

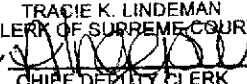
IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF  
STEFAN M. PALYS, BAR NO. 11434.

No. 65161

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*ORDER DECLINING TO IMPOSE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION*

This is a petition by bar counsel pursuant to SCR 111(4) concerning attorney Stefan Pals. The petition is based on Pals's conviction in Scottsdale City Court, Scottsdale, Arizona, pursuant to his guilty plea, of first-offense driving under the influence, a class 1 misdemeanor. Pals reported his conviction to bar counsel as required by SCR 111(2). Because Pals's conviction is not one of those specifically discussed in SCR 111(6)-(8) as a "serious" crime requiring suspension and automatic referral to the disciplinary board, temporary suspension and referral to the disciplinary board are discretionary with this court. SCR 111(9).

The gravity of drinking and driving cannot be minimized; however, Pals's misdemeanor driving under the influence conviction is not the type of offense for which professional discipline is typically imposed. See 2 Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr., W. William Hodes & Peter R. Jarvis, *The Law of Lawyering* § 65.4 (3d ed. 2012); *In re Respondent I*, 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 260, 266 n.6, 272 (Rev. Dept. 1993).

Accordingly, having considered the petition and the supporting documentation, we conclude that Palys's offense does not warrant the imposition of a temporary suspension or referral to the disciplinary board at this time.

It is so ORDERED.

Pickering, J.  
Pickering

Parraguirre, J.  
Parraguirre

Saitta, J.  
Saitta

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Stefan M. Palys