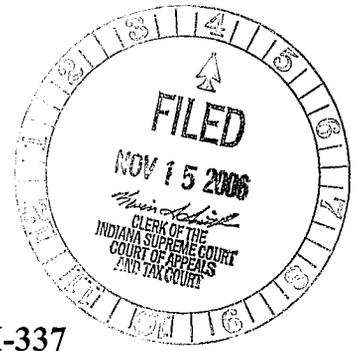


In the  
Indiana Supreme Court



IN THE MATTER OF )  
STEPHEN P. ECKERT )

Case No. 49S00-0609-DI-337

**ORDER SUSPENDING RESPONDENT  
FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW IN INDIANA**

On September 27, 2006, this Court ordered the respondent, Stephen P. Eckert, to show cause why he should not be immediately suspended from the practice of law in this state due to his failure to respond to the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission's demands for a response to a grievance filed against him. The order required that the respondent show cause in writing within 10 days of service of the order. The Commission has also moved this Court to impose costs against the respondent, pursuant to Ind.Admission and Discipline Rule 23(10)(f)(5), in the amount of \$518.52.

The Court finds that the respondent has not submitted a response to the *Order to Show Cause* dated September 27, 2006. Accordingly, the Court finds that the respondent should be suspended immediately from the practice of law in Indiana pursuant to Admis.Disc.R. 23(10)(f), and costs assessed against the respondent in the amount of \$518.52.

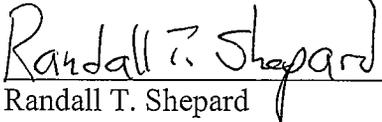
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the respondent, Stephen P. Eckert, is hereby suspended from the practice of law, effective immediately. Typically, suspensions of this nature continue until one of three circumstances described in Admis.Disc.R. 23(10)(f)(3) occur. In this case however, due to respondent's repeated failures to respond to Commission demands for information, his suspension shall be lifted only upon further order of this Court, issued after respondent has petitioned the Court and established that he is fit to return to the practice of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the respondent, Stephen P. Eckert, pursuant to Admis.Disc.R. 23(10)(f)(5), is to reimburse the Disciplinary Commission \$518.52 for the costs of prosecuting this proceeding.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward notice of this order to the respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, at his address as reflected in the Roll of Attorneys. The Clerk of this Court is further directed to issue notice of this order to the Disciplinary Commission.

The Clerk of this Court is directed to give notice of this action pursuant to Admis.Disc.R. 23(3)(d) and to provide to the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, to the clerks of each of the United States District Courts and United States Bankruptcy Courts in this state, the respondent's last known address as reflected in the records of the Clerk of this Court.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2006.



Randall T. Shepard  
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.