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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR VETERANS CLAIMS

No. 18-8003

IN RE HOYT S. NEAL, MEMBER OF THE BAR

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

ORDER

In a July 19, 2017, order, the Arizona Supreme Court suspended attorney Hoyt S. Neal for a period of two years, retroactive to June 13, 2017. The basis for the suspension was the Arizona Supreme Court's finding that Mr. Neal had billed clients for legal services not performed and that he misrepresented legal services performed to another client.

Pursuant to Rules 7(d)(1)(B) and 6(a) of the Court's Rules of Admission and Practice (Rules) concerning reciprocal discipline, this matter was referred to the Court's Standing Panel on Admission and Discipline on October 2, 2018. By that same order, this Court, through the Clerk of the Court, imposed a temporary non-disciplinary suspension on Mr. Neal while the Court considered what reciprocal discipline, if any, to impose on Mr. Neal.

On October 4, 2018, pursuant to Rule 7(d)(2)(B), the Court ordered Mr. Neal to show cause why the Court should not impose suspension identical to that imposed by the Arizona Supreme Court. In the October 4 order, the Court also ordered explanation as to why Mr. Neal had not notified this Court of his suspension in Arizona, as is his duty, pursuant to Rule 4(c)(1).

Copies of the show cause order were sent by certified mail to the address Mr. Neal had on file with the Court, and subsequently to two other discernible forwarding addresses. Mr. Neal did not accept for delivery the certified letters at any of the three addresses, and the letters were returned as unclaimed.

Having failed to show cause why identical discipline should not be imposed, pursuant to Rule 7(d)(3)(B), it is therefore

ORDERED, the Hoyt S. Neal is suspended from this Court's bar for two years, retroactive to June 13, 2017. It is further

ORDERED that, if he ever seeks to be reinstated to this Court's bar, Mr. Neal must file a motion for reinstatement pursuant to Rule 11(b). Any such motion must also demonstrate Mr. Neal's qualifications pursuant to Rule 46(a) of the Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure and must include an explanation for his failure to notify the Court of this Arizona suspension and his

failure to receive and reply to the Court's October 4, 2018, show cause order in this disciplinary case.

DATED: March 4, 2019

PER CURIAM.

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Hoyt S. Neal

Enclosures: *In re* Hoyt S. Neal, No. PDJ 2017-9057 (Ariz. Jul. 19, 2017)
October 4, 2018, Court order

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