

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINE OF
MATTHEW W. BEASLEY, BAR NO.
9756.

No. 84445

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ELIZABETH A. BROWN
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY  CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

*ORDER GRANTING PETITION FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION
AND RESTRICTING HANDLING OF CLIENT FUNDS*

This is a petition by the State Bar for an order temporarily suspending attorney Matthew W. Beasley from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him. The petition and supporting documentation demonstrate that Beasley appears to have orchestrated and/or engaged in a Ponzi scheme to defraud investors of millions of dollars and that he used his trust account to facilitate the scheme. Further, when Federal Bureau of Investigation agents attempted to interview Beasley at his residence in its related investigation, Beasley brandished a gun for which he was arrested and charged with assaulting federal officers. Moreover, a United States Magistrate denied Beasley's release from custody pending the preliminary hearing, citing concern for public safety and risk of nonappearance.

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 Beasley poses a substantial threat of serious harm to the public to warrant his immediate temporary suspension from the practice of law. SCR 102(4)(b). We further conclude that Beasley's handling of funds entrusted to him by clients and third parties should be restricted.

Accordingly, attorney Matthew W. Beasley is temporarily suspended from the practice of law, pending the resolution of formal disciplinary proceedings against him.¹ Immediately upon service of this order, Beasley is precluded from accepting new cases and from continuing to represent existing clients. SCR 102(4)(d) (providing that an attorney is not precluded from continuing to represent existing clients for the first 15 days after service of the temporary suspension order "unless the court orders otherwise"). In addition, pursuant to SCR 102(4)(b) and (c), we impose the following conditions on Beasley's handling of client funds:

1. All proceeds from Beasley's practice of law and all fees and other funds received from or on behalf of his clients or third-party investors shall, from the date of service of this order, be deposited into a trust account from which no withdrawals may be made by Beasley except upon written approval of bar counsel.

2. Beasley is prohibited from withdrawing any funds from any and all accounts in any way relating to his law practice, including but not


¹Beasley may file a petition asking this court to dissolve or amend the order of temporary suspension as provided in SCR 102(4)(e).

limited to his general and trust accounts, except upon written approval of bar counsel.


The State Bar shall immediately serve Beasley with a copy of this order. Such service may be accomplished by personal service, certified mail, delivery to a person of suitable age at Beasley's place of employment or residence, or by publication. When served on either Beasley 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)(c). Beasley shall comply with the provisions of SCR 115. If Beasley fails to comply with SCR 115, then bar counsel may proceed under SCR 118. The State Bar shall comply with SCR 121.1.²


It is so ORDERED.

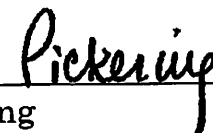

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²As provided in SCR 121(5), this matter is now public. This is our final disposition of this matter. Any further proceedings shall be docketed as a new matter.

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