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RE: GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT #11-0382
KAPHAN vs. BLANK

Dear Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel:

Enclosed herewith is the decision of the reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee concerning the above referenced matter. In accordance with the Practice Book Sections 2-35, 2-36 and 2-38(a), the Respondent may, within thirty (30) days of the date of this notice, submit to the Statewide Grievance Committee a request for review of the decision.

A request for review must be sent to the Statewide Grievance Committee at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Bowler

Encl.

cc: Attorney George J. Ferrio
Mitchell L. Kaphan

**NOTICE REGARDING DECISION
- PRESENTMENT -**

GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT # 11-0382

**THE ATTACHED DECISION IS PRESENTLY STAYED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH PRACTICE BOOK §2-35.**

SECTION 2-35 STATES, IN PART, AS FOLLOWS:

(e) ... Enforcement of the final decision ... shall be stayed for thirty days from the date of the issuance to the parties of the final decision. In the event the respondent timely submits to the statewide grievance committee a request for review of the final decision of the reviewing committee, such stay shall remain in full force and effect pursuant to Section 2-38(b).

Note: This stay terminates upon the issuance of a final decision by the Statewide Grievance Committee.

DECISION DATE: 9/2/11



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RE: Grievance Complaint #11-0382, Dr. Mitchell L. Kaphan v. John Blank

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(g), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, has reviewed the *Agreement to Order of Presentment for Consolidation* (hereinafter "*Agreement*") filed July 21, 2011 and submitted for approval in the above referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Agreement*, the undersigned hereby APPROVE the *Agreement*, a copy of which is attached hereto. Accordingly, the Respondent is hereby ordered presented to the Superior Court upon the terms set forth in the *Agreement*, and said presentment is to be consolidated with the matter presently pending before the court, Disciplinary Counsel v. John Blank, FBT-CV11-6017729-S.

So ordered.

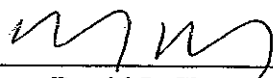
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cc: Dr. Mitchell J. Kaphan
Attorney George Ferrio

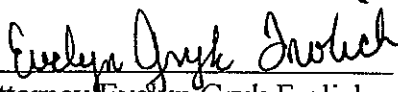
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Complainant

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11-0382

John Blank
Respondent

AGREEMENT TO ORDER OF PRESENTMENT FOR CONSOLIDATION

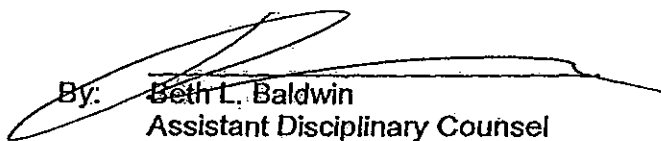
Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(g), the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. John Blank (hereinafter Respondent), juris number 004810, was admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut in October 1974.
2. The Respondent has registered with the Statewide Grievance Committee for 2011 and is currently under an order of interim suspension by the Bridgeport Superior Court, Honorable Barbara N. Bellis presided.
3. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint dated May 10, 2011.
4. On June 28, 2011, the Fairfield Judicial District Grievance Panel found probable cause that the Respondent violated Rules 1.15(e) and 8.1(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Section 2-32(a)(1) of the Connecticut Practice Book.
5. The Respondent is already the subject of another disciplinary matter pending before the court, Disciplinary Counsel v. John Blank, Docket No. FBT CV 11 6017729 S, in the Judicial District of Fairfield at Bridgeport.
6. The Respondent and the Disciplinary Counsel agree that an order of presentment may enter in the present matter.
7. Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(g), the Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate that the order of presentment is requested for the purpose of consolidating all pending disciplinary matters before the court.

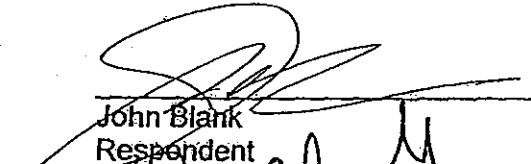
WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the Statewide Grievance Committee for an order of presentment in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82(g).

Office of Disciplinary Counsel,

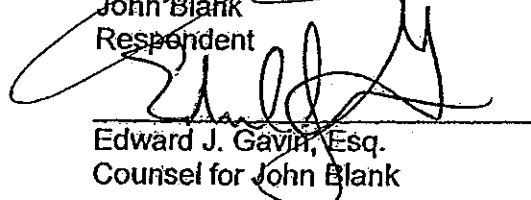
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By: Beth L. Baldwin
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

7/15/11
Date


John Blank
Respondent

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