO Box 110, Everett WA 98201, by Certified/first class mail,
10 postage prepaid on the 11th day of May, 2011.

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Clerk/Counsel to the Disciplinary Board