IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE: DISCIPLINE OF LESLIE MARK STOVALL.

No. 30029

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## ORDER APPROVING ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

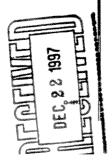
On February 27, 1997, the State Bar of Nevada filed in this court the record of disciplinary proceedings conducted before a hearing panel of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board. The record reveals that the panel filed a decision with the state bar on January 29, 1997, recommending the imposition of a private reprimand and a public reprimand against attorney Leslie Mark Stovall.

Having reviewed the record of the proceedings, we approve the panel's recommendation in its entirety. Stovall shall pay all disciplinary costs, except those which the state bar has agreed to pay. See SCR 120(1). Further, we authorize the publication, in accordance with SCR 121, of the following letter of public reprimand.

To: Leslie Mark Stovall, Attorney at Law

You were retained to represent a client in an action against the Golden Nugget. During the course of your representation of this client, you failed to file an opposition to a motion for summary judgment, and the motion for summary judgment was granted. Thereafter, you filed a notice of appeal, but failed to respond to Supreme Court orders and failed to respond to opposing counsel's motion to dismiss the appeal and request for sanctions. The appeal was subsequently dismissed and sanctions were imposed.

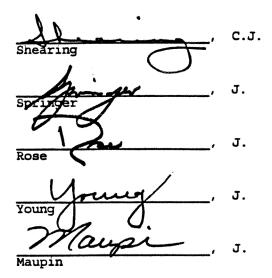
Additionally, your client's doctor had a lien on the proceeds of the Golden Nugget case. After the appeal had been dismissed, in an attempt to forestall the doctor's claim for payment, you instructed your paralegal to tell the doctor that the appeal was still pending. On two or three occasions, your paralegal did in fact inform the doctor's office that the appeal



was still pending, even though it had actually been dismissed.

Your conduct is in violation of SCR 153 (diligence) and SCR 203(3) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and warrants disciplinary action. You are therefore publicly reprimanded for your actions.

It is so ORDERED.



cc: Gary R. Goodheart, Chairman,
Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
Rob W. Bare, Bar Counsel
Wayne Blevins, Executive Director
William B. Terry