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REVIEW DEPARTMENT

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In the Matter of)	Case No. 17-Q-06056
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ALEXANDER CHASE,)	RECOMMENDATION ON
)	RESIGNATION
A Member of the State Bar, No. 256763.)	
_____)	

On October 10, 2017, respondent Alexander Chase filed a resignation with charges pending. On December 3, 2017, the Office of Chief Trial Counsel of the State Bar (OCTC) filed its report on the resignation and the parties' Stipulation as to Facts and Conclusions of Law. Pursuant to court order, on January 31, 2017, OCTC filed a supplemental report. OCTC recommends that the resignation be accepted. Based on OCTC's recommendation and in light of the grounds set forth in California Rules of Court, rule 9.21(d),¹ as detailed below, we recommend that the Supreme Court accept the resignation.

I. BACKGROUND

Chase was admitted to practice law in California on June 9, 2008, and has not been eligible to practice law in California since October 10, 2017. He has one prior record of discipline.

On March 1, 2017, (effective March 31, 2017), the Supreme Court ordered Chase suspended for one year, execution stayed, and placed on probation for one year with conditions including a 90-day period of actual suspension, and compliance with California Rules of Court,

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

rule 9.20. (*In re Alexander Chase* (S238969), State Bar Court Case No. 15-O-14896.) Chase stipulated to multiple counts of misconduct: (1) a willful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6106, for making a misrepresentation to his client; (2) a willful violation of Business and Professions Code section 6068, subdivision (m) for failing to respond to reasonable status inquires made by his client; (3) a willful violation of rule 3-100(A) of the Rules of Professional Conduct for failing to file a complaint or take any substantive action on his client's case; and (4) a willful violation of rule 3-700(A) of the Rules of Professional Conduct for failing to inform his client that he was withdrawing from employment. In aggravation, Chase committed multiple acts of misconduct, concealed his misconduct, and caused significant harm to his client. In mitigation, Chase cooperated with the State Bar by entering into a stipulation, acknowledged his misconduct to the State Bar, and had family and personal difficulties.

There is one pending disciplinary proceeding against Chase. (State Bar Court Case No. 17-N-03497.) On December 3, 2017, the parties filed a Stipulation as to Facts and Conclusions of Law in which Chase stipulated that he violated rule 9.20 by failing to file a declaration of compliance in conformity with the requirements of rule 9.20(c) as required by the Supreme Court in his prior disciplinary matter.

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

We have considered Chase'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 the perpetuation of the evidence is not necessary in the pending matter.

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

OCTC reports that there is no evidence that Chase has practiced law in California or held himself out as entitled to practice law in California since he tendered his resignation.

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

OCTC reports that Chase submitted a rule 9.20 compliance declaration stating under penalty of perjury that he performed the acts required by rule 9.20(a)-(b).

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

Chase filed a rule 9.20(c) compliance declaration on November 16, 2017.

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 disbarment.

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

Chase has not previously resigned or been disbarred in California.

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

Chase and OCTC entered into a stipulation as to facts and conclusions of law regarding the pending disciplinary matter.

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

We recommend accepting Chase's resignation for the reasons OCTC presented in its filings in this matter. Chase: (1) submitted a rule 9.20 compliance declaration; (2) submitted a

stipulation to facts and conclusions of law; (3) has not practiced in California since October 10, 2017; (4) cooperated in this proceeding with OCTC thereby saving time and resources; and (5) has one prior disciplinary matter that is a public record so that members of the public will have notice of his past discipline. Chase's prior discipline was a 90-day actual suspension and he had mitigation for candor and cooperation, entering into a stipulation regarding his misconduct, and family and personal difficulties. Chase continues to suffer from the family and personal difficulties that contributed to his prior discipline. Under these circumstances, we do not believe that public confidence in the discipline system will be undermined by accepting the resignation, and we believe that acceptance 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 Alexander Chase, State Bar number 256763. 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.

PURCELL

Presiding Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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

I am a Court Specialist 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 April 10, 2018, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

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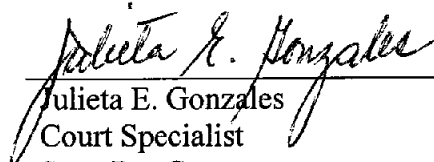
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I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on April 10, 2018.



Julieta E. Gonzales
Court Specialist
State Bar Court