

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF  
ZACHARY B. COUGHLIN, ESQ., BAR  
NO. 9473.

No. 60838

**FILED**

JUN 07 2012

TRACEY K. INDEMAN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *[Signature]*  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION AND  
REFERRAL TO DISCIPLINARY BOARD

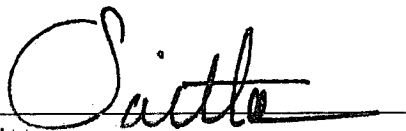
Bar counsel for the State Bar of Nevada has filed a petition pursuant SCR 111 seeking an order from this court temporarily suspending attorney Zachary B. Coughlin, Bar Number 9473, from the practice of law and referring him for disciplinary proceedings. The petition alleges that on September 9, 2011, Coughlin shoplifted a candy bar and cough drops from a Wal-Mart store. It is supported by documentation indicating that on November 30, 2011, in the Municipal Court of the City of Reno, Coughlin was found guilty, following a bench trial, of one count of petit larceny/theft in violation of Reno Municipal Code 8.10.040. He was ordered to pay \$400 in fines and fees. Coughlin appealed his conviction to the Second Judicial District Court, and on March 15, 2012, the judgment was affirmed.<sup>1</sup>

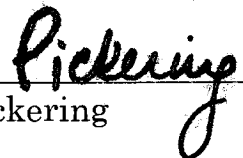
---

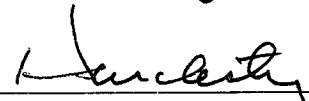
<sup>1</sup>The petition does not indicate whether Coughlin informed bar counsel of the conviction as required by SCR 111(2).

Pursuant to SCR 111, temporary suspension and referral to the appropriate disciplinary board are mandatory when an attorney has been convicted of a "serious" crime, which includes theft. SCR 111(6)-(8). Accordingly, pursuant to SCR 111(8), we refer this matter to the appropriate disciplinary board for the institution of a formal hearing before a hearing panel in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the discipline to be imposed. Furthermore, pursuant to SCR 111(7), we hereby temporarily suspend attorney Zachary B. Coughlin from the practice of law in Nevada, pending final disposition of the disciplinary proceedings.

It is so ORDERED.<sup>2</sup>

 J.  
Saitta

 J.  
Pickering

 J.  
Hardesty

cc: J. Thomas Susich, Chair, Northern Nevada Disciplinary Board  
David A. Clark, Bar Counsel  
Kimberly K. Farmer, Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada  
Zachary B. Coughlin  
Perry Thompson, Admissions Office, United States Supreme Court

---

<sup>2</sup>This order constitutes our final disposition of this matter. Should there be any further proceedings regarding Coughlin, they shall be docketed as a new matter.