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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

No. 15-BG-456

IN RE: HAROLD J. PICKERSTEIN,
Respondent.

Bar Registration No. 435206

BDN: 12-15

BEFORE: Thompson, Associate Judge, and Nebeker and Farrell, Senior Judges.

ORDER

(FILED – July 23, 2015)

On consideration of the certified order accepting respondent's resignation from the practice of law in the state of Connecticut wherein respondent conceded that there were sufficient facts to find that he had misappropriated client funds, this court's May 27, 2015, order suspending respondent and directing him to show cause why the functionally equivalent discipline in the form of a five-year suspension with a fitness requirement should not be imposed, and the statement of Bar Counsel, and it appearing that respondent has failed to file either a response to the court's order to show cause or the affidavit as required by D.C. Bar R. XI § 14 (g), it is

ORDERED that Harold J. Pickerstein is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the District of Columbia for a period of five years and his reinstatement is contingent on a finding of fitness. *See In re Sibley*, 990 A.2d 483 (D.C. 2010); *In re Fuller*, 930 A.2d 194, 198 (D.C. 2007) (rebuttable presumption of identical reciprocal discipline applies to all cases in which the respondent does not participate). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that for purposes of reinstatement the period of respondent's suspension will not begin to run until such time as he files a D.C. Bar R. XI § 14 (g) affidavit.

PER CURIAM