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REVIEW DEPARTMENT

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In the Matter of)	Case No. 15-Q-10791
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LESLIE FERENC NADASI,)	RECOMMENDATION ON
)	RESIGNATION
A Member of the State Bar, No. 81237.)	
_____)	

On February 23, 2015, Respondent Leslie Ferenc Nadasi filed his resignation with disciplinary charges pending. Considering the grounds set forth in California Rules of Court, rule 9.21(d),¹ we recommend Nadasi's resignation be accepted because: (1) he cooperated in this proceeding by complying with rule 9.20, stipulating as to facts and conclusions of law, and tendering an authorization for public disclosure of pending complaints, investigations and proceedings; (2) he does not owe any restitution; and (3) he is 66 years old and willing to forfeit his license. We see no harm to the public under the circumstances presented here, and we conclude that the acceptance of Nadasi's resignation would be consistent with the need to protect the public, the courts, and the legal profession.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Prior Records of Discipline (11-O-11582; 14-PM-00497)

Nadasi was admitted to practice law in California on September 15, 1978. He has two prior records of discipline.

¹ All further references to rules are to this source unless otherwise noted.

First, on July 27, 2012, the Supreme Court ordered Nadasi suspended for one year, execution stayed, and placed on probation for two years subject to the conditions, including actual suspension for the first 30 days of probation. (*In re Leslie Ferenc Nadasi on Discipline* (S202575) State Bar Court case No. 11-O-11582.) Nadasi stipulated that: (1) he failed to release client papers and property and to refund unearned fees in violations of Rule 3-700(D) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and (2) he failed to participate in a State Bar investigation in violation of Business and Professions Code section 6068(i).

Second, on July 29, 2014, the Supreme Court ordered Nadasi suspended for one year, execution stayed, and placed on probation for two years subject to conditions, including actual suspension for the first year of probation and payment of restitution. (*In re Leslie Ferenc Nadasi on Discipline* (S202575) State Bar Court case No. 14-PM-00497.) Nadasi failed to comply with the conditions of his probation by failing to: (1) submit written reports to the Office of Probation; (2) provide the Office of Probation with proof that he attended and successfully completed the State Bar's Ethics School; and (3) provide the Office of Probation with proof of payment of his restitution.

B. Pending Discipline (15-Q-10791)

In the instant matter, Nadasi stipulated to the following facts: (1) the Los Angeles Superior Court (case no. MD040576) sent a notice of an order to show cause regarding sanctions against Nadasi for his failure to appear and prepare a court-ordered judgment of dissolution; (2) Nadasi failed to appear before the superior court and was sanctioned in the amount of \$1,500; (3) Nadasi responded to the superior court that he had not been able to pay the sanctions; (4) Nadasi did not report the sanction to the State Bar; and (5) Nadasi did not pay the sanctions. Nadasi also stipulated regarding his most recent probation case that he failed to file a compliance declaration

by September 17, 2014, as required by Supreme Court order. However, he did file a compliance declaration with the State Bar Court on February 23, 2015.

C. Office of the Chief Trial Counsel's (OCTC) Recommendation

On April 16, 2015, OCTC filed its report recommending that Nadasi's resignation be accepted. OCTC proposed that this Court recommend to the Supreme Court that Nadasi's resignation with charges pending be accepted based on application of the factors listed in rule 9.21(d). In addition, OCTC stated that Nadasi has not practiced law since July 2, 2013, and has no intention of practicing law in California in the future. Further, Nadasi suffers from extreme depression and post-traumatic stress relating to two car accidents in 2012 and 2013, which keeps him from practicing law.

II. CONSIDERATION OF THE GROUNDS SET FORTH IN RULE 9.21(d)

We have considered Nadasi's resignation under the grounds set forth in rule 9.21(d). We summarize below the relevant information for each ground:

1. Whether the preservation of testimony is complete.

OCTC reports that perpetuation of testimony is unnecessary because Nadasi has entered into a stipulation to facts and conclusions of law that resolves all disciplinary matters.

2. Whether after transfer to inactive status, Nadasi has practiced law or has advertised or held himself out as entitled to practice law.

OCTC reports that it has no information to suggest that Nadasi has advertised or held himself out as entitled to practice law after being placed on inactive status on February 23, 2015.

3. Whether Nadasi performed the acts specified in rule 9.20(a)-(b).

On February 23, 2015, Nadasi submitted a compliance declaration indicating that he had no clients, had no papers or property to which clients were entitled, and was not in possession of

any unearned fees. OCTC reports that it has not received information from clients, courts or opposing counsel that would give rise to an investigation on this issue.

4. Whether Nadasi provided proof of compliance with rule 9.20(c).

Nadasi's rule 9.20 compliance declaration was filed on February 23, 2015.

5. Whether the Supreme Court has filed a disbarment order.

The Supreme Court has not filed a disbarment order.

6. Whether the State Bar Court has filed a decision recommending disbarment.

The State Bar Court has not filed a decision recommending Nadasi's disbarment.

7. Whether Nadasi previously resigned or has been disbarred and reinstated to the practice of law.

Nadasi has not previously resigned or been disbarred in California.

8. Whether Nadasi entered into a stipulation with OCTC as to facts and conclusions of law regarding pending disciplinary matters.

On April 16, 2015, the parties filed a Stipulation as to Facts and Conclusions of Law regarding the pending disciplinary matters.

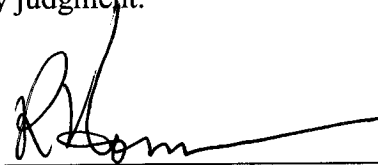
9. Whether accepting Nadasi's resignation will reasonably be inconsistent with the need to protect the public, the courts, or the legal profession.

We recommend accepting Nadasi's resignation. He cooperated with OCTC by entering into a stipulation regarding the facts and conclusions of law, submitting a rule 9.20 compliance declaration, and tendering an authorization for public disclosure of pending complaints, investigations and proceedings. The stipulation provides a complete account of his misconduct and is available to the public and any licensing agency or other jurisdiction.

Further, Nadasi is 66 years old, willing to relinquish his license, and has advised the State Bar that he does not intend to practice law in California at any time in the future. He would be at least 71 years old before he is eligible to seek reinstatement. (Rules Proc. of State Bar, rule 5.442(B) [earliest reinstatement petition after resignation with charges pending is five years after filing date of resignation].) No other unresolved discipline matters or investigations are pending against him and there are no outstanding issues concerning clients, restitution or unearned fees. Under these circumstances, we do not believe that public confidence in the discipline system will be undermined by accepting Nadasi's resignation. Permitting him to resign would be consistent with the need to protect the public, the courts and the legal profession.

III. RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the Supreme Court accept the resignation of Leslie Ferenc Nadasi, State Bar number 81237. We further recommend that costs be awarded to the State Bar in accordance with Business and Professions Code section 6068.10, and that such costs be enforceable both as provided in section 6140.7 and as a money judgment.



Acting Presiding Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court of California. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on June 8, 2015, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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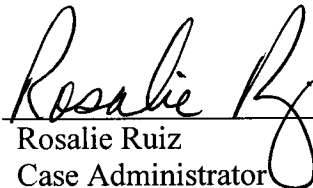
- by first-class mail, with postage thereon fully prepaid, through the United States Postal Service at Los Angeles, California, addressed as follows:

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- by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

MURRAY B. GREENBERG, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on June 8, 2015.



Rosalie Ruiz
Case Administrator
State Bar Court