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The Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

IN RE: RUSSELL S. STEGEMAN

No. 2025-B-00312

IN RE: Office of Disciplinary Counsel - Applicant Other; Russell Scott Stegeman - Applicant Other; Joint Petition for Consent Discipline;

April 29, 2025

Joint petition for consent discipline accepted. See per curiam.

PDG JLW JDH JMG CRC

Crain, J., dissents and would reject the petition for consent discipline. McCallum, J., dissents and would reject the petition for consent discipline.

Supreme Court of Louisiana April 29, 2025

Chief Deputy Clerk of Court

For the Court

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA NO. 2025-B-0312 IN RE: RUSSELL S. STEGEMAN

ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING

PER CURIAM

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") commenced an investigation into allegations that respondent neglected legal matters, improperly terminated two representations, knowingly disobeyed obligations under the rules of a tribunal, and engaged in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent and the ODC then submitted a joint petition for consent discipline. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Russell S. Stegeman, Louisiana Bar Roll number 8224, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months. This suspension shall be deferred in its entirety, subject to respondent's successful completion of a one-year period of probation governed by the conditions set forth in the Petition for Consent Discipline. The probationary period shall commence from the date respondent and the ODC execute a formal probation plan. Any failure of respondent to comply with the conditions of probation, or any misconduct during the probationary period, may be grounds for making the deferred suspension executory, or imposing additional discipline, as appropriate.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all costs and expenses in the matter are assessed against respondent in accordance with Supreme Court Rule XIX, § 10.1, with legal interest to commence thirty days from the date of finality of this court's judgment until paid.