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**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS**

**No. 15-BG-1094**

IN RE: JOEL D. JOSEPH,  
Respondent.

**Bar Registration No. 183830**

**BDN: 261-15**

BEFORE: Fisher, Associate Judge, and Nebeker and Reid, Senior Judges.

**ORDER**

(FILED - December 17, 2015)

On consideration of the certified opinion of the Court of Appeals of Maryland disbaring respondent from the practice of law in that jurisdiction, *see Attorney Grievance Comm'n of Maryland v. Joseph*, 31 A.3d 137 (Md. 2011), this court's October 8, 2015, order directing respondent to show cause why reciprocal discipline should not be imposed, the response of respondent, the statement of Bar Counsel regarding reciprocal discipline, the lodged reply of respondent, and it appearing that respondent filed his D.C. Bar R. XI, §14 (g) affidavit on October 29, 2015, it is

ORDERED that the Clerk shall file the lodged reply of respondent. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that Joel D. Joseph is hereby disbarred from the practice of law in this jurisdiction, *nunc pro tunc* to October 29, 2015. To the extent respondent challenges imposition of reciprocal discipline by attempting to re-litigate the discipline imposed by the state of Maryland, such a challenge is improper in reciprocal disciplinary proceedings, *see In re Zdravkovich*, 831 A.2d 964, 969 (D.C. 2003) ("Put simply, reciprocal discipline proceedings are not a forum to reargue the foreign discipline."). Further, to the extent that respondent argues that there was a deficiency of evidence to support the originating jurisdiction's findings that he engaged in misrepresentations as to his residence when he filed a motion to appear *pro hac vice*, he was permitted to submit evidence and argument in the originating jurisdiction on why he should not be disbarred.

**PER CURIAM**

