

SUPREME COURT OF NEW JERSEY
Disciplinary Review Board
Docket No. DRB 90-092

IN THE MATTER OF :
PETER A. BUXBAUM, :
AN ATTORNEY AT LAW :

Decision and Recommendation
of the
Disciplinary Review Board

Argued: May 16, 1990

Decided: June 25, 1990

Richard J. Engelhardt appeared on behalf of the Office of Attorney Ethics.

Respondent waived appearance before the Board.

To the Honorable Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

This matter is before the Board based upon a Motion for Reciprocal Discipline filed by the Office of Attorney Ethics pursuant to R. 1:20-7. That motion resulted from respondent's disbarment by consent from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for knowing misappropriation.

Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in New Jersey in 1983, and in Pennsylvania in or about 1983.

On February 15, 1990, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania entered an order disbaring respondent by consent. In his letter

- l. Aleamia Wright - delayed payment of settlement proceeds from August 1989 to December 1989 (settlement was for \$5,000)
- m. Barbara Bodalski - delayed payment of settlement proceeds from December 1988 to August 1989 (settlement was for \$5,500)
- n. Paul McNutt - delayed payment of settlement proceeds from February 1988 to August 1988 (settlement was for \$7,500)
- o. Mary Lou Ruffu - delayed payment of settlement proceeds from January 1988 to August 1988 (settlement was for \$12,000)
- p. Mitchell Cohen - delayed payment of settlement proceeds from December 1988 to August 1989
- q. Kenneth Thomas - delayed payment of settlement proceeds from November 1987 to August 1988 (settlement was for \$4,000)

The Office of Attorney Ethics now requests that reciprocal discipline issue, and that respondent be disbarred.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

Upon a review of the full record, the Board recommends the granting of the Office of Attorney Ethics' motion. Respondent has not disputed the factual findings of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court. Hence, the Board adopts those findings. Matter of Pavidonis, 98 N.J. 36, 40 (1984); In re Tumini, 95 N.J. 18, 21 (1979); In re Kaufman, 81 N.J. 300, 302 (1979).


Reciprocal disciplinary proceedings in New Jersey are governed by R. 1:20-7(d), which directs that:

(d) The Board shall recommend the imposition of the identical action or discipline unless the respondent demonstrates, or the Board finds on the face of the record upon which the discipline in another jurisdiction was predicated that it clearly appears that:

The Board, therefore, unanimously recommends that respondent be disbarred for his knowing misappropriation of client funds.

The Board further recommends that respondent be required to reimburse the Ethics Financial Committee for administrative costs.

Dated: 1/29/2009

By: 
Raymond R. Trombadore
Chair
Disciplinary Review Board