

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF
STANLEY STEIBER, ESQ.

No. 50996

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BY *[Signature]*
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ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This is a petition by the Northern Nevada Disciplinary Board Chair for an order temporarily suspending attorney Stanley Steiber from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him.¹ The petition and supporting documentation demonstrate that Steiber appears to have accepted retainers from several clients without performing the requested services, failed to adequately communicate with his clients, and failed to respond to bar counsel's repeated inquiries.

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

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

¹This matter was originally docketed as confidential because a formal disciplinary complaint had not yet been filed. See SCR 121(5). Since we are granting the petition, this matter is now open to the public. See id.

which shows that an attorney appears to be posing a substantial threat of serious harm to the public, the supreme court may order, with notice as the court may prescribe, the attorney's immediate temporary suspension or may impose other conditions upon the attorney's practice.

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 Steiber poses a substantial threat of serious harm to the public, and that his immediate temporary suspension is warranted.² We further conclude that Steiber's handling of funds should be restricted.³

Accordingly, Steiber is temporarily suspended from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him.⁴ In addition, Steiber is prohibited from withdrawing any funds from 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.⁵ The state bar

²See SCR 102(4)(a).

³See SCR 102(4)(b).

⁴Under SCR 102(4)(c), Steiber is immediately prohibited from accepting new clients. 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. Id.

⁵See SCR 102(4)(b).

shall immediately serve Steiber with a copy of this order.⁶ Such service may be accomplished by personal service, certified mail, delivery to a person of suitable age at Steiber's law office or residence, or by publication. When served on either Steiber or a depository in which he maintains an account, this order shall constitute an injunction against withdrawal of the proceeds except in accordance with the terms of this order.⁷

It is so ORDERED.⁸

Maupin, J.
Maupin

Cherry, J.
Cherry

Saitta, J.
Saitta

⁶Under SCR 102(4)(d), Steiber may request dissolution or amendment of this temporary suspension order by filing a petition with this court, which may be set for immediate hearing before a hearing panel.

⁷See SCR 102(4)(b).

⁸Steiber shall comply with SCR 115.

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

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