#### IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 1772 Disciplinary Docket No. 3

V.

Petitioner

No. 156 DB 2011

MIKE CHOI,

Attorney Registration No. 77424

Respondent

: (Montgomery County)

### ORDER

### PER CURIAM:

AND NOW, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2013, there having been filed with this Court by Mike Choi his verified Statement of Resignation dated November 26, 2012, stating that he desires to resign from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in accordance with the provisions of Rule 215, Pa.R.D.E., it is

ORDERED that the resignation of Mike Choi is accepted; he is disbarred on consent from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and he shall comply with the provisions of Rule 217, Pa.R.D.E. Respondent shall pay costs, if any, to the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Rule 208(g), Pa.R.D.E.

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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### **RESIGNATION BY RESPONDENT**

Pursuant to Rule 215 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement

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## RESIGNATION : UNDER PENNSYLVANIA RULE OF DISCIPLINARY ENFORCEMENT 215

Mike Choi ("Respondent"), hereby tenders his unconditional resignation from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in conformity with Pa.R.D.E. 215, and further states as follows:

- He was admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on or about May 16, 1996. His attorney identification number is 77424. He is currently on a temporary license suspension as a result of his criminal conviction in *United States v. Choi*, No. 2:10-cr-00657 (United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania).
- 2. He desires to submit his resignation as a member of the bar.
- 3. His resignation is freely and voluntarily tendered; he is not being subjected to coercion or duress and he is fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.
- 4. He is aware that disciplinary proceedings have been instituted against him as a result of criminal proceedings against him in Federal Court.

- 5. On August 26, 2011, at the conclusion of a twelve-day trial, the jury found Respondent guilty of Counts One, Two through Six, Eight and Nine of the Superseding Indictment. Specifically, the jury found Respondent guilty of participating in a dual-object conspiracy, to impair and impede the lawful functioning of federal agencies and to make false statements to federal agencies, in violation of Title 18 United States Code, Sections 1001 and 1546(a), as charged in Count One; making false statements in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, as charged in Counts Two through Six; and filing false tax returns for the years 2005 and 2006, as charged in Counts Eight and Nine of the Superseding Indictment.
- 6. On January 12, 2012, the Court sentenced Respondent to serve 30 months in federal prison, followed by a period of 3 years of supervised probation, and ordered restitution of \$161,538.32.
- 7. Respondent acknowledges that the material facts set forth in  $\P$  5-6 are true.
- 8. He acknowledges that the jury's finding of guilt constitutes a *per se* ground for discipline under Pa. R.D.E 203 (b) (1)
- 9. He acknowledges that under Pa. R.D.E 214 (f) (1), he would be entitled to the institution of a formal proceeding before a hearing committee in which the sole issue to be determined would be the extent of the discipline imposed.
- 10. He acknowledges that by submitting the within resignation he is knowingly, voluntarily and intelligently waiving the right to have a disciplinary hearing pursuant to Pa. R.D.E 214 (f) (1).

11. He submits the within resignation because the convictions constitute a *per se* ground for discipline under Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(1), and he knows that he could not successfully defend himself against the charges of professional misconduct that will be brought in connection with the convictions.

12. He is fully aware that the within resignation statement is irrevocable and that he can only apply for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to the provisions of Pa. R.D.E 218.

13. He acknowledges that he is fully aware of his right to consult and employ counsel to represent him in the instant proceeding. He has retained, consulted with or acted upon the advice of counsel in connection with his decision to execute the within resignation.

It is understood that the statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18Pa. C.S. § 4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signed this 26 May of November, 2012

Mike Choi, Respondent

Attorney Registration No. 77424

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