

NO. 28824

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, Petitioner,

vs.

SAMUEL R. BLAIR, Respondent.

ORIGINAL PROCEEDING
(ODC 07-087-8547)

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RECIPROCAL DISBARMENT ORDER

(By: Moon, C.J., Levinson, Nakayama, Acoba, and Duffy, JJ.)

Upon consideration of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel's petition for issuance of reciprocal discipline notice to Respondent Samuel R. Blair, pursuant to Rule 2.15(b) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the State of Hawai'i (RSCH), the memorandum, affidavit, and exhibits appended thereto, and the record, it appears that:

(1) on October 4, 2007, the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon entered an order accepting Respondent Blair's resignation from the practice of law in Oregon while disciplinary matters were pending;

(2) RSCH 2.15(b) requires the same or substantially equivalent discipline in the State of Hawai'i, unless Respondent Blair shall show cause under RSCH 2.15(c) as to why imposition of the same or substantially equivalent discipline should not be imposed;

(3) Respondent Blair has not filed a response to our November 26, 2007 notice and order; and

(4) a substantially equivalent discipline (disbarment - see RSCH 2.14(d)) is warranted in this jurisdiction.

Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent Samuel R. Blair is disbarred from the practice of law in the State of Hawai'i. Notwithstanding RSCH 2.16(c), Respondent Blair's disbarment is effective upon entry of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent Blair's reinstatement in the State of Hawai'i is conditioned (1) upon payment of all costs of this proceeding, and (2) compliance with RSCH 2.16.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, February 6, 2008.

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