# BEFORE THE ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE PROBABLE CAUSE COMMITTEE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA

# IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER OF THE STATE BAR OF ARIZONA

# No. 10-0509

JESUS R. ROMO VEJAR Bar No. 011307 ORDER OF AN PROBATION AND COSTS

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Respondent

This matter came before the Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee of the Arizona Supreme Court ("Committee") on May 13, 2011, pursuant to Rules 50 and 55, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., for consideration of the State Bar's Report of Investigation and Recommendation, and Respondent's

Summary Response.

By a vote 9 to 0, the Committee finds that probable cause exists that Respondent violated

Rule 42, Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.:

Respondent violated ER 1.5(b) by failing to have a written fee agreement with the Complainant on a number of occasions.

Respondent violated ER 1.8(a) by failing to advise Complainant of the desirability of seeking the advice of independent counsel regarding the loan transaction, failing to obtain Complainant's signature on the one-page promissory note and failing to set forth his (Respondent's) role-in the loan transaction, including whether he was representing. Complainant regarding the loan.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED issuing an Order of Admonition for Respondent's conduct, pursuant to Rules 55(c)(1)(D) and 60(a)(4), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to Rules 55(c)(1)(D) and 60(a)(5), Ariz. R. Sup.

Ct., that Respondent shall be placed on Probation under the following terms and conditions:

1. The probation period will begin to run at the time this Order is served upon Respondent and will conclude one (1) year from that date.

2. Respondent shall complete six (6) hours of Continuing Legal Education regarding the requirements of ER 1.5(b) and ER 1.8(a), in addition to the requirements of Mandatory Continuing Legal Education set forth in Rule 45(a), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct. Respondent shall contact Bar Counsel within thirty (30) days of service of this Order and shall follow the direction of Bar Counsel regarding the CLE requirement.

3. Respondent shall commit no further violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

4. Respondent shall submit to the State Bar's Phoenix office written evidence of compliance with the terms of probation and a copy of the notes he takes while completing the Continuing Legal Education courses approved by Bar Counsel.

5. If Respondent fails to comply with any of the terms and conditions stated above and the State Bar receives information about non-compliance, Bar Counsel shall report violations to the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, who may hold a hearing to determine if the terms of probation have been violated and determine if an additional sanction should be imposed. In a probation violation hearing, the State Bar must prove a violation by preponderance of the evidence.

**IT-IS FURTHER ORDERED**, pursuant to Rule 60(b), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., that Respondent shall pay the costs and expenses of these proceedings, as set forth in the attached Statement of Costs and Expenses, within thirty (30) days from the date of service of this Order.

**PURSUANT** to Rules 48(k)(3) and 60(a)(4), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., this Order will be entered in the Respondent's permanent record at the State Bar and, pursuant to Rule 70(a)(2), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., is not confidential. It may be considered by the Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Commit-

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tee, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, a hearing panel, or the Supreme Court in recommending or imposing discipline in a subsequent disciplinary proceeding against Respondent.

# **NOTICE OF RIGHT**

Parties may not file motions for reconsideration of this Order.

**PURSUANT** to Rule 55(c)(4)(B), Ariz. R. Sup. Ct., within ten (10) days of service of this Order the Respondent has the right to demand a formal proceeding be instituted and issuance of an Order to Vacate this Order of Admonition, Probation and Costs. This demand shall be filed with the Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee of the Supreme Court of Arizona, 1501 W. Washington St., Suite 104, Phoenix, AZ 85007, with a copy to the State Bar of Arizona. The contents of the demand must comply with Rule 8(c), Ariz. R. App. Proc.

**DATED** this  $\mathcal{A}$  day of May, 2011.

Justice Michael D. Ryan (retired) Chair, Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee of the Supreme Court of Arizona

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# Statement of Costs and Expenses

In the Matter of a Member of the State Bar of Arizona, Jesus R. Romo Vejar, Bar No. 011307, Respondent

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#### **Administrative Expenses**

The Supreme Court of Arizona has adopted a schedule of administrative expenses to be assessed in lawyer discipline. If the number of charges/complainants exceeds five, the assessment for the general administrative expenses shall increase by 20% for each additional charge/complainant where a violation is admitted or proven.

Factors considered in the administrative expense are time expended by staff bar counsel, paralegal, secretaries, typists, file clerks and messenger; and normal postage charges, telephone costs, office supplies and all similar factors generally attributed to office overhead. As a matter of course, administrative costs will increase based on the length of time it takes a matter to proceed through the adjudication process.

# General Administrative Expenses for above-numbered proceedings

#### \$600.00

Additional costs incurred by the State Bar of Arizona in the processing of this disciplinary matter, and not included in administrative expenses, are itemized below.

# Staff Investigator/Miscellaneous Charges

Total for staff investigator charges

\$ 0.00

TOTAL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED

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Date