The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

IN RE: PAUL J. TELLARICO

No. 2023-B-00727

IN RE: Office of Disciplinary Counsel - Applicant Other; Paul J. Tellarico -Applicant Other; Joint Petition for Consent Discipline;

June 26, 2023

Joint petition for consent discipline accepted. See per curiam.

JTG

JLW

JDH

SJC

WJC

JBM

PDG

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Chief Deputy Clerk of Court

For the Court

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ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

PER CURIAM

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") commenced an investigation

into allegations that respondent mishandled his client trust account. Following the

filing of formal charges, respondent and the ODC submitted a joint petition for

consent discipline in which respondent admitted that his conduct violated Rules

1.15(a) and 1.15(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Having reviewed the

petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that

Paul J. Tellarico, Louisiana Bar Roll number 19401, be suspended from the practice

of law for a period of six months. This suspension shall be deferred in its entirety,

subject to respondent's successful completion of a two-year period of probation

governed by the conditions set forth in the Petition for Consent Discipline. The

probationary period shall commence from the date respondent and the ODC execute

a formal probation plan. Any failure of respondent to comply with the conditions of

probation, or any 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.