

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF  
DOUGLAS J. ALLEN, ESQ.

No. 47794

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ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This is a petition by the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board Chair for an order temporarily suspending attorney Douglas J. Allen from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him. The petition and supporting documentation demonstrate that Allen appears to have entered into settlements on his clients' behalf, without their consent, and then misappropriated the settlement proceeds. Allen has also apparently converted other funds. The total amount that appears to have been misappropriated exceeds \$60,000.

SCR 102(4)(a) provides, in pertinent part:

On the petition of a disciplinary board, signed by its chairman or vice chairman, supported by an affidavit alleging facts personally known to the affiant which shows that an attorney appears to be posing a substantial threat of serious harm to

the public, the supreme court may issue an order, with notice as the court may prescribe, imposing an immediate temporary suspension of the attorney . . . .

In addition, SCR 102(4)(b) provides that this court may place restrictions on an attorney's handling of funds.

We conclude that the documentation before us demonstrates that Allen poses a substantial threat of serious harm, and that his immediate temporary suspension is warranted.<sup>1</sup> We further conclude that Allen's handling of funds should be restricted.<sup>2</sup>

Accordingly, Allen is temporarily suspended from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him.<sup>3</sup> In addition, Allen shall be prohibited from withdrawing funds in his client trust account, or from any other account containing funds belonging to third parties, except upon written approval of bar counsel or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. The state bar shall immediately serve Allen with a copy of this order. Such service may be accomplished by

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<sup>1</sup>See SCR 102(4)(a).

<sup>2</sup>See SCR 102(4)(b).

<sup>3</sup>Under SCR 102(4)(c), Allen is immediately prohibited from accepting new clients. He may continue to represent existing clients for fifteen days. Any fees or other funds received from or on behalf of clients during this fifteen-day period shall be deposited in a trust account, from which no withdrawals may be made except upon written approval of bar counsel or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

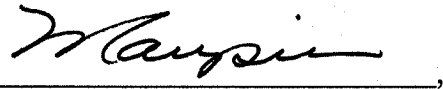
personal service, certified mail, delivery to a person of suitable age at Allen's law office or residence, or by publication. When served on either Allen or a depository in which he maintains an account, this order shall constitute an injunction against withdrawal of the proceeds except in accordance with the terms of this order.<sup>4</sup>

It is so ORDERED.<sup>5</sup>



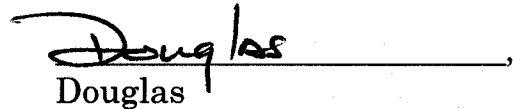
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J.

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J.

Douglas

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<sup>4</sup>See SCR 102(4)(b).

<sup>5</sup>Allen and the state bar shall comply with SCR 115.

This is our final disposition of this matter. Any new proceedings concerning Allen shall be docketed under a new docket number.