

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT PANEL B

IN RE:

DAVID BRYCE FINLEY Arkansas Bar ID #2004003 CPC Docket No. 2020-002

ORDER OF RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

David Bryce Finley, an attorney practicing primarily in Las Vegas, Nevada, and licensed to practice law in the State of Arkansas in 2004, is assigned Arkansas Bar Number 2004003. Finley was licensed as an attorney in the state of Nevada on April 20, 2005 and assigned Nevada Bar Number 9310.

On December 12, 2019, an Order Approving Conditional Guilty Plea was filed in Case No. 79607 before the Supreme Court of the State of Nevada. The Supreme Court of the State of Nevada reviewed and approved the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel's recommendation of acceptance of Finley's guilty plea.

Under the agreement, Finley admitted to violating a diversion and mentoring agreement he entered pursuant to Nevada Rule SCR 105.5. That agreement was terminated under the plea and alternate sanctions were imposed. Finley admitted the facts and violations as part of his guilty plea agreement. The record from the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board hearing panel established that Finley abandoned his practice and his clients, failed to perform legal services for which he was hired, and failed to keep his clients apprised of the status of their cases.

After Finley entered into a diversion and mentoring agreement with the State of Nevada Bar related to that conduct, he breached the agreement by failing to pay restitution. Finley agreed to a two (2) year license suspension, fully stayed subject to certain conditions, while he serves an eighteen (18) month probationary period.

The Nevada Supreme Court suspended Finley from the practice of law for two (2) years commencing from the date of the order, with the suspension stayed subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Finley being on eighteen (18) months' probation from the date of the order.
- (b) Finley shall not have any new grievances filed against him that result in actual discipline after the entry of the Order Approving Conditional Guilty Plea.
- (c) Finley shall pay monthly restitution payments of at least \$750 per month until all restitution is paid.
- (d) Finley continue treatment with the Lawyer's Assistance Program, which shall submit monthly reports on his treatment.
- (e) Within thirty (30) days of entry of the Order, Finley obtain a mentor with at least ten (10) years' experience in the practice of law who shall submit quarterly reports to the State Bar addressing Finley's case load, trust account procedures, and general welfare of Finley and his law practice.
- (f) Finley shall pay the costs of the disciplinary proceedings, including a \$2500 cost within thirty (30) days from the date of the Order.

Section 14 of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law ("Procedures") provides the procedure for licenses of attorneys who have been disbarred, suspended, or transferred to disability inactive status by another state or federal court or a corresponding disciplinary authority of another jurisdiction.

§14.F of the Procedures states that the Panel shall impose the identical disbarment, suspension, or transfer to disability inactive status, unless the Panel finds certain elements are present. The Panel found that none of the elements listed in §14.F of the Procedures were present and, therefore, imposes an identical sanction of suspension of Finley's for two (2) years fully stayed subject to the conditions

and serving an eighteen (18) month probationary period as set forth in the Nevada Supreme Court's Order.

WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, acting through its authorized Panel B, that David Bryce Finley, Arkansas Bar ID# 2004003, be, and hereby is, SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of TWO (2) YEARS FULLY STAYED WITH AN EIGHTEEN (18) MONTH PROBATIONARY PERIOD for his conduct which led to stayed suspension, of his Nevada law license The two (2) year stayed suspension and eighteen (18) month probationary period shall become effective on the date of the filing of this Order.

It is so ordered.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL ÇONDUCT - PANEL A

Stephen R. Crane, Chair, Panel B

Date: 2 - 21 - 20