

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE: DISCIPLINE OF VICKI
CARLTON, ESQ.

No. 44465

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

This is an automatic appeal from a Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel's recommendation that attorney Vicki Carlton be suspended from the practice of law for six months and one day. This court issued a briefing schedule, but Carlton did not file an opening brief, so the case has been submitted on the record.

This matter was initially referred to the bar by this court after Carlton failed to comply with our repeated orders to pay sanctions imposed against her in the case of Williams v. Yacek, Docket No. 35534. In a complaint filed by the bar on July 22, 2004, Carlton was charged with violations of SCR 151 (competence), SCR 153 (diligence), SCR 173(3) (knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), SCR 200(2) (bar association and disciplinary matters), and SCR 203(4) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice). Carlton failed to answer the complaint or respond to any communications from the bar. Moreover, Carlton did not appear at the panel's formal hearing held on December 15, 2004, so a default was entered against her and all charges in the complaint were deemed admitted under SCR 105(2).

The panel recommended that Carlton be suspended for a period of six months and one day, which will require Carlton to petition for

reinstatement before she may resume practicing law.¹ The panel also recommended that Carlton be ordered to pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings within thirty days of her receipt of the bar's bill of costs in this matter.

We agree with the panel's recommendation and suspend Carlton for a period of six months and one day.² Carlton shall pay the disciplinary proceedings' costs within thirty days of receiving the bar's bill of costs, and will not be considered for reinstatement absent proof that she has paid all costs of the disciplinary proceedings, as well as the sanctions imposed in Docket No. 35534.

It is so ORDERED.

Becker, C.J.
Becker

Rose, J.
Rose

Maupin, J.
Maupin

Douglas, J.
Douglas

Gibbons, J.
Gibbons

Hardesty, J.
Hardesty

Parraguirre, J.
Parraguirre

¹SCR 116(1).

²Carlton and the state bar shall comply with SCR 115.

This is our final disposition of this matter. Any new proceedings concerning Carlton shall be docketed under a new docket number. In light of this order, we vacate our March 29, 2005 order in Docket No. 43912, to the extent that it concerns Carlton.

cc: Howard Miller, Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
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Allen W. Kimbrough, Executive Director, State Bar
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Supreme Court of the United States
Vicki Carlton