

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

COLUMBUS

ANNOUNCEMENT

THURSDAY

June 1, 2000

DISCIPLINARY DOCKET

96-2372. Cincinnati Bar Assn. v. Brown.

IT IS ORDERED by this court, *sua sponte*, effective May 31, 2000, that Stanley Brown, Attorney Registration No. 0041489, last known address in Covington, Kentucky, is found in contempt for failure to comply with this court's order of May 14, 1997, to wit, failure to surrender his certificate of admission and failure to file an affidavit of compliance on or before June 13, 1997, and failure to pay board costs in the amount of \$148.88 on or before August 12, 1997.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this court, *sua sponte*, that respondent show cause why he should not be found in contempt for failure to pay publication costs in the amount of \$105.18 on or before January 28, 1998.

98-712. Disciplinary Counsel v. Meros.

On September 23, 1998, this court suspended respondent, Thomas Lynn Meros, for eighteen months. On December 22, 1999, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline filed its final report in *Cuyahoga County Bar Association v. Thomas L. Meros*, Supreme Court case No. 99-2261, in which the board recommended that respondent be permanently disbarred. On April 21, 2000, respondent filed an application for reinstatement in case No. 98-712. Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED by the court that, because formal disciplinary proceedings are pending against respondent in case No. 99-2261, respondent's application for reinstatement is denied.

98-2657. Dayton Bar Assn. v. Baker.

On June 23, 1999, this court suspended respondent, Jeffery P. Baker, a.k.a. Jeffery Paul Baker, for a period of six months, stayed on conditions. Respondent was further ordered to pay board costs in the amount of \$785.81 on or before September 21, 1999. Respondent did not pay board costs. This court further ordered respondent to show cause on or before December 13, 1999, why he should not be found in contempt and suspended from the practice of law for failure to comply with the court's June 23, 1999 order. Respondent did not respond to the show cause order. Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED by this court, effective May 31, 2000, that respondent, Jeffery P. Baker, a.k.a. Jeffery Paul Baker, be and hereby is found in contempt of this court. It is further ordered that respondent, Jeffery P. Baker, a.k.a. Jeffery Paul Baker, Attorney Registration No. 0016170, last known address in Vandalia, Ohio, be suspended from the practice of law unless and until he purges himself of contempt by complying with the June 23, 1999 order of this court and paying board costs and any and all accrued interest in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the respondent, Jeffery P. Baker, a.k.a. Jeffery Paul Baker, immediately cease and desist from the practice of law in any form and is hereby forbidden to appear on behalf of another before any court, judge, commission, board, administrative agency, or other public authority.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is hereby forbidden to counsel or advise or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform such services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is hereby divested of each, any, and all of the rights, privileges, and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the legal profession of Ohio.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent surrender his certificate of admission to practice to the Clerk of this court on or before thirty days from the date of this order, and that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys maintained by this court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. X(3)(G), respondent shall complete one credit hour of continuing legal education for each month, or portion of a month, of the suspension. As part of the total credit hours of continuing legal education required by Gov.Bar R. X(3)(G), respondent shall complete one credit hour of instruction related to professional conduct required by Gov.Bar R. X(3)(A)(1), for each six months, or portion of six months, of the suspension.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, *sua sponte*, by the court, that within ninety days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded against the respondent by the Clients' Security Fund pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered, *sua sponte*, by the court that if, after the date of this order, the Clients' Security Fund awards any amount against the respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), the respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Clients' Security Fund within ninety days of the notice of such award.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent pays board costs, including any and all accrued interest in full; (2) respondent files a written application with the Clerk of this court requesting that he be purged of contempt and reinstated to the practice of law and respondent complies with the requirements for reinstatement set forth in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar; (3) respondent complies with the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; (4) respondent complies with this and all other orders of the court; and (5) this court orders that respondent be purged of contempt and reinstated to the practice of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before thirty days from the date of this order, respondent shall:

1. Notify all clients being represented in pending matters and any co-counsel of his suspension and his consequent disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order and, in the absence of co-counsel, also notify the clients to seek legal service elsewhere, calling attention to any urgency in seeking the substitution of another attorney in his place;

2. Regardless of any fees or expenses due respondent, deliver to all clients being represented in pending matters any papers or other property pertaining to the client, or notify the clients or co-counsel, if any, of a suitable time and place where the papers or other property may be obtained, calling attention to any urgency for obtaining such papers or other property;

3. Refund any part of any fees or expenses paid in advance that are unearned or not paid, and account for any trust money or property in the possession or control of respondent;

4. Notify opposing counsel in pending litigation or, in the absence of counsel, the adverse parties, of his disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order, and file a notice of disqualification of respondent with the court or agency before which the litigation is pending for inclusion in the respective file or files;

5. Send all notices required by this order by certified mail with a return address where communications may thereafter be directed to respondent;

6. File with the Clerk of this court and the Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court an affidavit showing compliance with this order, showing proof of service of notices required herein, and setting forth the address where the affiant may receive communications; and

7. Retain and maintain a record of the various steps taken by respondent pursuant to this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall keep the Clerk, the Dayton Bar Association, and the Disciplinary Counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, *sua sponte*, that all documents filed with this court in this case shall meet the filing requirements set forth in the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, including requirements as to form, number, and timeliness of filings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, *sua sponte*, that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has given to the Attorney Registration Office.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(1), that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(2), and that respondent bear the costs of publication.

Douglas, J., would find respondent in contempt and place the order in his file.