BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,

: No. 126 DB 2021

Petitioner

: File No. C2-19-1058

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STEVEN G. BAZIL

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Attorney Registration No. 64902

Respondent

(Chester County)

ORDER

AND NOW, this 22nd day of October, 2021, in accordance with Rule 208(a)(5), Pa.R.D.E., the determination by a Review Panel of the Disciplinary Board of the above captioned matter is accepted; and it is

ORDERED that the said STEVEN G. BAZIL of Chester County be subjected to a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** by the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as provided in Rule 204(a) and Rule 205(c)(8) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

Costs shall be paid by the Respondent.

Board Chair

TRUE COPY FROM RECORD Attest:

Marcee D. Sloan, Board Prothonotary

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PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Steven G. Bazil, you appear before the Disciplinary Board for the imposition of a Public Reprimand ordered by the Board on October 22, 2021. It is an unpleasant task to publicly reprimand one who has been granted the privilege of membership in the bar of the Commonwealth. Yet as repugnant as this task may be, it has been determined necessary that you receive this public discipline.

Mr. Bazil, the record shows that on April 17, 2019, a civil action was filed against you to enforce two IRS summonses. On April 22, 2019, you were directed to appear before the Honorable Cynthia Rufe in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and show cause why an order should not be entered enforcing the summonses. You failed to appear at the June 24, 2019 hearing. The court granted the government's request for enforcement of the summonses and directed you, no later than July 15, 2019, to comply with the summonses, appear before an IRS Revenue Officer, and bring responsive documents. You did not meet with the officer or otherwise comply with the summonses before July 15, 2019.

On August 19, 2019, following the government's motion to enforce the court's June 24, 2019 order, the court entered an order directing you to appear for a hearing to

show cause why you should not be held in civil contempt of court. You failed to appear at the September 4, 2019 show cause hearing. On September 4, 2019, the court entered an order and found you in contempt of court. On October 2, 2019, you were arrested and brought before Judge Rufe, who ordered your conditional release from custody, pending compliance with the document request by the IRS officer. The court also directed you to notify the Disciplinary Board.

By letter dated October 14, 2019, you reported the contempt to Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC"). During the course of its investigation, ODC discovered that you had previous criminal convictions, which you failed to report. On October 31, 2000, you pled guilty in Chester County to Driving Under the Influence and were sentenced to two days to 23 months confinement, with the balance of time served as probation. On September 7, 2004, you pled guilty in Montgomery County to recklessly endangering another person and were sentenced to two years of probation.

By your conduct, you violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC") and Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement ("Pa.R.D.E."):

- RPC 8.4(d) It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.
- 2. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(1) Conviction of a crime shall be ground for discipline.
- 3. Pa.R.D.E. 214(a) An attorney convicted of a crime shall report the fact of such conviction within 20 days to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Mr. Bazil, your conduct in this matter is public. This Public Reprimand is a matter of public record and shall be posted on the Disciplinary Board's website at www.padisciplinaryboard.org

It is the Board's duty to reprimand you for your misconduct. Any subsequent violations on your part can only result in further discipline and perhaps more severe sanctions. We sincerely hope that you will conduct yourself in such a manner that future disciplinary action will be unnecessary.

Designated Member
The Disciplinary Board of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Administered by a designated panel of three Members of The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania on March 4, 2022.