

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY



January 5, 2018

Board on Professional
Responsibility

In the Matter of:	:	
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HAROLD E. BRAZIL,	:	Board Docket No. 17-BD-075
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Respondent.	:	Disciplinary Docket Nos. 2016-D136,
	:	2016- D151 & 2016- D276
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A Member of the Bar of the	:	
District of Columbia Court of Appeals	:	
(Bar Registration No. 190124)	:	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION OF THE
BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

This matter is before the Board on Professional Responsibility (“Board”) on the motion of Disciplinary Counsel to accept Respondent’s consent to disbarment filed pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(a) and Board Rule 16.1. Respondent’s affidavit of consent to disbarment, executed on December 12, 2017, is attached to Disciplinary Counsel’s motion.

The Board, acting through its Chair, and pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(b) and Board Rule 16.2, has reviewed Respondent’s affidavit of consent to disbarment and finds that it conforms to the requirements of D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(a). Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Court enter an order disbaring Respondent on consent pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(b).

Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent have requested that Respondent’s disbarment not take effect until January 22, 2018 because it would “best protect[] the public by providing for an orderly resolution of Respondent’s current client matters.” Motion at 2. Recognizing that disbarment is typically effective immediately in a consent disbarment

case, the Board agrees with this request for the reasons stated above. *See In re Vidal*, D.C. App. No. 17-BS-1081 (October 26, 2017) (in a consent disbarment case, respondent's disbarment was effective approximately five days after the disbarment order).

Thus, the Board recommends that Respondent be disbarred effective January 22, 2018 and that, in the Court's order of disbarment, Respondent be reminded of the provisions of D.C. Bar R. XI, §§ 14 and 16, including the requirement to file the affidavit under D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14(g), and that the period of disbarment will not be deemed to run for purposes of reinstatement until a compliant affidavit is filed. *See* D.C. Bar R. XI, § 16(a); *In re Slosberg*, 650 A.2d 1329, 1331-33 (D.C. 1994).

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By: 

Robert C. Bernius
Chair