

In re Tarkong, 3 ROP Intrm. 37 (1991)
IN THE MATTER OF JOHN S. TARKONG,
Petitioner-Respondent.

APPEAL NO. 27-91
Disciplinary Proceeding No. 2-88

Supreme Court, Disciplinary Tribunal
Republic of Palau

Decided: August 14, 1991

Counsel for Petitioner-Respondent: *Pro se*

Disciplinary Counsel: Robert Hartsock

BEFORE: LOREN A. SUTTON, Associate Justice; ROBERT A. HEFNER, Associate Justice;
EDWARD C. KING, Associate Justice

PER CURIAM:

The Trust Territory Disciplinary Rules and those of the Republic of Palau establish a panel or tribunal of justices or judges to hear attorney disciplinary matters.

In the case of the Trust Territory Rules it is required that such panel be composed of three judges authorized to sit in the Appellate Division of the Trust Territory High Court. We agree with Petitioner that the Disciplinary Rules of the Trust Territory shall apply in this matter pursuant to Rule 16, *Disciplinary Rules and Procedures*, ROP.

Authority to discipline attorneys in the ROP is vested exclusively in the ROP Supreme Court. ROP Constitution, Art. X, sec. 14. All functions of the Trust Territory High Court with the exception of appellate review in areas not applicable in this matter were transferred to the Supreme Court, ROP, in October 138 1981, pursuant to Secretarial Order No. 3039.

All members of the Tribunal which heard and adjudged Petitioner's disciplinary matter were justices authorized to sit in the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of the ROP.

We FIND that no jurisdiction exists in this Court to entertain a writ of certiorari as such writ, in effect, asks this Court to review its own ruling.

The Petition for Writ of Certiorari is denied.