

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE: DISCIPLINE OF JAMES G.
GRIFFIN, ESQ., BAR NO. 11584.

No. 58698

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ORDER DECLINING TO IMPOSE TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This is a petition by bar counsel pursuant to SCR 111(4) concerning attorney James G. Griffin, based on Griffin's conviction in California, pursuant to a guilty plea, of first-offense driving under the influence. Griffin timely informed bar counsel of his conviction. See SCR 111(2). Because Griffin's crime is not one of those specifically enumerated in SCR 111(6)-(8) as "serious" crimes requiring suspension and automatic referral to the disciplinary board, temporary suspension and referral to the disciplinary board are discretionary with this court. SCR 111(9).

The gravity of drinking and driving cannot be minimized; however, first-offense driving under the influence is not the type of offense for which professional discipline is typically imposed. 1 Geoffrey C. Hazard, Jr. & W. William Hodes, The Law of Lawyering § 65.4 (3d ed. Supp. 2009); In the Matter of Respondent I, 2 Cal. State Bar Ct. Rptr. 260, 266 n.6, 272 (Rev. Dept. 1993).

Accordingly, having considered the petition and the supporting documentation, we conclude that Griffin's offense does not

warrant the imposition of a temporary suspension or referral to the disciplinary board at this time.

It is so ORDERED.

Douglas, J.
Douglas

Hardesty, J.
Hardesty

Parraguirre, J.
Parraguirre

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