## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

## IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF BENSON LEE, BAR NO. 4313.

No. 66674

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ORDER APPROVING CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA AGREEMENT

This is an automatic review of a Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel's recommendation that this court approve, pursuant to SCR 113, a conditional guilty plea agreement in exchange for a stated form of discipline for attorney Benson Lee. Under the agreement, Lee admitted to violations of RPC 1.1 (competence), RPC 1.3 (diligence), RPC 1.15 (safekeeping property), RPC 3.2 (expediting litigation), RPC 3.4 (fairness to opposing party and counsel), RPC 5.3 (responsibilities regarding RPC nonlawyer assistants), and 8.4 (misconduct).

The agreement provides for a six-months-and-one-day stayed suspension, and a two-year probation with the following conditions: (a) Lee must not receive any grievances that result in discipline during his probation; (b) he must complete, in addition to the normal continuing legal education (CLE) requirements, six CLE hours in office management and ten hours in ethics, before December 31, 2015, and these CLE hours are to

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Based on our review of the record, we conclude that the guilty plea agreement should be approved with the clarification that the time periods for the discipline commence on the date that this order is filed. See SCR 113(1). We hereby impose a six-months-and-one-day stayed suspension, and a two-year probation. Additionally, Lee must comply with all of the conditions in the plea agreement, as outlined above, and shall

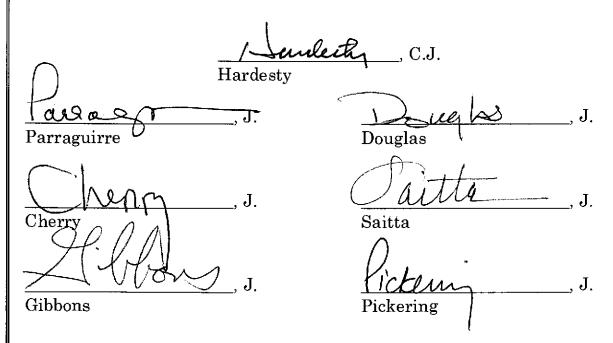
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>The agreement states that if Lee is able to find a mentor, he can begin the two-year probationary period prior to this court ruling on this matter. As clarified in this order, the discipline commences on the date this order is filed.

pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings, excluding Bar Counsel and staff salaries, within 30 days of receipt of the State Bar's bill of costs. *See* SCR 120.

It is so ORDERED.



cc: David Clark, Bar Counsel Benson Lee Jeffrey R. Albregts, Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Panel Kimberly Farmer, Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada

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