IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF DALE EDWARD HALEY, BAR NO. 571.

No. 69783

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ORDER APPROVING CONDITIONAL GUILTY PLEA AGREEMENT

This is an automatic review of a Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel's recommendation that this court approve, pursuant to SCR 113, a conditional guilty plea agreement in exchange for a stated form of discipline for attorney Dale Edward Haley. Under the agreement, Haley admitted to violations of RPC 1.4 (communication), RPC 1.5(a) (fees), RPC 1.15(a) (safekeeping property), RPC 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and RPC 8.4(a) and (d) (misconduct). The agreement provides for a 90-day suspension, a refund of payment to a certain client as ordered by the Fee Dispute Arbitration Award, and payment of \$1,500 to the State Bar for costs. Under the agreement, Haley must also obtain two additional continuing legal education (CLE) credits related to client communication within one year of the entry of this order.

¹Haley also admitted to a violation of RPC 1.5(c) (fees) arising from a separate client grievance. The panel ordered the State Bar to issue a letter of caution for this violation. See SCR 102(8). Under SCR 113(1), this court need not approve a tendered plea when the stated discipline does not include suspension or disbarment.

Based on our review of the record, we conclude that the guilty plea agreement should be approved. See SCR 113(1). Considering the duties violated and the aggravating and mitigating circumstances, we conclude that the 90-day suspension and other conditions are sufficient to serve the purpose of attorney discipline. See In re Lerner, 124 Nev. 1232, 1246, 197 P.3d 1067, 1077 (2008) (setting forth factors to be considered); State Bar of Nev. v. Claiborne, 104 Nev. 115, 213, 756 P.2d 464, 527-28 (1988) (explaining purpose of attorney discipline). We hereby impose a 90day suspension. Haley shall pay the State Bar \$1,500 for costs within 90 days of entry of this order, see SCR 120(1), and comply with the client refund payment ordered by the Fee Dispute Arbitration Award. Haley obtain two additional CLE credits related to client also shall communication within one year of the entry of this order. He shall also comply with SCR 115. Bar counsel shall comply with SCR 121.1

It is so ORDERED.

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J.

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