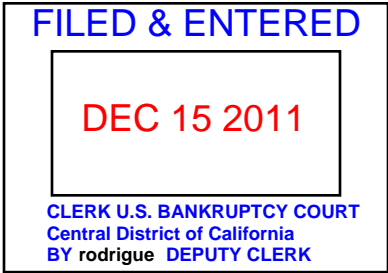


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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In re
**DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING OF
STEVEN E. SMITH**

Debtor(s).

Case No. SV MI 09-00014

**ORDER FOR IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION
OF ATTORNEY STEVEN E. SMITH FOR
NON-COMPLIANCE WITH ORDER FOR
REINSTATEMENT**

By amended order filed on October 5, 2011, this Attorney Disciplinary Hearing Panel granted the application of reinstatement for STEVEN E. SMITH (the "Attorney"), filed on July 1, 2011 and supplemented on August 5, 2001, and reinstated the Attorney to the practice of law before the Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, effective immediately, subject to certain terms and conditions, which included the following:

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- 2. The Attorney remains subject to the probationary conditions set forth in paragraph 7 of the Order on Disciplinary Proceeding Against Steven E. Smith, filed and entered on February 12, 2010 ("Disciplinary Order").

- 1 3. The Attorney remains subject to the bar from all representation of debtors in
2 chapter 11 cases before the Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of
3 California for the five-year period specified in paragraph 1 of the Disciplinary
4 Order.
- 5 4. As a condition for reinstatement, the Attorney is ordered to adopt and
6 implement the internal control recommendations set forth by the CPA auditor,
7 Bruce Ingram, Certified Public Accountant, which is attached as Exhibit 2 to the
8 Supplemental Application for Reinstatement of Steven E. Smith, etc., filed on
9 August 5, 2011, specifically as follows:
 - 10 a. The Attorney must maintain records of accounting for his law practice on
11 computer accounting software.
 - 12 b. The Attorney must use and retain client intake sheets in his law practice
13 for all clients, and such intake sheets must be retained by him for a
14 period of five years.
 - 15 c. The Attorney must open and use a client trust account to deposit any
16 and all attorney fee retainers and maintenance in the client trust account
17 until fees and costs are earned and billed, at which time such funds may
18 be disbursed to the firm's operating account and realized as income.
 - 19 d. The Attorney is required to meet with each client at least once before
20 making any court appearances on behalf of such client.
- 21 5. The Attorney must file a declaration under penalty of perjury with the Hearing
22 Panel within 60 days of entry of this order certifying his compliance with the
23 terms and conditions of reinstatement in this order, including specifically the
24 internal control recommendations of the auditor set forth in paragraph 4 above.
- 25 6. The Attorney must continue to file with the Panel and serve upon the United
26 States Trustee status reports pursuant to paragraph 8 of the Disciplinary Order.
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1 7. The Hearing Panel retains jurisdiction to enforce the terms and conditions of
2 this Order and the Disciplinary Order as well as to hear and determine any
3 applications for other or further discipline against the Attorney that may be
4 initiated by any other judge of this Court, any case trustee, or the United States
5 Trustee.

6 Amended Order for Reinstatement (“Amended Reinstatement Order”), filed on October 5,
7 2011.

8 After reviewing the docket for this disciplinary matter as of December 13, 2011
9 (2:09-mp-00014-BB) and verifying with each member of the Panel and the Clerk’s Office,
10 the Panel finds that the Attorney has not complied with the reinstatement order because
11 he did not file with the Panel a declaration under penalty of perjury certifying his
12 compliance with the terms and conditions of the Amended Reinstatement Order, filed on
13 October 5, 2011, including specifically the internal control recommendations of the
14 auditor, within sixty (60) days of entry of the Amended Reinstatement Order, which was
15 December 4, 2011.

16 Accordingly, the Panel orders as follows:

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18 1. The Attorney, Steven E. Smith, is hereby suspended from the practice of law
19 before the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California on the
20 terms and conditions set forth in the Disciplinary Order, filed and entered on February 10,
21 2010.

22 2. Attorney Smith’s suspension is effective immediately upon the entry of this
23 Order.

24 3. Attorney Smith must substitute out of all of his cases currently pending before
25 the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California. Within ten (10)
26 business days, Attorney Smith must immediately advise all of his clients that he has been
27 suspended from practice before this court, and assist in the transfer of all records for
28 those cases to other counsel competent in the particular areas of bankruptcy relevant to

1 any undertaking on behalf of those clients, to allow such counsel to substitute into those
2 cases prior to the effective date of Attorney Smith's suspension.

3 4. Attorney Smith's log in information for the ECF System is ordered de-activated
4 by the Clerk of the Court upon entry of this Order, and not reactivated unless and until
5 such reactivation is ordered by the Panel.

6 5. Attorney Smith may apply for reinstatement upon application that he has met
7 the terms and conditions of the Panel's Disciplinary and Amended Reinstatement Orders.


8 Dated: 12/15/11

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Sheri Bluebond
United States Bankruptcy Judge, Presiding

Dated: 12/15/11



Peter H. Carroll
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

Dated: 12/15/11



Robert N. Kwan
United States Bankruptcy Judge

PROOF OF SERVICE/CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Jennifer Wright, a regularly appointed and qualified clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Central District of California, do hereby certify that in the performance of my duties as such clerk, I served on each of the parties listed below, at the addresses set opposite their respective names, a copy of the Order For Immediate Suspension Of Attorney Steven E. Smith For Non-Compliance With Order For Reinstatement in the within matter by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope with postage thereon, fully prepaid, in the United States Mail on December 15, 2011.

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Date: December 15, 2011

Jennifer Wright
Deputy Clerk