

SUPREME COURT OF WYOMING

Board of Professional Responsibility v. Judson

160 P.3d 68 (Wyo. 2007) · Decided June 11, 2007

SUMMARY

The Wyoming Supreme Court approved reciprocal discipline against Timothy J. Judson based on a Colorado disciplinary order. The court suspended Judson from practicing law in Wyoming for one year and one day, with six months served and the remaining six months stayed subject to successful completion of a three-year probationary period, and ordered payment of costs and an administrative fee.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Wyoming
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Barton R. Voigt; Justice Hill; Justice Burke
JURISDICTION	Wyoming
DECIDED	June 11, 2007
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Wyoming Board of Professional Responsibility submitted a report and recommendation seeking reciprocal discipline after the Colorado Supreme Court suspended Timothy J. Judson from practicing law in Colorado.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published precedential opinion

TOPICS

administrative law

agency adjudication

PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics and attorney discipline

reciprocal discipline

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Wyoming should impose reciprocal discipline consistent with the disciplinary sanction imposed by the Colorado Supreme Court.
2. What sanction and costs should be imposed in Wyoming upon approval of the reciprocal-discipline recommendation.

HOLDINGS

1. The Wyoming Supreme Court approved, confirmed, and adopted the Board of Professional Responsibility's report and recommendation for reciprocal discipline.
2. Judson was suspended from the practice of law in Wyoming for one year and one day, with six months already served and the remaining six months stayed upon successful completion of the three-year probationary period imposed in Colorado; the Wyoming suspension was made concurrent with the Colorado suspension.

KEY QUOTATIONS

"This Court finds that the Report and Recommendation for Reciprocal Discipline should be approved, confirmed and adopted by the Court." (160 P.3d at 68)

"Respondent Timothy J. Judson shall be, and hereby is, suspended from the practice of law in the State of Wyoming for a period of one year and one day, with six months already served." (160 P.3d at 68-69)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Timothy J. Judson was an active member of the Wyoming State Bar and had practiced law since 1974. The Colorado Supreme Court suspended him for one year and one day, with six months served and the remaining period stayed subject to successful completion of three years of probation. Judson did not challenge the Colorado order and stipulated that reciprocal discipline in Wyoming was appropriate.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Colorado imposed a one-year-and-one-day suspension, with six months served and the remainder stayed during a three-year probationary period. The Wyoming Board recommended that Wyoming impose the same discipline under Rule 20 of the Disciplinary Code for the Wyoming State Bar. The Wyoming Supreme Court approved and adopted the Board's recommendation, imposed the reciprocal suspension, and ordered payment of costs and an administrative fee.

DISPOSITION

approved