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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

No. 18-8001

IN RE GREGORY CHANDLER, MEMBER OF THE BAR

Before SCHOELEN, PIETSCH, *and* BARTLEY, *Judges.*

ORDER

On January 12, 2018, the Court became aware that Gregory Chandler, a member of this Court's bar, had been disbarred by the State of California since May 2011. On January 17, 2018, pursuant to Rule 7(d)(1)(B) of the Rules of Admission and Practice (Rules), the Clerk referred this matter to the Court's Standing Panel on Admission and Discipline (Panel) and imposed a temporary nondisciplinary suspension on Mr. Chandler.

On January 19, 2018, the Panel ordered Mr. Chandler to show cause why the Court should not impose identical or similar discipline to that imposed by the California Supreme Court, including disbarment. On February 19, 2018, this Court received Mr. Chandler's response contesting the proposed reciprocal discipline and requesting a federal investigation of the matter. On March 5, 2018, based on Mr. Chandler's opposition to the Court's proposed reciprocal discipline, the Panel referred the matter to the Committee on Admission and Practice (Committee). *See* Rules 2(b)(4); 7(d)(3)(C).

The Committee investigated the matter and filed with the Court a report of its findings and recommendations on May 10, 2018 (Report). In its Report, the Committee discussed the facts and history of this matter. The Court finds the Report to be thorough and impartial and adopts and incorporates it herein by reference. The Committee recommended that the Court impose identical discipline as that imposed by the California Supreme Court, that is, to disbar Mr. Chandler. Report at 6. Mr. Chandler has not filed a rebuttal to the Report, and the time for him to do so has elapsed. *See* Rule 2(d)(8).

The Court agrees with the Committee's reasoning that the California Supreme Court's conclusions regarding the professional misconduct are "conclusive proof" that Mr. Chandler has committed professional misconduct. Rule 7(a)(2). The Court thus concludes, pursuant to Rule 7(d)(3)(C), that it will impose discipline identical to the discipline imposed by the California Supreme Court. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that, effective as of the date of this order, Mr. Chandler is disbarred from the practice of law before the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, as reciprocal discipline imposed under Rule 7(d).

DATED: July 10, 2018

PER CURIAM.

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Gregory Chandler

Attachment:
Report, May 10, 2018

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