

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF  
MATTHEW DUNKLEY, BAR NO. 6627.

No. 74079

**FILED**

OCT 03 2017

ELIZABETH A. BROWN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY *[Signature]*  
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

*ORDER IMPOSING TEMPORARY SUSPENSION*

This is a petition by the State Bar for an order temporarily suspending attorney Matthew Dunkley from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him. The petition and supporting documentation show that Dunkley 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 Dunkley 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 Dunkley's handling of funds should be restricted.

Accordingly, attorney Matthew Dunkley is temporarily suspended from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him. Under SCR 102(4)(d), Dunkley 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 Dunkley's handling of funds:

1. All proceeds from Dunkley'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 Dunkley except upon written approval of bar counsel; and

2. Dunkley 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 Dunkley with a copy of this order. Such service may be accomplished by personal service, certified mail, delivery to a person of suitable age at Dunkley's place of employment or residence, or by publication. When served on either Dunkley 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)(b). Dunkley shall comply with the provisions of SCR 115.<sup>1</sup>

It is so ORDERED.

Cherry, C.J.  
Cherry

Douglas, J.  
Douglas

Gibbons, J.  
Gibbons

Pickering, J.  
Pickering

Hardesty, J.  
Hardesty

Parraguirre, J.  
Parraguirre

Stiglich, J.  
Stiglich

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