

NO. 28957

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, Petitioner,

vs.

WILLIAM R. KIEFER, Respondent.

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ORIGINAL PROCEEDING  
(ODC 07-020-8480)

ORDER OF PUBLIC CENSURE

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

Upon consideration of the Office of Disciplinary Counsel's ex parte petition for issuance of reciprocal discipline notice to Respondent William R. Kiefer, 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 thereto, Respondent Kiefer's response thereto, and the record, it appears that: (1) on November 30, 2006, the State Bar Court of California publicly reprobated Respondent Kiefer for his ethical misconduct in two cases, and ordered Kiefer to pay disciplinary costs and attached conditions; (2) RSCH 2.15(b) requires the same or substantially equivalent discipline, or restrictions or conditions upon the attorney's license to practice law in the State of Hawai'i, unless Respondent Kiefer 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 Kiefer filed a response to our February 7, 2008 notice and order on April 11, 2008 that fails to show cause; (4) a substantially equivalent discipline is warranted in this jurisdiction; and (5) a substantially equivalent discipline in this jurisdiction is public censure by the supreme court. Therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent William R. Kiefer is publicly censured in the State of Hawai'i.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent Kiefer shall (1) comply with the conditions imposed by the State Bar Court of California, or if he has already complied with said conditions, show proof of such compliance, and (2) pay all costs of this proceeding.

DATED: Honolulu, Hawai'i, April 29, 2008.

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