

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE: REINSTATEMENT OF RALPH
G. DAWSON.

No. 41166

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J. A. Smith
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ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

This is a petition for reinstatement from disability inactive status by attorney Ralph G. Dawson. On April 28, 2003, we referred this matter to a hearing panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board, and directed that a confidential hearing be held on the petition. The record of the hearing panel's proceedings was filed with this court on August 27, 2003.

The hearing panel found that Dawson's disability has been removed, and that he is fit to resume the practice of law.¹ The hearing panel has recommended that Dawson be reinstated, subject to the following conditions: (1) Dawson must sit for the essay portion of the Nevada bar examination, and must obtain a total score of 675, with a score of at least 75 on at least three essays; the state bar shall waive the application fee for up to three sittings; (2) the reinstatement hearing before the panel shall serve as Dawson's character and fitness evaluation

¹See SCR 117(6).


for the first sitting; if Dawson does not pass the first time, the Admissions Department shall determine whether additional investigation is required; (3) Dawson shall not practice as a solo practitioner for the first five years following his reinstatement; (4) Dawson shall provide bar counsel with a psychological evaluation every six months for no more than three years; (5) Dawson shall reimburse the Client Security Fund for payments made to his former clients as a result of his misconduct in the total amount of \$23,961.31; Dawson shall make payments of \$100 per month, beginning within thirty days of this order's date; after Dawson is reinstated and obtains employment as an attorney, he shall make monthly payments of \$500 per month; if Dawson subsequently becomes unemployed, then he may reduce the payments to \$100 per month until he again obtains employment as an attorney; (6) Dawson shall pay the state bar's costs, up to \$750; and (7) if Dawson fails to make any payment or if he receives a negative psychological report, bar counsel shall have discretion to seek an order to show cause from this court.

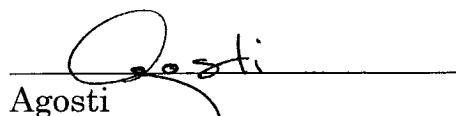
We conclude that clear and convincing evidence supports the panel's finding that Dawson's disability has been removed,² and that he is fit to resume the practice of law. We further agree with the conditions recommended by the panel. Accordingly, upon his successful passage of the Nevada bar examination's essay portion, as described above in conditions one and two, Dawson shall be reinstated to the practice of law.

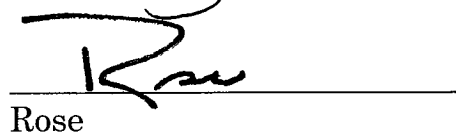
²Id.

Once reinstated, Dawson shall serve a five-year probation period subject to conditions three through seven set forth above.

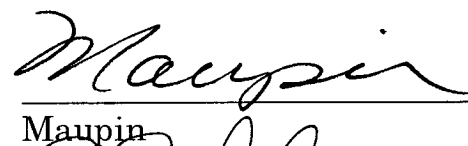
It is so ORDERED.³

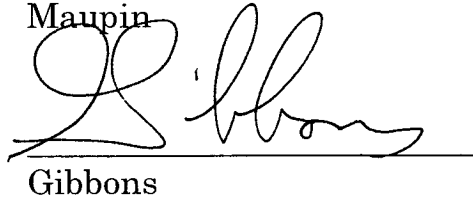
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³This is our final disposition of this matter. Any future proceedings concerning Dawson shall be filed under a new docket number.

This petition for reinstatement from disability inactive status was marked confidential upon its filing. Since we grant the petition, we conclude that this court's file should be open to the public, and so we direct the clerk to remove the confidential designation on the file.

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