

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE: DISCIPLINE OF PATRICK B.
WALSH, ESQ.

No. 42107

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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This is an automatic appeal from the Northern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel's recommendation that attorney Patrick B. Walsh be suspended from the practice of law for six months and one day.

At the formal hearing held on January 7, 2003, Walsh admitted to violating: 1) SCR 153, requiring a lawyer to act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client; 2) SCR 154, requiring a lawyer to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information; and 3) SCR 200(2), requiring a lawyer to respond to a lawful demand by the disciplinary panel for information. Following this hearing, the panel issued an interim decision requiring Walsh to comply with certain conditions.

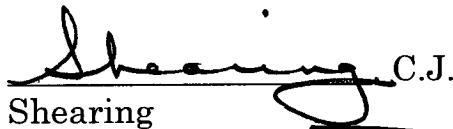
Since the hearing, Walsh has failed to respond to at least nine attempts by the State Bar to contact him by telephone, letter and personal service, and has not demonstrated compliance with the conditions imposed by the disciplinary panel's interim decision. Therefore, the panel has recommended a suspension of six months and one day.

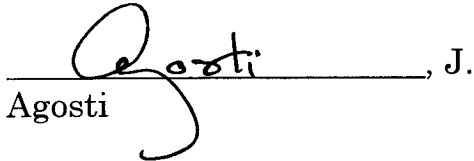
We agree with the panel that Walsh's admissions constitute clear and convincing evidence of professional misconduct sufficient to

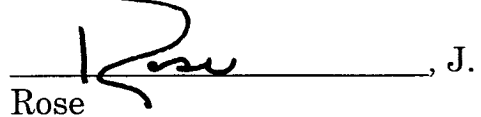
warrant the imposition of discipline.¹ Further, we note that Walsh engaged in a similar pattern of ignoring his clients, the bar and this court in a previous discipline matter. We therefore conclude that the recommended discipline is appropriate.

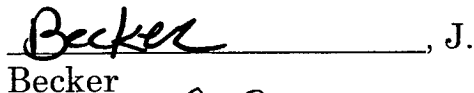
Accordingly, we approve the panel's recommendation. Walsh shall be suspended from the practice of law for six months and one day.² Additionally, Walsh shall pay the costs of the disciplinary proceeding.³

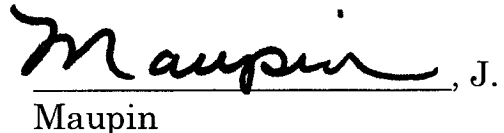
It is so ORDERED.⁴

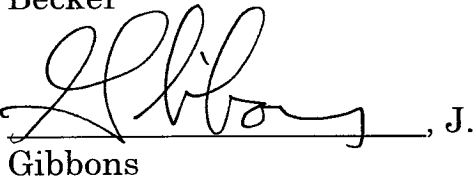
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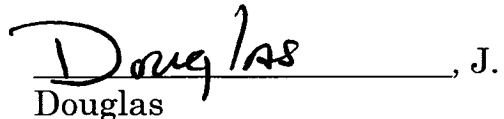
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¹SCR 105(2)(e); In re Stuhff, 108 Nev. 629, 635, 837 P.2d 853, 856 (1992).

²Under SCR 115, the suspension is effective fifteen days from the date of this order.

Additionally, we note that since the suspension is for more than six months, Walsh may not practice law until he is reinstated by this court. See SCR 116(1).

³Walsh and the State Bar shall comply with SCR 115.

⁴This is our final disposition of this matter. Any new proceedings concerning Walsh shall be docketed under a new docket number.

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