

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF
REINSTATEMENT OF JONATHAN R.
PATTERSON, BAR NO. 9644.

No. 63738

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ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

This is a petition for reinstatement to the practice of law by suspended attorney Jonathan R. Patterson. A hearing panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board recommended that Patterson be reinstated to the practice of law, subject to conditions.¹ The hearing panel found that Patterson fulfilled the requirements of SCR 116 for an attorney seeking reinstatement and demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that he has the moral qualifications, competency, and learning in law required for admission to the practice of law and that his resumption of the practice of law will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar, to the administration of justice, or to the public interest.

¹Patterson's underlying suspension was the result of a conditional guilty plea in exchange for a stipulated form of discipline, wherein the State Bar and Patterson agreed that Patterson be suspended for two years, retroactive to November 15, 2010, with conditions. We approved this conditional guilty plea and stipulated discipline. *See In re Discipline of Patterson*, Docket No. 59745 (Order Approving Conditional Guilty Plea Agreement and Suspension from the Practice of Law, February 22, 2013). The present matter is before this court based on Patterson's petition for reinstatement following his suspension.

The panel recommended that Patterson be reinstated, subject to the following conditions:

1. Patterson shall provide the State Bar with quarterly reports for the two (2) year probationary period. These reports shall address each condition described below.
2. Patterson shall continue with the Sexual Addicts Anonymous ("SAA") meetings during the next two (2) years, and participate in at least fifty (50) meetings per year. Patterson shall provide copies of the SAA sign-in sheets to the State Bar every quarter.
3. Patterson shall continue meeting with his therapist, Dr. Owens, at least once a month during the next two (2) years. Dr. Owens shall inform the State Bar about any specific behavioral concerns exhibited by Patterson. Dr. Owens shall provide to the State Bar, at Patterson's expense, a psychosexual evaluation report at the end of the two (2) year probation period.
4. Patterson shall not practice in the area of family law or any area of law directly involving juveniles during the two (2) year probationary period.
5. Patterson shall provide any employer during the probationary period with a copy of the final order of the Supreme Court in this matter.
6. Should Patterson enter into solo practice or be employed as general counsel, he shall obtain a Mentor that is approved by bar counsel. The Mentor shall submit quarterly reports to the State Bar detailing his contacts with Peterson; his

impressions of Paterson and any concerns that the Mentor believes that bar counsel should know about Patterson's practice of law.

7. Patterson shall pay all outstanding child support and alimony within three (3) years.
8. That Patterson shall pay the costs of these proceedings within thirty (30) days of an Order from the Supreme Court directing him to do so.

SCR 116(2) requires that an attorney seeking reinstatement demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence that he or she "has the moral qualifications, competency, and learning in law required for admission to practice law in this state," and that the attorney's "resumption of the practice of law will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar, to the administration of justice, or to the public interest."

Having reviewed the record, we conclude that clear and convincing evidence supports the panel's findings and conclusions. We therefore approve the panel's recommendation that the petition for reinstatement be granted. In doing so, we adopt the above-listed conditions, although with one clarification. Specifically, the condition requiring Patterson to provide a copy of this order to his employers shall be limited in duration to the two year probationary period following reinstatement.

Accordingly, Patterson is hereby reinstated to the practice of law in Nevada subject to the above conditions.² Patterson shall pay the costs of the reinstatement proceedings within 30 days of this order. See SCR 120.

It is so ORDERED.

Hardesty, C.J.
Hardesty

Parraguirre, J.
Parraguirre

Douglas, J.
Douglas

Cherry, J.
Cherry

Gibbons, J.
Gibbons

Pickering, J.
Pickering

²We deny as moot Patterson's motion to expedite resolution of this matter.

SAITTA, J, dissenting:

I dissent. I am concerned about the appearance of the unauthorized practice of law. Patterson lists his state bar number on his motion to expedite this proceeding, and lists his name on the motion as "Jonathan Paterson, Esq." In addition, he appears to use an email "jpattlaw@yahoo.com" that suggests an appearance of the unauthorized practice of law.

While the State Bar does not indicate that it intends to take action with respect to the issue, I am concerned about a possible violation of RPC 5.5(d)(2)(iii). Therefore, I respectfully dissent.



Saitta

J.

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