

Colorado Supreme Court 2 East 14th Avenue Denver, CO 80203	DATE FILED: May 26, 2015 CASE NUMBER: 2014SA283
Original Proceeding in Unauthorized Practice of Law, Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, 14UPL038	
Petitioner: The People of the State of Colorado, v. Respondents: Danny Fish and Colorado Paralegal Services, Inc.	Supreme Court Case No: 2014SA283
ORDER OF INJUNCTION	

Upon consideration of the Report of Hearing Master Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 236(a) filed in the above cause, and now being sufficiently advised in the premises,

IT IS ORDERED that Respondent, DANNY FISH and COLORADO PARALEGAL SERVICES, INC., shall be, and the same hereby are, ENJOINED from engaging in the Unauthorized Practice of Law in the State of Colorado.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent DANNY FISH remove the internet website www.coloradoparalegalservicesinc.com and request in writing that the business directories Amfibi and Manta remove their listings and postings about Colorado Paralegal Services, Inc.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent DANNY FISH is assessed costs in the amount of \$832.21. Said costs to be paid to the office of Attorney Regulation Counsel, within (30) thirty days of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this court WAIVES any Fine in this matter pursuant to C.R.C.P. 236(a).

BY THE COURT, MAY 26, 2015

SUPREME COURT, STATE OF COLORADO ORIGINAL PROCEEDING IN THE UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW BEFORE THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE 1300 BROADWAY, SUITE 250 DENVER, CO 80203	
Petitioner: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO	Case Number: 14SA283
Respondent: DANNY FISH AND COLORADO PARALEGAL SERVICES, INC.	
REPORT OF HEARING MASTER PURSUANT TO C.R.C.P. 236(a)	

This matter is before the Presiding Disciplinary Judge (“PDJ”) on an “Order of Court” issued by the Colorado Supreme Court on October 22, 2014. In its order, the Colorado Supreme Court referred this matter to the PDJ “to prepare a report setting forth findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations” pursuant to C.R.C.P. 234(f) and 236(a).

I. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 16, 2014, Kim E. Ikeler, Office of Attorney Regulation Counsel (“the People”), filed a “Petition for Injunction” against Danny Fish (“Respondent Fish”) and Colorado Paralegal Services, Inc. (“Respondent CPS”), alleging that they had engaged in the unauthorized practice of law.

The Colorado Supreme Court issued an “Order to Show Cause” on September 17, 2014, directing Respondents to show cause within twenty-one days why they should not be enjoined from the unauthorized practice of law. The People accomplished personal service upon Respondents of the petition and the Colorado Supreme Court’s show cause order on October 3, 2014. Respondents responded to the show cause order on October 20, 2014.

On October 22, 2014, the Colorado Supreme Court issued an “Order of Court,” referring this matter to the PDJ “to prepare a report setting forth findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendations” pursuant to C.R.C.P. 234(f) and 236(a). On October 24, 2014, the PDJ entered an order directing the parties to schedule this matter for a hearing and to coordinate a scheduling conference. The PDJ also indicated that Respondent CPS needed to retain licensed counsel because, as a business entity, it could not appear pro se in these proceedings. The PDJ held a scheduling conference on November 14, 2014, and the PDJ again advised Respondents that a business entity could not appear in court without

a licensed attorney. Respondent Fish advised the PDJ that he was going to hire an attorney for Respondent CPS. He did not do so.

On November 17, 2014, the People filed "Petitioner's Motion for Entry of Default," asking the PDJ to enter default against Respondent CPS pursuant to C.R.C.P. 55(a). Respondent CPS did not respond to the motion. The PDJ entered default against Respondent CPS on December 16, 2014, deeming all of the allegations in the petition admitted as to Respondent CPS. The PDJ entered default judgment against Respondent CPS on February 19, 2015, in a report to the Colorado Supreme Court setting forth findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation to enjoin Respondent CPS from the unauthorized practice of law.

On January 7, 2015, the People filed "Petitioner's Motion to Compel Respondent Fish to Make Complete Disclosures and Discovery Responses." On February 5, 2015, the PDJ issued an "Order Granting Motion to Compel Complete Disclosure and Discovery Responses Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 235(d) and 37(a)." In that order, the PDJ directed Respondent Fish to produce various documents to the People no later than February 19, 2015.

On February 19, 2015, the date Respondent Fish was to produce these documents, he instead filed a motion for an extension of time to comply. The same day, the People submitted "Petitioner's Response to Respondent's Motion for Extension of Time to Comply with this Court's Order Granting Petitioner's Motion to Compel," followed the next day by "Petitioner's Motion for Sanctions Based on Respondent's Failure to Comply with this Court's Order Granting Petitioner's Motion to Compel." The PDJ extended Respondent Fish's deadline to comply to March 2, 2015, while granting the People leave to refile their motion for sanctions if necessary.

The People renewed their sanctions request when Respondent Fish failed to produce the documents he had been ordered to turn over. The PDJ granted this request on March 20, 2015, and entered sanctions barring Respondent Fish from introducing into evidence any document he had failed to produce during discovery. The PDJ also precluded Respondent Fish from testifying about the following topics: (1) the identity, number, location, and profession of his customers; (2) how he has held himself out to customers; (3) his work for or communications with any of his customers, including witness J. Kerry; and (4) payments he received from any such customers.

The PDJ held a prehearing conference in this matter on March 23, 2015. Mr. Ikeler appeared on behalf of the People, and Respondent Fish appeared pro se by telephone. There, the parties discussed their preparations for the hearing.

On April 7, 2015, the People and Respondent Fish filed their stipulation. In that stipulation, Respondent Fish agrees to be enjoined from the practice of law. He agrees to take down and remove from the internet the website www.coloradoparalegalservicesinc.com and to request in writing that the business directories Amfibi and Manta remove their listings and postings about Colorado Paralegal Services, Inc. Finally, he agrees to pay costs in the

amount of \$832.21 within thirty days after the entry of an order by the Colorado Supreme Court.

II. ORDER AND RECOMMENDATION

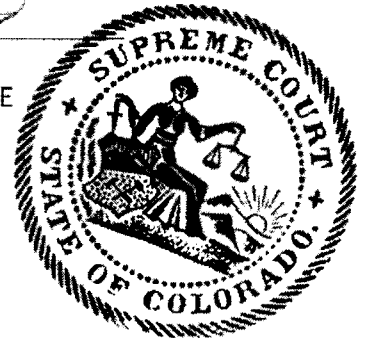
The PDJ **ACCEPTS** the stipulation of the parties. Subject to the Colorado Supreme Court's approval of the parties' stipulation, the PDJ **VACATES** the hearing on April 14, 2015.

The PDJ **RECOMMENDS** that the Colorado Supreme Court **APPROVE** the stipulation of the parties and **ENJOIN** Respondent **DANNY FISH** from the unauthorized practice of law. The PDJ **RECOMMENDS** that the Colorado Supreme Court **ORDER** Respondent Fish to remove from the internet the website www.coloradoparalegalservicesinc.com and to request in writing that the business directories Amfibi and Manta remove their listings and postings about Colorado Paralegal Services, Inc. The PDJ **RECOMMENDS** that the Colorado Supreme Court **ORDER** Respondent Fish to pay **COSTS** of \$832.21 within thirty days of the date of its order. The PDJ further **RECOMMENDS** that the Colorado Supreme Court **WAIVE** any **FINE** pursuant to C.R.C.P. 236(a).¹

DATED THIS 13th DAY OF APRIL, 2015.



WILLIAM R. LUCERO
PRESIDING DISCIPLINARY JUDGE



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¹ "A report from the Presiding Disciplinary Judge approving the parties' stipulation to injunction may be exempt from a fine."