

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 05-B-0902

IN RE: PATRICK C. LEITZ

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

PER CURIAM

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") commenced an investigation into allegations that respondent engaged in a conflicts of interest. After the filing of formal charges, respondent and the ODC submitted a joint petition for consent discipline, in which they stipulate that respondent's conduct violated Rules 1.3 (failure to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client), 1.7 (engaging in a conflict of interest), and 5.5(b) (assisting a non-lawyer in the unauthorized practice of law) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Having reviewed the petition for consent discipline,

IT IS ORDERED that Patrick C. Leitz, Louisiana Bar Roll number 8291, be and he hereby is suspended from the practice of law for one year and one day. It is further ordered that nine months of this suspension shall be deferred, subject to respondent's successful completion of a two-year period of supervised probation governed by the conditions set forth in the petition for consent discipline. Any violation of the conditions of probation, or any other misconduct during the probationary period, may be grounds for making the deferred suspension executory, or imposing additional discipline, as appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all costs and expenses in the matter are assessed against respondent in accordance with Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 10.1, with legal interest to commence thirty days from the date of finality of this court's judgment until paid.