

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF  
PETER REYNOLDS, ESQ., BAR NO.  
2452.

No. 53237

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ORDER APPROVING CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA AGREEMENT

This is an automatic review of a Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel's recommendation that we approve, pursuant to SCR 113, a conditional guilty plea in exchange for a stated form of discipline for attorney Peter Reynolds. Under the agreement, Reynolds admits to violating RPC 1.3 (diligence), RPC 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel: knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal) and RPC 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters: knowingly failing to respond to a demand for information from a disciplinary authority). These violations stem from his failure to comply with this court's rules, notices and orders regarding an appeal; and from his subsequent initial failure to respond to the State Bar after the matter was referred to it for investigation.

The agreed-upon discipline provides for Reynolds to be suspended from the practice of law for six months and one day, to be stayed for one year subject to probationary conditions. The conditions of the probationary period are as follows:

- Reynolds shall not receive any other bar complaints that result in the finalization of a letter of reprimand as defined in SCR 102 or in a formal hearing where specific findings from the panel are entered that Reynolds violated any rule of professional conduct.
- Reynolds shall not receive any additional referrals from this court to the office of bar counsel for investigation pursuant to SCR 105.
- Should Reynolds have any appeals that need to be handled, he is required to consult with a mentor that is approved by bar counsel. While the appeal is pending, the mentor shall provide a monthly report to the office of bar counsel reporting the mentor's opinion regarding whether Reynolds is appropriately following the Nevada Rules of Appellate Procedure.
- Reynolds is to respond to the state bar in the time period allotted in any communication from the state bar. Failure to do so on even one occasion shall result in a file being opened and being presented to a screening panel for recommendation.
- Should Reynolds violate any of these conditions, bar counsel will file the appropriate pleading in this court requesting that the stayed suspension be imposed.

Having reviewed the record, we conclude that the plea agreement should be approved, with one modification as to the length of the stay subject to probation. See SCR 113(1). Accordingly, attorney Peter Reynolds is hereby suspended from the practice of law for six months and one day. The suspension is stayed for two years, subject to the probationary conditions of the agreement as set forth above.

Reynolds is further ordered to pay costs of the disciplinary proceedings within 90 days.

It is so ORDERED.

Hardesty, C.J.  
Hardesty

Parraguirre, J.  
Parraguirre

Douglas, J.  
Douglas

Cherry, J.  
Cherry

Saitta, J.  
Saitta

Gibbons, J.  
Gibbons

Pickering, J.  
Pickering

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