

to build enough strength to withstand surgery. He returned to work in 2009, and by the next year, he and his pastry chef wife, Karen, were able to open their restaurant at 39 E. Court St. in the Johnson

(at the Indigo Duck), with a unique menu — we didn't have anything else like that. It's a really great and necessary business for Franklin."

England, a culinary instructor at Ivy Tech Com-

could say something you'd like that wasn't on the menu, and he'd cook it."

Karen Hewett was unavailable for comment Tuesday. Calls to the Indigo Duck went to a voice-

that reservations for Mother's Day brunch have been closed.

Swartz Mortuary in Franklin is handling funeral arrangements.

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Lawyer's license suspended

Indy attorney defends assertions about Jews

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The Indiana Supreme Court has suspended the law license of Indianapolis attorney Gordon B. Dempsey for three years, citing professional misconduct in connection with a personal bankruptcy case in which he made disparaging remarks about other attorneys.

A disciplinary order posted Tuesday on the Supreme Court website said:

"Respondent's history of unethical litigation practices, his continued attacks on those involved in the bankruptcy and foreclosure actions and in this disciplinary proceeding, the virulent bigotry

he has manifested in these proceedings, and his lack of any insight into his misconduct suggest that disbarment may be justified.

"Nevertheless, a majority of this court has decided not to close the door permanently on the possibility of respondent's professional rehabilitation. The court will therefore impose a substantial suspension, after which respondent may choose to undergo a rigorous reinstatement process to prove his understanding of his ethical duties and remorse before resuming practice."

The order says that Dempsey's action stemmed from a real estate deal gone bad. He allegedly made "baseless, inflammatory accusations against" the property seller, other attorneys involved in the case and the courts.

The order continues: "In 2009, respondent handed out flyers entitled 'Stop the Plunder in Bankruptcy Court' in Downtown Indianapolis. The flyer, which was based upon respondent's Chapter 13 bankruptcy case, called Sellers (without naming them) 'slumlords,' called their attorneys (naming the firm) 'bloodsucking shylocks' who were part of a 'heavily jewish (sic) ... reorganization cartel,' and made free-ranging disparaging remarks about Jews generally, from the fall of Jericho, through 1925 Berlin, to their alleged involvement in the 9/11 attacks."

Dempsey defended his action in a statement emailed to The Indianapolis Star.

"The flier aimed at a nationwide problem, corruption of the heavily Jewish bankruptcy

courts, which has gone on for decades," he said. "Even the strongest language in the flier is well supported by eminent commentators, as to both the bankruptcy courts, and Jewish history and religion, including the law of the stranger, which has run amok in the bankruptcy courts."

The flier was not distributed until the case was over, he said, adding he has represented people pursuing age, race and sex discrimination claims.

"Pure free speech, where the right of the public to have the information — especially from someone who should know — and sort it out themselves, is paramount," Dempsey said.

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