

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF ROBERT S.
BECKETT, ESQ., BAR NO. 3383.

No. 54454

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *[Signature]*
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ORDER OF REFERRAL TO DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Bar Counsel for the State of Nevada has filed a petition pursuant to the reporting requirements of SCR 111(4). The petition is supported by certified copies of documents evidencing that on March 27, 2009, in the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, attorney Robert S. Beckett pled no contest to one count of wet reckless driving, a misdemeanor in violation of California Vehicle Code section 23103(a). The court ordered that pronouncement of judgment was withheld and conditional and revocable release was granted for a period of 36 months, with various conditions. Beckett self-reported his conviction to the State Bar.

Beckett's conviction is for a misdemeanor that is not included among the crimes for which SCR 111(7)-(8) mandates automatic temporary suspension and referral to the appropriate disciplinary board. The crime is, however, one for which referral is within our discretion under SCR 111(9). We note that on the day of the offense, Beckett was involved in a single rollover accident while driving a government-issued vehicle. The vehicle was towed to Beckett's home and approximately six hours later, Beckett was driving his personal vehicle on the same highway where the first accident occurred, when he had another accident. He was

arrested for driving under the influence after the second accident, but subsequently entered a plea to wet reckless driving, resulting in the instant conviction. We conclude that under these circumstances, it is appropriate to refer this matter to a panel of the state bar disciplinary board for determination of the discipline, if any, to impose. We decline to impose a temporary suspension at this time.

It is so ORDERED.¹

Hardesty, J.
Hardesty

Douglas, J.
Douglas

Pickering, J.
Pickering

cc: State Bar of Nevada/Las Vegas
Robert S. Beckett Esq.

¹ The Honorable Ron D. Parraguirre, Justice, voluntarily recused himself from participation in the decision of this matter.