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BY: *Shelley Young*
OFFICE OF BAR COUNSEL

4 SOUTHERN NEVADA DISCIPLINARY BOARD

5 STATE BAR OF NEVADA,)
6 Complainant,)
7 vs.)
8)
9 TIMOTHY R. TREFFINGER, ESQ.,)
10 Nevada Bar No.12877,)
11 Respondent.)

PUBLIC REPRIMAND

12 TO: Timothy Treffinger, Esq.
13 1148 South Maryland Parkway
Las Vegas, NV 89104

14 Grievance File CR15-0697

15 On Wednesday, December 6, 2017, a Hearing Panel of the Southern Nevada
16 Disciplinary Panel convened to determine whether you violated the Rules of
17 Professional Conduct.
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19 On or about May 30, 2015, you were arrested in Nye County and charged by
20 way of Criminal Complaint with one count of Knowingly Keeping or Maintaining a
21 Place Where Controlled Substances are Unlawfully Used, Kept or Sold, in violation
22 of NRS 453.326(1)(c) (a Category 'C' Felony), and one count of Possession of a
23 Controlled Substance, in violation of NRS 453.336 (a Category 'E' Felony).
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1 The Criminal Complaint alleged that between January and May 2015, you
2 maintained a residence in Pahrump with the knowledge that the residence was being
3 used for keeping or selling controlled substances, and was being frequented by
4 persons who used controlled substances, to wit: heroin and/or methamphetamine.

5 The charges against you were ultimately reduced to one count of Possession
6 of a Controlled Substance, in violation of NRS 453.336 (a Category 'E' Felony), by
7 way of an Information filed September 22, 2015.
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9 On November 2, 2015, you entered into a Guilty Plea Agreement, pleading
10 guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance in violation of NRS 453.336 (a
11 Category 'E' Felony).

12 Pursuant to NRS 453.3363, when a person who has not been previously
13 convicted of a narcotics related offense tenders a plea of guilty to a charge under
14 NRS 453.336, the court, without entering a judgment of conviction, may suspend
15 further proceedings and place the person on probation on certain terms and
16 conditions. Upon fulfillment of those terms and conditions, the statute requires that
17 the court shall dismiss the proceedings against the defendant without an
18 adjudication of guilt.
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21 On January 13, 2016, the court found you eligible for the suspended sentence
22 and you were ordered to diversion. The Order For Diversion placed you on
23 probation for three (3) years subject to conditions set forth in the Order, including,
24 in pertinent part: attendance and successful completion of a program of treatment
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1 and rehabilitation pursuant to NRS 453.580 and NRS 453.3363, and disclosure of
2 the conviction to present or potential employers.

3 RPC 8.4(b) states: "It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to: . . . (b)
4 Commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty,
5 trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects . . ."

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7 The Panel expressed concern about your continued successful participation in
8 your probation and specifically warned you that should you fail to successfully
9 complete your probation that such failure could be deemed as further violations of
10 the Rules of Professional Conduct.

11 Your conduct unambiguously reflects adversely on your fitness as a lawyer
12 and as such you are hereby **PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED**.

13 DATED this 21st day of December, 2017.

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18 Robert Giunta Esq.
19 Chair, Formal Hearing Panel
20 Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
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