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RE: Grievance Complaint #07-1136, Fairfield J.D. Grievance Panel v. Russell

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(g), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, have reviewed the *Stipulation for Presentment* (hereinafter "*Stipulation*"), filed December 31, 2007, and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Stipulation*, and the entire record of the complaint, and after conducting a hearing on February 6, 2007, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Stipulation*, a copy of which is attached hereto. Accordingly, the Respondent is hereby ordered presented to the Superior Court for the imposition of whatever discipline the Court deems appropriate, and said presentment is to be consolidated with the matter presently pending before the court.

Reviewing committee member William Carroll was unavailable for the hearing in this matter. Since his participation was waived, this decision was rendered by the undersigned.

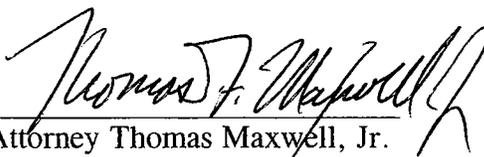
So ordered.

cc: Attorney George Ferrio

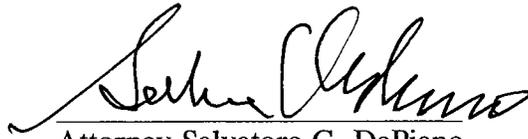
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**NO. 07-1136
FAIRFIELD JUDICIAL DISTRICT
GRIEVANCE PANEL
Complainant**

v.

**PHILIP D. RUSSELL
Respondent**

STIPULATION FOR PRESENTMENT

Pursuant to Connecticut Practice Book § 2-82 (g), the undersigned hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

1. On or about September 27, 2007, Respondent pled guilty in United States District Court for the District of Connecticut to one (1) count of Misprision of a Felony as a result of the same underlying conduct as alleged in the instant grievance complaint.
2. Accordingly, pursuant to Practice Book § 2-42 and by agreement of the parties, on or about November 5, 2007, the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, filed an Application for Interim Suspension of Respondent. (CV 07 4012819 S)
3. On November 29, 2007, the Court (Robinson, J) Ordered that the Respondent, Philip D. Russell, be placed on Interim Suspension for six (6) months and until further order of the Court.
4. The above captioned matter was instituted by grievance complaint by the Complainant, Fairfield Judicial District Grievance Panel, on or about November 12, 2007.

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5. On December 3, 2007, the New Haven JD Grievance Panel for the Towns of Bethany, New Haven and Woodbridge found Probable Cause that the Respondent had violated Rule 8.4 (2) of the Practice Book.

6. To date, Respondent remains on Interim Suspension, and Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent anticipate that upon sentencing of Respondent, Disciplinary Counsel shall file a Presentment of Respondent, in accordance with Practice Book § 2-41 (e).

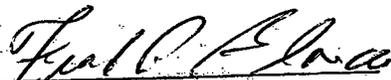
7. The parties to this Stipulation are desirous of consolidating the instant grievance complaint with the aforesaid Interim Suspension and Presentment matter in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82 (g).

NOW THEREFORE, THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

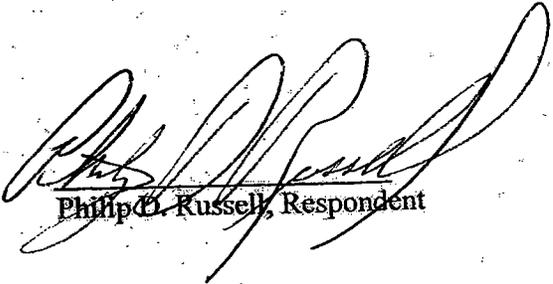
The Respondent and the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel agree to stipulate that an order of Presentment may issue in the instant grievance complaint No. 07-1136 for the purpose of consolidating said grievance complaint with the Respondent's Interim Suspension action, CV 07 4012819 S.

**OFFICE OF
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUSEL**

BY:


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RESPONDENT


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