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Docket # 001

DISCIPLINARY BOARD
WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION

In re

Matthew Erik Johnson,
Lawyer (WSBA No.43808).

Proceeding No. 22#00004

ODC File Nos. 21-00278, 21-00476

**ORDER CONDITIONALLY APPROVING
STIPULATION (ELC 9.1(e)) AND
GRANTING PROTECTIVE ORDER**

ACTION REQUIRED

This matter came before the Disciplinary Board at its January 7, 2022 meeting.

On review of the December 15, 2021 Stipulation to 15-Month Suspension, the Board finds that the stipulation, as submitted, would result in a manifest injustice given the pattern of misconduct.

IT IS ORDERED that the stipulation is approved¹ on the parties' agreement to add the following conditions:

1. The length of the suspension shall be 24 months.
2. The mitigating factor regarding personal or emotional problems (Stipulation page 6, paragraph 29, line 3) shall be stricken.
3. An additional condition of probation shall require Respondent to assist the disbursing agent in locating and paying any undisbursed funds to remaining unpaid clients.

It is further ordered that the Parties' request for a protective order is granted. Appendix B

¹ The vote on this matter was 8 to conditionally approve with a 24 month suspension, 4 to conditionally approve with a 30 month suspension. Rene, Marsh, Hayes, Kraski, Hermes, Tindell, Koch, and Sanders voted to conditionally approve with a 24 month suspension and conditions (2) and (3) noted above. Kroon, Wolfe, Singleton, and Devenport voted to conditionally approve with a 30 month suspension and conditions (2) and (3) noted above. Pratter and Valdez did not participate.

1 to the Stipulation is confidential and shall be filed under seal pursuant to ELC 3.2(e).

2 This stipulation, as conditioned, will be deemed approved if both parties serve written
3 consent to the conditional terms. The written consent must be served on the Clerk within 14
4 days of service of this order.

5 The Board will reconsider this decision if the parties file a joint motion requesting
6 reconsideration. This motion should be in writing and filed with the Clerk within 14 days of
7 service of this order. The parties may ask to address the Board.

8 If either party fails to respond to this order in writing within 14 days, the Board will
9 enter a final order rejecting the stipulation.

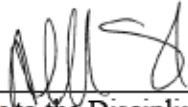
Dated this 11th day of January, 2022.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

By order of Washington Supreme Court Order No. 25700-B-609, I certify that I caused a copy of the Order Conditionally Approving Stipulation and Granting Protective Oto to be emailed to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and to Respondent's Counsel Kevin M. Bank, at kevin@kevinbanklaw.com, on the 13th day of January, 2022.



Clerk to the Disciplinary Board