

In re Armaluuk, 9 ROP 3 (2001)
**In the Matter of
FRANCISCO ARMALUUK,
Respondent.**

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING
NO. 00-12

Supreme Court, Disciplinary Tribunal
Republic of Palau

Heard: January 11, 2001
Decided: February 22, 2001

BEFORE: ARTHUR NGIRAKLSONG, Chief Justice; R. BARRIE MICHELSEN, Associate Justice; KATHLEEN M. SALII, Associate Justice.

PER CURIAM:

Respondent was counsel of record for the appellant in Civil Appeal No. 00-05. On August 24, 2001, the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court issued an order to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed for failure to file an opening brief. No response was received and the appeal was dismissed. Disciplinary Counsel was appointed to investigate the matter and filed a formal complaint charging Respondent with a violation of ABA Model Rule 1.1 relating to competence in representation. A hearing was set for January 11, 2001.

Before the hearing Respondent and Disciplinary Counsel filed a Stipulation in which Respondent admitted to a violation of ABA Model Rule 1.1 and the parties agreed to an appropriate sanction of requiring Respondent to reimburse his client for the filing fees and transcript costs incurred in the dismissed appeal. The Tribunal accepts Respondent's admission and the recommended sanction. Accordingly, Respondent is hereby ordered to reimburse Appellant in Civ. App. No. 00-05 for all filing fees and transcript costs incurred by Appellant in that case.