

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF  
AARON A. AQUINO, BAR NO. 11772.

No. 82162

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BY S. Young  
DEPUTY CLERK

*ORDER IMPOSING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION  
AND RESTRICTING HANDLING OF FUNDS*

This is a petition by the State Bar for an order temporarily suspending attorney Aaron A. Aquino from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him. The petition and supporting documentation show that Aquino appears to have misappropriated client funds.

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

On the petition of bar counsel, supported by an affidavit alleging facts personally known to the affiant, 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)(c) provides that we may place restrictions on an attorney's handling of funds.

We conclude that the documentation before us demonstrates that Aquino poses a substantial threat of serious harm to the public, and that his immediate temporary suspension is warranted under SCR

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102(4)(b). We further conclude that Aquino's handling of funds should be restricted.

Accordingly, attorney Aaron A. Aquino is temporarily suspended from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him. Under SCR 102(4)(d), Aquino is precluded from accepting new cases immediately upon service of this order, but he may continue to represent existing clients for a period of 15 days from service of this order. In addition, pursuant to SCR 102(4)(b)-(d), we impose the following conditions on Aquino's handling of funds:

1. All proceeds from Aquino's practice of law and all fees and other funds received from or on behalf of his clients shall, from the date of service of this order, be deposited into a trust account from which no withdrawals may be made by Aaron A. Aquino except upon written approval of bar counsel; and

2. Aaron A. Aquino is prohibited from withdrawing any funds from any and all accounts in any way relating to his law practice, including but not limited to his general and trust accounts, except upon written approval of bar counsel.

The State Bar shall immediately serve Aquino with a copy of this order. Such service may be accomplished by personal service, certified mail, delivery to a person of suitable age at Aquino's place of employment or residence, or by publication. When served on either Aquino 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. See SCR 102(4)(c). Aquino shall comply with the provisions of SCR 115.<sup>1</sup>

It is so ORDERED.

Pickering, C.J.  
Pickering

Gibbons, J.  
Gibbons

Hardesty, J.  
Hardesty

Parraguirre, J.  
Parraguirre

Stiglich, J.  
Stiglich

Cadish, J.  
Cadish

Silver, J.  
Silver

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Bar Counsel, State Bar of Nevada  
Aaron A. Aquino  
Executive Director, State Bar of Nevada  
Admissions Office, U.S. Supreme Court

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<sup>1</sup>This is our final disposition of this matter. Any new proceedings involving Aquino shall be docketed under a new docket number.