

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE: DISABILITY OF JAMES A.
STONE.

No. 37133

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *J. Richards*
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER OF TRANSFER TO DISABILITY INACTIVE STATUS

Bar Counsel for the State Bar of Nevada and attorney James A. Stone have jointly petitioned this court for an order transferring Stone to disability inactive status. The parties have stipulated that Stone is presently incapacitated under the terms of SCR 117 from continuing to practice law, and is unable to assist in his defense of pending disciplinary proceedings against him.

Having reviewed the petition and its attachments, we conclude that the relief requested in the joint petition is warranted under the circumstances. Accordingly, James A. Stone is hereby transferred to disability inactive status. Stone may resume the active practice of law only after he has complied with SCR 117(6) and (7). In light of this order, the pending disciplinary proceedings against Stone are suspended. In addition, we vacate our recent order temporarily suspending Stone from the practice of law. See In re: Discipline of Stone, Docket No. 37033 (Order of Temporary Suspension, November 30, 2000). In the event that Stone is reinstated to

active status by an order of this court issued in accordance with SCR 117(6), the disciplinary proceedings shall resume from the point at which they were suspended.

The State Bar shall effect such notice of this order as is required under the provisions of SCR 117(4) and (5). Bar counsel shall provide this court with proof of service of such notice. In addition, we conclude that while not explicitly required by SCR 117, Stone's clients should be informed that he is no longer practicing law and that they should seek other counsel. The petition implies that Stone has provided this notice, but no proof of service appears in the record. Accordingly, we direct Stone to file with this court, and within fifteen (15) days of the date of this order, a proof of service that he has so notified his clients.

It is so ORDERED.¹

Maupin, C.J.
Maupin

Young, J.
Young

Agosti, J.
Agosti

Leavitt, J.
Leavitt

Shearing, J.
Shearing

Rose, J.
Rose

Becker, J.
Becker

¹This order constitutes our final disposition of this petition. Any further bar proceedings respecting attorney Stone shall be docketed as a new and separate matter.

cc: James W. Bradshaw, Chair,
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