IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF G. BRENT HEGGIE, ESQ.

No. 42024

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ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This is a petition by the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board Chair for an order temporarily suspending attorney G. Brent Heggie from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him.¹ The petition and supporting documentation demonstrate that Heggie appears to have accepted approximately \$3,900 in fees from his clients and then failed to perform legal services, has failed to respond to the state bar's inquiries despite over forty attempts to contact him, has participated in negotiating a settlement check over a forged endorsement, and has failed to maintain a trust account.

SCR 102(4)(a) provides, in pertinent part:

On the petition of a disciplinary board, signed by its chairman or vice chairman, supported by an affidavit alleging facts personally known to the

¹This matter was originally docketed as confidential because some of the misconduct alleged had not been charged in a formal disciplinary complaint. See SCR 121. Since we are granting the petition, we conclude that this matter should now be open to the public.

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affiant which shows that an attorney appears to be posing a substantial threat of serious harm to the public, the supreme court may issue an order, with notice as the court may prescribe, imposing an immediate temporary suspension of the attorney....

In addition, SCR 102(4)(b) provides that this court may place restrictions on an attorney's handling of funds.

We conclude that the documentation before us demonstrates that Heggie poses a substantial threat of serious harm, and that his immediate temporary suspension is warranted.² We further conclude that Heggie's handling of funds should be restricted.

Accordingly, Heggie is temporarily suspended from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him.³ In addition, Heggie shall be prohibited from withdrawing funds in his client trust account, or from any other account containing funds belonging to third parties, except upon written approval of bar counsel or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. The State Bar shall forthwith serve Heggie with a copy of this order. Service may be accomplished by personal service, certified mail, or delivery to a person of suitable age at Heggie's law office or residence. When served on either Heggie or a depository in which he maintains an account, this order shall

²See SCR 102(4)(a).

³Under SCR 102(4)(c), Heggie is prohibited from accepting new clients immediately. He may continue to represent existing clients for fifteen days. Any fees or other funds received from or on behalf of clients during this fifteen-day period shall be deposited in a trust account, from which no withdrawals may be made except upon written approval of bar counsel or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

constitute an injunction against withdrawal of the proceeds except in accordance with the terms of this order.⁴

It is so ORDERED.⁵

Becker, J.

Shearing J.
Gibbons

cc: Howard Miller, Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board Rob W. Bare, Bar Counsel Allen W. Kimbrough, Executive Director G. Brent Heggie

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⁴See SCR 102(4)(b).

⁵Heggie and the state bar shall comply with SCR 115.

This is our final disposition of this matter. Any new proceedings concerning Heggie shall be docketed under a new docket number.