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RE: GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT #11-0371  
RICHER vs. BARBER

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael P. Bowler".

Michael P. Bowler

Encl.

cc: Attorney Gregory A. Benoit  
Attorney Mary A. Santacroce  
Kathy A. Richer

**NOTICE REGARDING DECISION  
- PRESENTMENT -**

**GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT #** 11-0371

**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:** 2/3/12



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RE: Grievance Complaint #11-0371, Richer v. Barber

Dear Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent:

Pursuant to Practice Book §2-82(g), the undersigned, duly-appointed reviewing committee of the Statewide Grievance Committee, have reviewed the *Agreement to Order of Presentment For Consolidation* (hereinafter "*Agreement*"), filed on January 11, 2012 and submitted for approval in the above-referenced matter. After careful consideration of the *Agreement* and the entire record of the complaint, and after conducting a hearing on January 11, 2012, 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.

So ordered.

Encl.

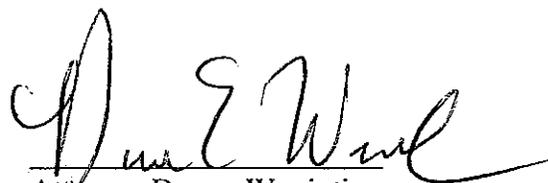
cc: Kathy Richer  
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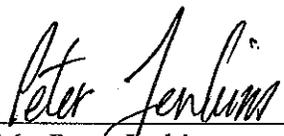


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Mr. Peter Jenkins

## STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

KATHY RICHER  
Complainant

v. GRIEVANCE COMPLAINT #  
11-0371

STEPHEN M. BARBER  
Respondent

### AGREEMENT TO ORDER OF PRESENTMENT FOR CONSOLIDATION

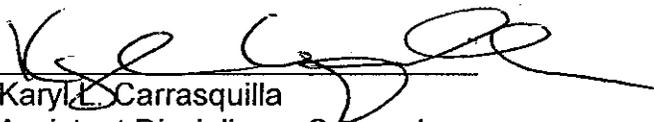
Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-82(g), the undersigned Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Stephen M. Barber (hereinafter Respondent), juris number 100731, was admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut on May 19, 1980.
2. The Respondent has registered with the Statewide Grievance Committee for 2012 and therefore, is currently in good standing.
3. This matter was instituted by grievance complaint dated May 6, 2011.
4. On August 18, 2011, the Middlesex Judicial District Grievance Panel found probable cause that the Respondent had violated Rules 1.3 and 3.4(3) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
5. The Respondent is already the subject of another disciplinary matter pending before the court, Disciplinary Counsel v. Stephen Barber, Docket No. MMX-CV-11-6004372S, in the Judicial District of Middletown.
6. The Respondent and the Disciplinary Counsel agree that an order of presentment may enter in the present matter pursuant to agreement and Court Order dated March 2, 2011.
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.

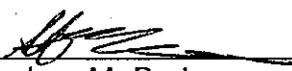
WHEREFORE, this matter is submitted to the Statewide Grievance Committee for an order of presentment in accordance with Practice Book § 2-82(g).

Office of Disciplinary Counsel,

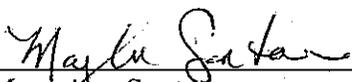
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By:   
Karyl Carrasquilla  
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

1/11/2012  
Date

  
Stephen M. Barber  
Respondent

1/11/2012  
Date

  
Mary Ann Santacroce  
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