

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE: REINSTATEMENT OF ROBERT  
S. BECKETT, ESQ., BAR NO. 3383.

No. 57763

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ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

This is a petition for reinstatement pursuant to SCR 111(10) filed by attorney Robert S. Beckett. On December 30, 2010, this court temporarily suspended Beckett from the practice of law and referred him to the disciplinary board based on his plea of no contest to a charge of obstructing a public officer. Our order was premised on the fact that Beckett's offense constituted a "serious" crime under SCR 111(6), for which temporary suspension and referral to the appropriate disciplinary board are mandatory under SCR 111(7) and (8).<sup>1</sup>

Beckett contends that he should be reinstated to the practice of law during the pendency of his disciplinary proceedings because the criminal case underlying our December 30, 2010, order has been dismissed with prejudice.<sup>2</sup> Beckett acknowledges that, even if he is reinstated, our

<sup>1</sup>Although not mentioned in the petition, on January 8, 2010, we also referred Beckett to the disciplinary board based on his plea of no contest to one count of misdemeanor wet reckless driving in California. We declined to impose a temporary suspension at that time.

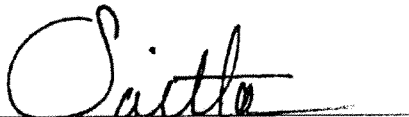
<sup>2</sup>Alternatively, Beckett requests that the court set aside his temporary suspension pursuant to SCR 111(7). We conclude that Beckett has failed to demonstrate good cause to set aside our order of temporary suspension under SCR 111(7).

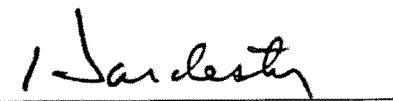
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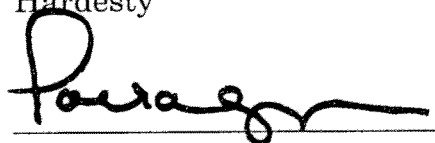
order of reinstatement would not terminate the pending disciplinary proceedings.<sup>3</sup>

SCR 111(10) gives us discretion to reinstate an attorney whose underlying conviction has been reversed. The petition is accompanied by a certified copy of a February 2, 2011, order from the Pahrump Township Justice Court dismissing Case No. 10CR01587 with prejudice. In light of the fact that the charge underlying our order of temporary suspension has been dismissed with prejudice, and our previous determination that Beckett's California misdemeanor conviction did not warrant imposition of a temporary suspension, we conclude that there is no longer a basis for Beckett being temporarily suspended pending the outcome of his disciplinary proceedings. We therefore grant the petition. Attorney Robert S. Beckett, Bar No. 3383, is hereby reinstated to the practice of law pending the outcome of his disciplinary proceedings.

It is so ORDERED.

  
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<sup>3</sup>SCR 111(10) provides that "reinstatement will not terminate any formal proceeding pending against the attorney, the disposition of which shall be determined by the hearing panel on the basis of the available evidence."

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