

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

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NEBRASKA SUPREME COURT  
COURT OF APPEALS

State of Nebraska ex rel. )  
 Counsel for Discipline of the )  
 Nebraska Supreme Court, )  
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 Relator, )  
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 v. )  
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 Vincent P. Sutera, )  
 )  
 Respondent. )

No. S-02-541.

ORDER OF DISBARMENT

Respondent Vincent P. Sutera was admitted to the practice of law in the State of Nebraska on June 15, 1970. On May 15, 2002, a grievance was filed with the Office of the Counsel for Discipline against respondent. On June 24, respondent filed with this court a voluntary surrender of license, voluntarily surrendering his license to practice law in the State of Nebraska. In his voluntary surrender of license respondent "freely, voluntarily, and knowingly" admitted that he engaged in conduct that violated DR 1-102(A) (1) and (6) of the Code of Professional Responsibility, as well as his oath of office as an attorney. In addition to surrendering his license, respondent voluntarily consented to the entry of an order of disbarment and waived his right to notice, appearance, and hearing prior to the entry of the order of disbarment.

Neb. Ct. R. of Discipline 15 (rev. 2001) provides in pertinent part:

(A) Once a Grievance, a Complaint, or a Formal Charge has been filed, suggested, or indicated against a member, the member may voluntarily surrender his or her license.

(1) The voluntary surrender of license shall state in writing that the member knowingly admits or knowingly does not

challenge or contest the truth of the suggested or indicated Grievance, Complaint, or Formal Charge and waives all proceedings against him or her in connection therewith.

Pursuant to rule 15 we find that respondent has voluntarily surrendered his license to practice law, admitted in writing that he knowingly admits or knowingly does not challenge or contest the truth of the grievance, and has waived all proceedings against him in connection therewith. We further find that respondent has admitted engaging in conduct that violated DR 1-102(A)(1) and (6), and the attorney oath of office, and has consented to the entry of an order of disbarment.

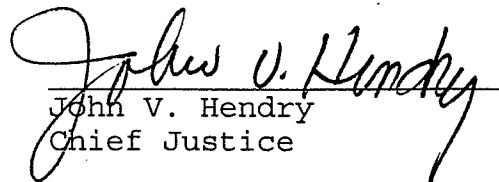
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Vincent P. Sutera is disbarred from the practice of law in the State of Nebraska.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that respondent shall forthwith comply with Neb. Ct. R. of Discipline 16 (rev. 2001), and upon his failure to do so, he shall be subject to punishment for contempt of this court.

The Clerk of the Nebraska Supreme Court is directed to cause a copy of this order to be served upon respondent by certified United States mail.

Dated this 3 day of July, 2002.

BY THE COURT:

  
John V. Hendry  
Chief Justice