

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

In the Matter of a)
Member of the Bar of)
the Supreme Court of) No. 316, 2004
the State of Delaware:)
)
C. CURTIS STAROPOLI,)
)
Respondent.)

Submitted: December 1, 2004
Decided: January 10, 2005

Before **STEELE**, Chief Justice, **HOLLAND** and **RIDGELY**, Justices.

ORDER

This 10th day of January 2005, it appears to the Court that:

1. The Board on Professional Responsibility has filed a Report in this reciprocal disciplinary matter pursuant to Rule 9(d) of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The Board recommended that the Court impose a one-year retroactive suspension. The Office of Disciplinary Counsel filed an objection to the Board's recommendation, seeking instead a one-year prospective suspension.

2. Either finding would require the Respondent to petition for reinstatement under Rule 22 to resume the practice of law. The Respondent has filed an objection, claiming the sanction imposed in an earlier foreign-jurisdiction

disciplinary matter, on which the present matter is based, did not require him to seek reinstatement.

3. The Court, having reviewed the matter after oral argument and on the parties' submissions, concludes that the Board's Report, recommending a retroactive suspension, should be approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the Report of the Board on Professional Responsibility filed on September 17, 2004, is **APPROVED**. The Court hereby directs that the Respondent is suspended from practicing law in Delaware for one year, retroactive to July 1, 2003. Although the term of suspension is over, the Respondent's suspension will continue to be in effect until he demonstrates proof of rehabilitation in accordance with Rule 22(a) of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. This matter is hereby **CLOSED**.

BY THE COURT:

/s/ Myron T. Steele
Chief Justice