

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN RE: DISCIPLINE OF CHARLES
K.H. CHONG.

No. 41863

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J. Cantello
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ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

This is a petition by the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board Chair for an order temporarily suspending attorney Charles K.H. Chong from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him. The petition and supporting documentation demonstrate that Chong misappropriated over \$7,000 from his former employer, and that Chong has essentially abandoned his clients and his office.

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

On the petition of a disciplinary board, signed by its chairman or vice chairman, 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 issue an order, with notice as the court may prescribe, imposing

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an immediate temporary suspension of the attorney

In addition, SCR 102(4)(b) provides that this court may place restrictions on an attorney's handling of funds.

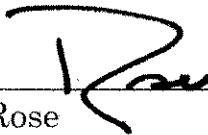
We conclude that the documentation before us demonstrates that Chong poses a substantial threat of serious harm, and that his immediate temporary suspension is warranted. We further conclude that Chong's handling of funds should be restricted.


Accordingly, Chong is temporarily suspended from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him.¹ In addition, Chong shall be prohibited from withdrawing funds in his client trust account, or from any other account containing funds belonging to third parties, except upon written approval of bar counsel or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction. The State Bar shall forthwith serve Chong with a copy of this order. Such service may be accomplished by personal service, certified mail, or delivery to a person of suitable age at Chong's law office or residence. When served on either Chong or a depository in which he maintains an account, this order shall

¹Under SCR 102(4)(c), Chong is prohibited from accepting new clients immediately. He may continue to represent existing clients for fifteen days. Any fees or other funds received from or on behalf of clients during this fifteen-day period shall be deposited in a trust account, from which no withdrawals may be made except upon written approval of bar counsel or by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

constitute an injunction against withdrawal of the proceeds except in accordance with the terms of this order.²

It is so ORDERED.³


_____, J.
Rose


_____, J.
Maupin


_____, J.
Becker

cc: Howard Miller, Chair, Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board
Rob W. Bare, Bar Counsel
Allen W. Kimbrough, Executive Director
Charles K.H. Chong

²See SCR 102(4)(b).

³Chong and the state bar shall comply with SCR 115.

This is our final disposition of this matter. Any new proceedings concerning Chong shall be docketed under a new docket number.