

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE: DISCIPLINE OF PETER R.
LAPORTA

No. 42230

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ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR RESIGNATION

This is a joint petition by the State Bar of Nevada and attorney Peter R. LaPorta for his resignation from the Nevada bar. The joint petition is made pursuant to a stipulation that resolves a disciplinary proceeding against LaPorta. LaPorta states that he is aware that his resignation is irrevocable.¹ Bar counsel has recommended that the resignation be approved. The petition indicates that LaPorta has agreed to pay restitution to his former client, from whom he allegedly misappropriated \$24,000. The petition further provides that the state bar retains jurisdiction over LaPorta to enforce the restitution payments.

SCR 98(5)(a) and (c) provide:

(a) A member of the state bar against whom disciplinary charges are pending may tender a written application resigning from membership in the state bar and relinquishing the right to practice law. No such resignation shall become effective unless and until ordered by the supreme court after consideration and recommendation by bar counsel.

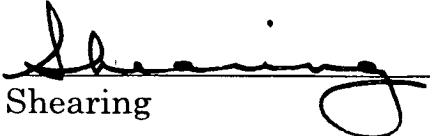
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¹See SCR 98(5)(b).

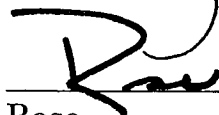
(c) The state bar shall retain jurisdiction to investigate and take action with respect to matters involving a past member's conduct prior to the member's resignation from the state bar.


The petition satisfies the requirements of SCR 98(5)(a) and (c). Accordingly, we grant the petition and approve Peter R. LaPorta's resignation, subject to the state bar's continuing jurisdiction under SCR 98(5)(c).²

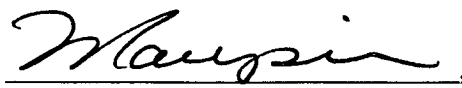
It is so ORDERED.

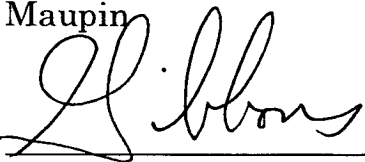

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Shearing


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Agosti


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Rose


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Becker


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Maupin


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Gibbons

²This is our final order in this matter. Any future proceedings concerning LaPorta shall be docketed under a new docket number.

cc: Howard Miller, Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
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