

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF  
IAN CHRISTOPHERSON, ESQ., BAR  
NO. 3701.

No. 62985

**FILED**

JUL 24 2013

TRACEY K. LINDEMAN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *[Signature]*  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

***ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION***

Bar counsel for the State Bar of Nevada has petitioned this court to enter an order temporarily suspending attorney Ian Christopherson from the practice of law under SCR 111. The petition is supported by certified copies of documents evidencing a guilty verdict against Christopherson on September 23, 2011. Christopherson was convicted in the United States District Court, District of Nevada, of one count of income tax evasion and one count of employment tax evasion, both felonies under 26 U.S.C. § 7201.<sup>1</sup> Christopherson was sentenced to 33 months in prison and is currently serving his sentence in a federal prison in California. Additionally, Christopherson is required to pay the Internal Revenue Service \$728,786.14.

Having reviewed the petition and the supporting documentation submitted by bar counsel, we conclude that the petition

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<sup>1</sup>Christopherson failed to report his conviction to bar counsel pursuant to SCR 111(2), which itself could be construed as an act of misconduct constituting grounds for discipline. *See* SCR 101 (acts or omissions of an attorney that violate rules of the supreme court are misconduct and constitute grounds for discipline).

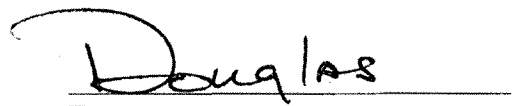
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conclusively establishes Christopherson's conviction of serious crimes warranting a temporary suspension.<sup>2</sup> See SCR 111(1), (6), (7). Accordingly, we temporarily suspend Christopherson from the practice of law and refer this matter to the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board for the initiation of formal disciplinary proceedings in which the sole issue to be determined is the extent of discipline to be imposed. See SCR 111(8).

It is so ORDERED.

  
Gibbons J.

  
Douglas J.

  
Saitta J.

cc: Glenn M. Machado, Assistant Bar Counsel  
Jeffrey R. Albregts, Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board  
Kimberly K. Farmer, Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada  
Ian Christopherson  
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<sup>2</sup>Christopherson has filed a letter indicating that he does not oppose a temporary suspension "pending resolution of [his] appeal." The letter also appears to briefly address the merits of Christopherson's federal appeal and express difficulties he is having addressing his legal matters from prison. To the extent that Christopherson's letter requests any relief related to his federal appeal or his incarceration, we note that this proceeding is not the appropriate forum to address such concerns, and we will take no further action with respect to the letter filed on June 5, 2013.