

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF JAMES M.
PARSA, ESQ., BAR NO. 7127.

No. 57051

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ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION AND REFERRAL TO
DISCIPLINARY BOARD

This is a petition by bar counsel pursuant to SCR 111 and SCR 114 concerning attorney James M. Parsa, based on his 2001 conviction in California of two misdemeanor counts of unlawful sexual intercourse, and his failure to report to the Nevada bar his resignation from the California bar with disciplinary charges pending. The petition is supported by certified copies of documentation evidencing that on May 17, 2001, Parsa pleaded guilty in Orange County, California, Superior Court to two misdemeanor counts of unlawful sexual intercourse, for which he was sentenced to three years of informal probation. Parsa complied with the conditions of his probation and the case was closed on November 25, 2006.

The California bar placed Parsa on interim suspension effective October 16, 2009, pending the outcome of disciplinary proceedings as a result of his conviction. On October 21, 2009, Parsa filed his resignation with charges pending with the California bar. On December 2, 2009, the Nevada bar received from Parsa a voluntary request to transfer to inactive membership pursuant to SCR 98(6). Parsa did not inform the Nevada bar that he had resigned from the California bar with disciplinary charges pending as a result of a criminal conviction.

Pursuant to SCR 111(9), which applies when an attorney has been convicted of a crime which does not meet the definition of "serious

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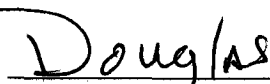
crime” under SCR 111(6), we may refer a matter to the appropriate disciplinary board for action but may decline to refer a conviction for a “minor offense” to the board. Having considered the matters set forth in the petition, we conclude that Parsa’s conviction is not for minor offenses. Moreover, pursuant to SCR 114, Parsa had a duty to inform Nevada bar counsel of his resignation from the California bar with disciplinary charges pending. SCR 114(1); Ching v. State Bar of Nevada, 111 Nev. 779, 785, 895 P.2d 646, 649 (1995). We note that Parsa did not respond to the petition, though the rules permit him to do so. SCR 114(3).

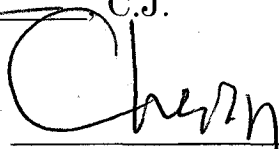
We therefore elect to refer this matter for commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings before the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board pursuant to SCR 105(2); we further elect to temporarily suspend Parsa pending the resolution of the formal disciplinary proceedings against him. SCR 111, 114.


It is so ORDERED.¹

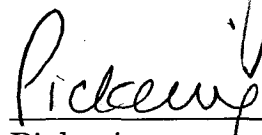

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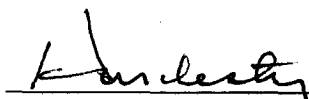
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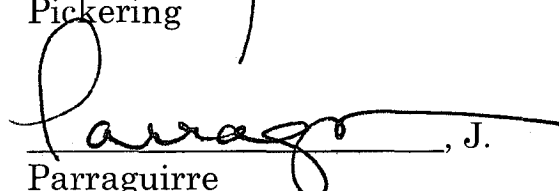

Douglas, J.


Cherry, J.


Gibbons, J.


Pickering, J.


Hardesty, J.


Parraguirre, J.

¹This order constitutes our final disposition of this matter. Any further proceedings concerning attorney Parsa shall be docketed as a new matter.

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