IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF A MEMBER §

OF THE BAR OF THE SUPREME § No. 674, 2012

COURT OF THE STATE OF §

DELAWARE:

§ ODC File No. 2012-0021-B

JOHN E. O'BRIEN, §

Respondent. §

Submitted: January 10, 2013 Decided: January 15, 2013

ORDER

Before STEELE, Chief Justice, HOLLAND and RIDGELY, Justices.

AND NOW, this 15th day of January 2013, upon receipt of sufficient evidence demonstrating that John E. O'Brien, Esquire ("Respondent"), a lawyer subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Court, has engaged in professional misconduct which demonstrates that he poses a significant threat of substantial harm to the public and to the orderly administration of justice,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- (1) The Respondent, John E. O'Brien, Esquire, hereby is immediately suspended from the practice of law in this State pending the disposition of this matter pursuant to the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure ("Procedural Rules");
- (2) During the period of interim suspension, the Respondent shall not: (a) share in any legal fees arising from clients or cases referred by him

during the period of suspension to any other lawyer or (b) share in any legal

fees earned for services by others during such period of suspension. The

Respondent also shall be prohibited from having any contact with clients or

prospective clients or witnesses or prospective witnesses when acting as a

paralegal, legal assistant, or law clerk under the supervision of a member of

the Delaware Bar;

(3) This Order shall be made public;

(4) The Office of Disciplinary Counsel shall file a petition in the

Court of Chancery for the appointment of a Receiver of the Respondent's

law practice pursuant to Procedural Rule 24, and the Receiver shall provide

notice to clients, adverse parties, and others as required by Procedural Rule

23;

(5) The Receiver shall make such arrangements as may be

necessary to protect the interests of any of the Respondent's clients and the

public; and

(6) The Respondent shall cooperate in all respects with the

Receiver, including providing him with all law office books and records.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Randy J. Holland

Justice

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