IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF RESIGNATION OF BLAINE F. BATES, BAR NO. 5215.

No. 78022

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ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR RESIGNATION

This is a joint petition by the State Bar of Nevada and attorney Blaine F. Bates for his resignation from the Nevada bar.

SCR 98(5) provides that Nevada attorneys who are not actively practicing law in this state may resign from the state bar if certain conditions are met. The petition includes statements from state bar staff confirming that no disciplinary, fee dispute arbitration, or client security fund matters are pending against Bates; and that he is current on all membership fee payments and other financial commitments relating to his practice of law in this state. See SCR 98(5)(a)(1)-(2).

Bar counsel has recommended that the resignation be approved, and the Board of Governors has approved the application for resignation. See SCR 98(5)(a)(2). Bates acknowledges that his resignation is irrevocable and that the state bar retains continuing jurisdiction with respect to matters involving a past member's conduct prior to resignation. See SCR 98(5)(c)-(d). Finally, Bates has submitted an affidavit of compliance with SCR 115. See SCR 98(5)(e).

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The petition satisfies the requirements of SCR 98(5). Accordingly, we approve attorney Blaine F. Bates' resignation. SCR 98(5)(a)(2). The petition is hereby granted.

It is so ORDERED.

_, C.J.

cc: Bar Counsel, State Bar of Nevada
Blaine F. Bates
Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada
Admissions Office, United States Supreme Court