

**REINSTATED ATTORNEY**

**RICHARD B. JOHNSON**

Bar No. 02118

PDJ No. 2012-9029

Supreme Court No. SB-12-0040

By order filed Jan. 10, 2013, Richard B. Johnson, Payson, Ariz., was reinstated to the practice of law effective immediately.

**SANCTIONED ATTORNEYS**

**MICHELLE ANN ARMITAGE**

Bar No. 020351; File No. 11-2855

PDJ No. 2012-9092

By judgment and order dated Jan. 25, 2013, Michelle A. Armitage, Tucson, was transferred to disability inactive status effective that date. She also was assessed the costs and expenses of the proceeding.

**JOHN T. BANTA**

Bar No. 010550; File No. 12-9001

PDJ No. 2012-9001

Supreme Court No. SB-12-0020-R

By the Arizona Supreme Court's Feb. 12, 2013, order, the reinstatement application of John T. Banta, Phoenix, was dismissed.

**WILLIAM M. KING**

Bar No. 005255; File Nos. 12-1134, 12-1280, 12-1388, 12-1396, 12-1639, 12-1641, 12-1704, 12-1705, 12-1806, 12-1808, 12-1853, 12-1962, 12-2162, 12-2178, 12-2281

PDJ No. 2012-9106

By judgment and order of the presiding disciplinary judge dated Jan. 24, 2013, William M. King, Mesa, Ariz., was disbarred effective immediately. He also was assessed the costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceeding and ordered to pay restitution and participate in fee arbitration.

The disbarment was based on Mr. King abandoning his law practice and clients, failing to refund unearned fees to clients, practicing law while suspended and failing to respond to the State Bar's investigation.

Aggravating factors: prior disciplinary offenses, a pattern of misconduct, multiple offenses, bad-faith obstruction of the disciplinary proceeding, substantial experience in the practice of law and indifference to making restitution.

Mr. King violated Rule 42, ARIZ.R.S.Ct., specifically ERs 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.15(d), 1.16(d), 5.5, and 8.1, and Rules 54(d), 72(b)(2), 72(c) and 72(e), ARIZ.R.S.Ct.

**DIANA McCULLOCH**

Bar No. 009885; File No.12-0349

PDJ No. 2012-9090

By order of the acting presiding disciplinary judge dated Aug. 17, 2011, Diana McCulloch, Tempe, Ariz., was reprimanded and assessed the costs and expenses of the disciplinary proceeding.

**CAUTION!** Nearly 17,000 attorneys are eligible to practice law in Arizona. Many attorneys share the same names. All discipline reports should be read carefully for names, addresses and Bar numbers.

Ms. McCulloch issued the subpoena *duces tecum* instead of using the proper procedure to unseal the custody evaluation sealed in the 2005 dissolution proceeding to obtain the requested documents. Ms. McCulloch's failure to follow proper procedures to unseal documents caused delays in the system, unnecessarily used court resources, and inconvenienced a nonparty that could not comply with the subpoena based on the court orders and confidential nature of the documents requested. She was ordered to pay attorney's fees, but failed to comply with that order because she had recently filed for bankruptcy.

Aggravating factors: prior disciplinary offenses and substantial experience in the practice of law.

Mitigating factors: absence of a dishonest or selfish motive, personal problems, cooperative attitude toward proceedings, and remoteness of prior offense.

Ms. McCulloch violated Rule 42, ARIZ.R.S.Ct., specifically ERs 3.4(c), 4.4(a), and 8.4(d).