

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF
JENNIFER K. WENSINK, ESQ.

No. 53348

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *[Signature]*
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This is a petition by the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board Chair for an order temporarily suspending attorney Jennifer Wensink from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against her. The petition and supporting documentation demonstrate that: (1) Wensink provided at least three clients with fictitious pleadings in an attempt to mask her lack of diligence in pursuing their cases. One of those matters is the subject of a pending formal disciplinary proceeding currently in default status due to Wensink's failure to answer the complaint. (2) Wensink has demonstrated a persistent pattern of failure to respond to the state bar in two pending formal disciplinary matters and has refused to cooperate with the state bar's investigations. (3) Wensink hid correspondence from her former employer, created fictitious time entries, and failed to properly manage cases. (4) Wensink filed a bankruptcy petition using one attorney's e-filing account and submitted the petition using another attorney's bar number, without either attorney's knowledge or consent, and then abandoned the petition.

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

On the petition of a disciplinary board, signed by its chair or vice-chair, 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 order, with notice as the court may prescribe, the attorney's immediate temporary suspension or may impose other conditions upon the attorney's practice.

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

We conclude that the documentation before us demonstrates that Wensink poses a substantial threat of serious harm to the public, and that her immediate temporary suspension is warranted.¹ We further conclude that Wensink's handling of funds should be restricted.²

Accordingly, Wensink is temporarily suspended from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against her.³ In addition, Wensink is prohibited from withdrawing any funds from any and all accounts relating in any way to her law practice, including but not limited to her general and trust accounts, except upon

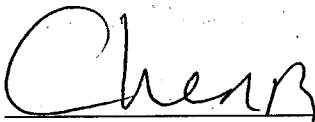
¹See SCR 102(4)(a).


²See SCR 102(4)(b).

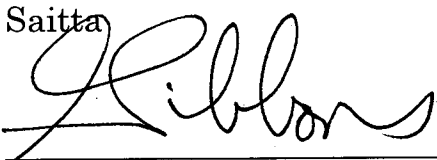
³Under SCR 102(4)(c), Wensink is immediately prohibited from accepting new clients and precluded from continuing to represent existing clients. Any fees or other funds received by Wensink from or on behalf of clients shall be deposited in a trust account, from which no withdrawals may be made except upon written approval of bar counsel or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. Id.

written approval of bar counsel or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.⁴ The state bar shall immediately serve Wensink with a copy of this order. Such service may be accomplished by personal service, certified mail, delivery to a person of suitable age at Wensink's law office or residence, or by publication. When served on either Wensink or a depository in which she maintains an account, this order shall constitute an injunction against withdrawal of the proceeds except in accordance with the terms of this order.⁵

It is so ORDERED.⁶


_____, J.
Cherry


_____, J.
Saitta


_____, J.
Gibbons

cc: Jeffrey D. Albrechts, Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
Rob W. Bare, Bar Counsel
Kimberly K. Farmer, Executive Director
Jennifer K. Wensink
Perry Thompson, Admission Office, U.S. Supreme Court

⁴See SCR 102(4)(b).

⁵See *id.*

⁶Wensink shall comply with SCR 115.

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