

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, : No. 2028 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
Petitioner :
 : No. 7 DB 2014
v. :
 : Attorney Registration No. 83769
PETER C. IBE, :
Respondent : (Out of State)

ORDER


PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 18th day of June, 2015, upon consideration of the Recommendation of the Three-Member Panel of the Disciplinary Board dated May 28, 2015, the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent is hereby granted pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(g),

and it is

ORDERED that Peter C. Ibe is suspended on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth for a period of two and one-half years, and he shall comply with all the provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217.

A True Copy Patricia Nicola
As Of 6/18/2015

Attest: 
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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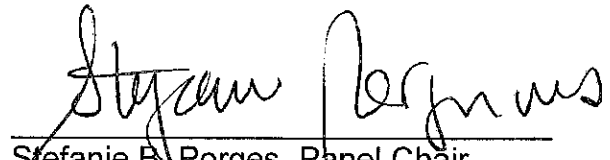
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RECOMMENDATION OF THREE-MEMBER PANEL
OF THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

The Three-Member Panel of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, consisting of Board Members Stefanie B. Porges, Lawrence M. Kelly and Howell K. Rosenberg, has reviewed the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent filed in the above-captioned matter on April 23, 2015.

The Panel approves the Joint Petition consenting to a two and one-half year suspension and recommends to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania that the attached Petition be Granted.

The Panel further recommends that any necessary expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter shall be paid by the respondent-attorney as a condition to the grant of the Petition.


Stefanie B. Porges, Panel Chair
The Disciplinary Board of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

Date: 5-28-15

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JOINT PETITION IN SUPPORT OF DISCIPLINE ON CONSENT
PURSUANT TO Pa. R.D.E. 215(d)

Petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Paul J. Killion, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and Kristin A. Wells, Disciplinary Counsel, and Respondent, Peter C. Ibe, file this Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent under Rule 215(d) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement (hereinafter "Pa.R.D.E.") and respectfully state and aver the following:

1. Petitioner, whose principal office is located at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 2700, P.O. Box 62485, Harrisburg, PA 17106, is invested, pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 207, with the power and the duty to investigate all matters involving alleged misconduct of an attorney admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to prosecute all disciplinary proceedings brought in accordance with the various provisions of the aforesaid Rules.

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Office of the Secretary
The Disciplinary Board of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

2. Respondent, Peter C. Ibe, was born in Nigeria in 1969. He was admitted to practice law in Pennsylvania on October 20, 1999. His registered address is 100 Burke Terrace, Suite 2, Atlanta, Georgia 30341. Respondent is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

SPECIFIC FACTUAL ADMISSIONS AND
RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT VIOLATED

3. Respondent's misconduct involves his conviction upon his guilty plea to Receiving Stolen Property, 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 3926(a), multiple counts of Furnishing Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverages to Minors, 18 Pa.C.S.A. § 6310.1(a), and other summary offenses, for which he was sentenced to five years probation. Respondent has remained in compliance with the terms of his probation, and will be subject to early release in March, 2016.

4. Respondent's convictions stemmed from an incident that occurred on July 13, 2011, wherein Respondent, while operating a motor vehicle, was stopped by the police for erratic driving. Investigating police officers found four intoxicated females, ages 19, 15, 14, and 14 in his back seat. A loaded, stolen handgun was discovered in the trunk of Respondent's vehicle.

5. On April 1, 2013, Respondent reported his conviction to the Secretary of the Disciplinary Board, as required by Pa.R.D.E. 214(a).

6. By Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated June 2, 2014, Respondent was placed on Temporary Suspension pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 214(d)(2).

DISCIPLINARY RULE VIOLATIONS

7. Respondent admits to violating the following Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement in this matter:

- a. RPC 8.4(b) It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to ... commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects;
- b. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(1) The following shall be grounds for discipline: conviction of a crime.

SPECIFIC JOINT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DISCIPLINE

8. Petitioner and Respondent jointly recommend that the appropriate discipline for Respondent is a two and one half-year Suspension. Respondent hereby consents to the discipline being imposed upon him by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Attached to this Petition is Respondent's executed Affidavit required by Pa.R.D.E. 215(d), stating that he consents to the recommended discipline and including the mandatory acknowledgements contained in Pa.R.D.E. 215(d)(1) through (4).

9. In support of Petitioner and Respondent's Joint Recommendation, it is respectfully submitted as follows:

- a. The mitigating circumstances are that:
 - i. Respondent has been practicing law for 14 years and has no prior disciplinary history;
 - ii. Respondent has taken full responsibility for his conduct and the impact it has on the legal profession;
 - iii. Respondent is remorseful for and embarrassed by his conduct and understands he should be disciplined, as evidenced by his consent to receiving a two and one half-year Suspension.
 - iv. Respondent has cooperated with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel's investigation, as evidenced by his consent to the

imposition of Suspension.

- v. Respondent reported his conviction to the Disciplinary Board in a timely manner.
- vi. Respondent cooperated with the prosecuting authorities in the underlying criminal case, as evidenced by his acceptance of a guilty plea.
- vii. Respondent is in compliance with the terms of his probation and is eligible for early termination of his probationary term.
- viii. Respondent has paid his fines and court costs.

10. In what appears to be the only Pennsylvania disciplinary case involving firearms, *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Beill*, 113 DB 2009, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court imposed a three-year suspension where the respondent entered a *nolo contendere* plea to the Sale or Transfer of Firearms and served 11 months in prison.

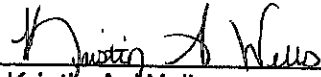
11. The parties respectfully submit that a two and one half-year suspension, given the facts of the instant matter, is consistent with the above-cited disciplinary authority.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner and Respondent respectfully request that:

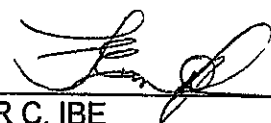
Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215, a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board review and approve the above Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent and file its recommendation with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in which it is recommended that the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania enter an Order Suspending Respondent for Two and One Half Years for the conduct set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 22 April 2015

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VERIFICATION

The statements made in the foregoing Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(d) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. This statement is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

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RESPONDENT'S AFFIDAVIT UNDER RULE 215(d) OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA RULES OF DISCIPLINARY ENFORCEMENT

I, Peter C. Ibe, Respondent in the above-captioned matter, hereby consent to the imposition of a two and one half-year Suspension, as jointly recommended by the Petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and myself, in a Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent and further state:

1. My consent is freely and voluntarily rendered; I am not being subjected to coercion or duress; I am fully aware of the implications of submitting the consent;
2. I am aware there is presently pending a proceeding involving allegations that I have been guilty of misconduct as set forth in the Joint Petition;
3. I acknowledge that the material facts set forth in the Joint Petition are true;
4. I consent because I know that if the charges continued to be prosecuted in the pending proceeding, I could not successfully defend against them; and

5. I acknowledge that I am fully aware of my right to consult and employ counsel to represent me in the instant proceeding.

By: _____



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