

STATE OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Docket No. Bar-10-7

BOARD OF OVERSEERS OF THE BAR)

Plaintiff)

v.)

ORDER

JOSEPH A. RITZO)

of Portsmouth, NH)

Me. Bar # 3161)

Defendant)

This Court has received a certified copy of the New Hampshire Supreme Court’s Professional Conduct Committee’s Reissued Six-Month Suspension Order with Conditions dated February 17, 2010, against Attorney Joseph A. Ritzo for his violations of New Hampshire Rules of Conduct 1.15(a), 5.3(a)(b)(c), and 8.4(a)(b)(c). By its terms that Order took effect on March 1, 2010.

Through his attorney, Mr. Ritzo has notified the Court and Bar Counsel of his consent to the Board of Overseers of the Bar’s request for imposition of identical concurrent discipline in Maine.

Therefore, by agreement of the parties, this Court hereby ORDERS:

1. The Board of Overseers of the Bar’s Petition for Reciprocal Discipline is hereby granted in all respects; and
2. Effective retroactively to March 1, 2010, and pursuant to M. Bar R. 7.3(h)(3), Joseph A. Ritzo is suspended from the practice of law in Maine for six (6) months for his violations of the following Maine Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.15(a), 5.3(a)(b)(c), and 8.4(a)(b)(c).

Dated: June 24, 2010

Warren M. Silver
Associate Justice