

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE DEVELOPMENT
OF ALTERNATIVES TO TRADITIONAL
LITIGATION FOR RESOLVING LEGAL
DISPUTES.

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY *J. Richards*
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER REMOVING BENJAMIN ZVENIA

FROM LIST OF APPOINTED NON-ATTORNEY ARBITRATORS

On April 10, 1998, pursuant to a certification from the State Bar of Nevada and an order of this court, Benjamin Zvenia was appointed as a non-attorney arbitrator to the Court Annexed Arbitration Program. Thereafter, on May 14, 1998, this court dismissed an appeal by Zvenia from a judgment of conviction. Zvenia, who claims to be a naturopathic physician, was convicted of practicing medicine without a license and sentenced to a six-year prison term.

Accordingly, on September 2, 1998, this court directed the state bar to conduct an investigation into Zvenia's qualifications and past record and to make a recommendation with respect to Zvenia's fitness as an arbitrator. The state bar filed a timely recommendation and report with respect to Zvenia, in which it submits that Zvenia is not qualified to be listed as an arbitrator. Zvenia has not responded to the state bar's report.

In support of its recommendation, the state bar discloses, among other things, that Zvenia has been charged with and/or convicted of numerous offenses and that Zvenia has misrepresented his professional status and educational background. We therefore agree with the state bar that Zvenia is not qualified to be listed as an arbitrator in the State of

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Nevada. Accordingly, we remove his name from the list of non-attorneys appointed as arbitrators.

It is so ORDERED.

Rose, C.J.
Rose

Young, J.
Young

Maupin, J.
Maupin

Shearing, J.
Shearing

Agosti, J.
Agosti

Leavitt, J.
Leavitt

Becker, J.
Becker

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