

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF
RAMON DY-RAGOS, BAR NO. 10343.


No. 62094

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*ORDER DENYING MOTION AND APPROVING CONDITIONAL
GUILTY PLEA AGREEMENT*

Docket No. 63884 is an automatic review of a conditional guilty plea agreement under SCR 113 involving attorney Ramon Dy-Ragos. A Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel recommended approval of the agreement. In this agreement, Dy-Ragos pleaded guilty to violating RPC 1.1 (competence), RPC 1.2 (scope of representation and allocation of authority between client and lawyer), RPC 1.3 (diligence), RPC 1.4 (communication), RPC 1.5 (fees), RPC 1.15 (safekeeping property), RPC 5.3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistants), RPC 5.4 (professional independence of a lawyer), RPC 5.5 (unauthorized practice of law), and RPC 8.4(b) (misconduct: commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer).

In exchange for his conditional guilty plea, Dy-Ragos agreed to a stated form of discipline with the State Bar, which included a one-year

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suspension, retroactive to the date of his temporary suspension in January 2013.¹ The parties stipulated that upon his reinstatement, if any, Dy-Ragos would be placed on a two-year probationary period. Conditions of the probation include:

1. Dy-Ragos is prohibited from engaging in the solo practice of law or managing a law practice;
2. Dy-Ragos shall promptly and completely respond to any grievances filed against him or any requests for information from the State Bar;
3. Dy-Ragos shall not engage in professional misconduct that results in the imposition of disciplinary sanctions;
4. Dy-Ragos must contact and work with a mentor, approved by the State Bar, to assist and guide him in monitoring his trust account and law office management. This mentor will provide quarterly reports to the State Bar with updates as to Dy-Ragos's practice, including his trust accounts, operating accounts, case load, and client communication;

¹On January 25, 2013, in Docket No. 62094, this court entered an order temporarily suspending Dy-Ragos from the practice of law based on his conviction of a serious crime as provided for in SCR 111(1), (6)-(8). See *In re Discipline of Dy-Ragos*, Docket No. 62094 (Order of Temporary Suspension and Referral to Disciplinary Board, January 25, 2013). The conduct that was the subject of the conviction was also the subject of one of the State Bar's complaints against Dy-Ragos and was considered by both parties in reaching the proposed guilty plea agreement and by the disciplinary panel in recommending approval of the guilty plea agreement in Docket No. 63884.


5. During the first two years of reinstatement, Dy-Ragos will complete an additional six CLE credits in trust account management and/or law office management as approved by the State Bar, in addition to the twelve mandatory CLE credits required each year; and
6. Dy-Ragos shall pay all costs of the disciplinary proceeding (excluding staff salaries) in accordance with SCR 120.

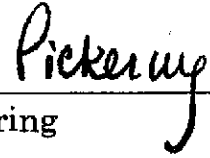
Having reviewed the record of the disciplinary proceedings and the attached exhibits, we accept the conditional guilty plea agreement. See SCR 113(1); *In re Kenick*, 100 Nev. 273, 680 P.2d 972 (1984). Accordingly, Dy-Ragos is suspended for one year, retroactive to January 25, 2013.² Dy-Ragos shall comply with SCR 116 upon petitioning for reinstatement. Upon reinstatement, if any, a two-year probationary period will be imposed with the conditions detailed above. Finally, we note that Dy-Ragos is currently suspended for failure to meet his yearly continuing legal education requirements. See *In re Bd. of Continuing Legal Educ.*, Docket No. 61517 (Order Dismissing Petition as to Certain Respondent Attorneys and Granting Petition as to Certain Respondent Attorneys, December 28, 2012). Accordingly, Dy-Ragos must become current with this administrative requirement before he is reinstated to the


²Based on this court's approval of the conditional guilty plea agreement in Docket No. 63884, Dy-Ragos's Motion to Reconsider and/or to Set Aside SCR 111 Temporary Suspension currently pending in Docket No. 62094 is denied as moot, and Docket No. 62094 is closed.

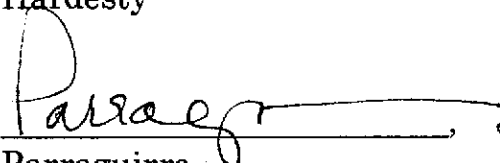
practice of law. See SCR 213. The parties shall comply with the applicable provisions of SCR 115 and SCR 121.1.

It is so ORDERED.


Gibbons, C.J.

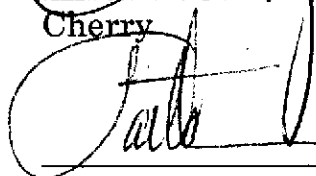

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