

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE: DISCIPLINE OF JAMES)
RONALD KENT.)
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No. 26474

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ORDER APPROVING ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Pursuant to SCR 113 and in exchange for a stated form of discipline, attorney James Ronald Kent tendered a conditional guilty plea to a formal disciplinary complaint. Kent agreed to receive a public reprimand and to pay disciplinary costs. The plea was accepted by a hearing panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board, which thereafter forwarded findings and recommendations to this court for final approval. See SCR 113(1).

Having reviewed the record, we approve the stated form of discipline set forth in the panel's findings and recommendations. Kent shall pay disciplinary costs in the amount of \$268.25. See SCR 120(1). Further, we authorize the publication, in accordance with SCR 121, of the following letter of public reprimand.

To: James Ronald Kent, Attorney at Law


In April of 1991, you were retained by a client to represent him in a personal injury action. Thereafter, you failed to respond to inquiries from your client and failed to keep him advised of the status of his case. You also failed to file your client's suit within the statute of limitations. You also failed to respond to several requests for information from the state bar.

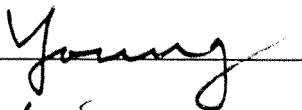
In August of 1993, you were retained by a different client to represent him against a misdemeanor charge. You failed to appear at a pretrial hearing. Following the missed hearing, you delayed returning your client's messages. You returned your client's retainer.

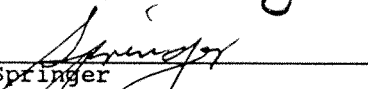
Your conduct is in violation of SCR 151 (competence), SCR 153 (diligence), SCR 154 (communication), and SCR 200(2) (failure to

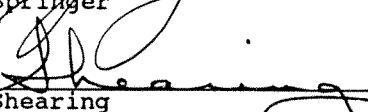
respond to a disciplinary authority), and warrants disciplinary action. Because you have been previously disciplined for similar misconduct, you are publicly reprimanded. The reason that more serious discipline is not being imposed is that you demonstrated that you have acted to solve the problem that led to your misconduct.

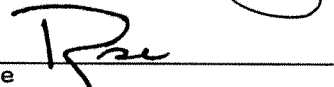
It is so ORDERED.


Steffen, C. J.


Young, J.


Springer, J.


Shearing, J.


Rose, J.

cc: Steven Wolfson, Chairman,
Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
C.A. Olendorff, Bar Counsel
Rosalie Small, Executive Director
Peter Knight