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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

No. 17-BG-771

IN RE JUDE EZEALA

2017 DDN 106

An Administratively Suspended Member
of the Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Bar Registration No. 988728

BEFORE: Fisher and Easterly, Associate Judges, and Nebeker, Senior Judge.

ORDER

(FILED – December 7, 2017)

On consideration of the certified order of the Maryland Court of Appeals indefinitely suspending respondent from the practice of law in the state of Maryland by consent; this court's September 18, 2017, order temporarily suspending respondent in this case and directing him to show cause why functionally equivalent reciprocal discipline should not be imposed; and the statement of Disciplinary Counsel regarding reciprocal discipline; and it appearing that respondent did not file a response to this court's show cause order but did file the required D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14 (g) affidavit on November 15, 2017, it is

ORDERED that Jude Ezeala is hereby indefinitely suspended from the practice of law in the District of Columbia *nunc pro tunc* to November 15, 2017, with reinstatement subject to a fitness requirement and the right to petition for reinstatement after five years or when reinstated in the state of Maryland, whichever occurs first. *See In re Maignan*, 988 A.2d 493, 495 (D.C. 2010) (setting forth the functionally equivalent discipline for an indefinite suspension without a required minimum period of suspension); *see also In re Sibley*, 990 A.2d 483, 487-88 (D.C. 2010) (explaining that the presumption of identical discipline in D.C. Bar R. XI, § 11 (c) will prevail except in "rare" cases); *In re Cole*, 809 A.2d 1226, 1227 n.3 (D.C. 2002) (explaining that in unopposed reciprocal matters the "imposition of identical discipline should be close to automatic").

PER CURIAM