

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF VALNER L.
JOHNSON, NEVADA BAR NO. 4109.

No. 57988

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ORDER OF DISBARMENT BY CONSENT

The Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board and attorney Valner L. Johnson, Bar No. 4109, have filed, pursuant to SCR 112, a joint petition for Johnson's disbarment by consent. The petition is supported by Johnson's affidavit, in which he states that he consents to disbarment and does so freely and voluntarily; that he has not been subjected to any coercion or duress; that he is fully aware of the implications of his consent; and that he has had an opportunity to consult with counsel prior to consenting to disbarment. Johnson concedes that the material facts in the petition are true.¹ He submits the affidavit with full knowledge that if the

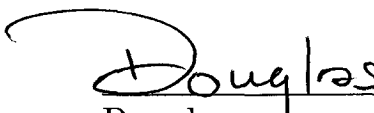
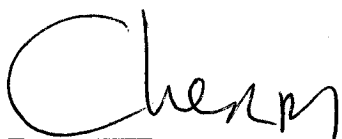
¹The petition states that on December 8, 2009, the State Bar of Nevada filed a complaint against Johnson, Case Nos. 08-224-1870 and 09-041-1870, alleging that he falsified multiple pleadings and provided them to a client, in violation of RPC 1.3 (diligence), RPC 1.4 (communication), RPC 1.7 (conflict of interest: current clients), and RPC 8.4(c) (misconduct: engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation). The complaint further alleged that Johnson had overdrawn his trust account in violation of RPC 1.15 (safekeeping property). The petition further states that Johnson has three additional matters pending with the State Bar: Case No. 09-155-1870 alleges that Johnson withheld settlement funds from clients and misrepresented

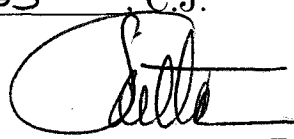
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state bar were to prosecute his case, he could not successfully defend against the charges.


Pursuant to SCR 112(1), an attorney who is the subject of an investigation or proceeding involving allegations of misconduct may consent to disbarment by submitting the requisite affidavit. Johnson's affidavit meets the requirements of SCR 112(1). The joint petition meets the requirements of SCR 112(2). Therefore, the petition for disbarment by consent is granted. Valner L. Johnson is hereby disbarred. The parties shall comply with the applicable provisions of SCR 115 and SCR 121.1 regarding notice and publication.

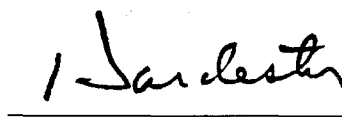
It is so ORDERED.

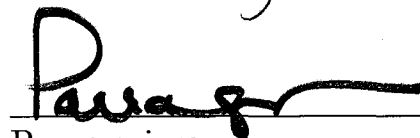

Douglas, C.J.

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settlement amounts; Case No. SG11-0132 alleges that Johnson is under indictment by the United States Attorney's Office for attempting to convince a client to assist him in perpetrating a felony; and SG11-0212 alleges that Johnson falsified a court order in a probate matter.

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