

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

January 27, 2006

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MOTION AND PROCEDURAL RULINGS

2002-1604. State v. Jackson.

Allen C.P. No. CR2002-0011. This cause came on for further consideration upon the filing of a motion for stay of execution pending the filing and disposition of a petition for a writ of certiorari in the Supreme Court of the United States. Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED by the court that the motion for stay of execution is granted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that compliance with the mandate and the execution of the sentence are stayed, pending the timely filing of the petition in the Supreme Court of the United States.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if such petition is timely filed, this stay shall continue for an indefinite period pending the final disposition of this cause by the Supreme Court of the United States.

2005-2300. Fenstermaker v. Fenstermaker.

Trumbull App. No. 2004-T-0097, 2005-Ohio-5604. This cause is pending before the court as a discretionary appeal. Upon consideration of appellee's motion to strike appellant's notice of appeal,

IT IS ORDERED by the court that the motion is denied.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, that appellee may file a memorandum in response to appellant's memorandum in support of jurisdiction within thirty days of the date of this order.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

1996-1976. In re Gettys.

By order of this court dated September 25, 1996, respondent, Robert Patrick Gettys, was suspended for an interim period from the practice of law pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5). On October 25, 2000, in case No. 2000-0761, *Disciplinary Counsel v. Gettys*, pursuant to Gov.Bar R V(6)(B)(3), respondent was suspended. This suspension replaced the suspension in case No. 1996-1976. By order in case No. 2000-0761, respondent was reinstated to the practice of law on July 15, 2003. It has come to the court's attention that case No. 1996-1976 should have been dismissed on October 25, 2000, when the suspension was issued in case No. 2000-0761. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED by the court that case No. 1996-1976, *In re Gettys*, is dismissed nunc pro tunc, effective October 25, 2000.

2000-1139. Akron Bar Assn. v. Ritch.

On application for reinstatement of Michael E. Ritch, Attorney Registration No. 0039222. Application granted and respondent reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio.

2005-2015. In re Resignation of Gibbons.

On affidavit of resignation from the practice of law of Mark Thomas Gibbons, Attorney Registration No. 0062375, and on report filed under seal by Disciplinary Counsel.

Resignation accepted.

2005-2332. In re Goldblatt.

On December 13, 2005, and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5)(A)(3), the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio certified to the Supreme Court a certified copy of a judgment entry of a felony conviction against Jay Goldblatt, an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Ohio.

Upon consideration thereof and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5)(A)(4), it is ordered and decreed that Jay Goldblatt, Attorney Registration No. 0014263, last known business address in Cleveland, Ohio, be, and hereby is, suspended from the practice of law for an interim period, effective as of the date of this entry.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter be, and is hereby, referred to the Disciplinary Counsel for investigation and commencement of disciplinary proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent 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, effective immediately, respondent be forbidden to counsel or advise, or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform legal services for others.

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, 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 that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent complies with the requirements for reinstatement set forth in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; (2) respondent complies with this and all other orders issued by this court; (3) respondent complies with the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; and (4) this court orders respondent reinstated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, by the court that, within 90 days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded 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 90 days of the notice of such award.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, on or before 30 days from the date of this order, respondent shall:

1. Notify all clients being represented in pending matters and any co-counsel of respondent's suspension and 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 respondent's 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 respondent's possession or control;
4. Notify opposing counsel in pending litigation or, in the absence of counsel, the adverse parties of respondent's 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 such 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 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 Section.

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.

2005-2334. In re Powers.

On December 13, 2005, and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5)(A)(3), the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio certified to the Supreme Court a certified copy of a judgment entry of a felony conviction against Donald Powers, Jr., an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Ohio.

Upon consideration thereof and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5)(A)(4), it is ordered and decreed that Donald Powers, Jr., Attorney Registration No. 0067728,

last known business address in Cincinnati, Ohio, be, and hereby is, suspended from the practice of law for an interim period, effective as of the date of this entry.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter be, and is hereby, referred to the Cincinnati Bar Association for investigation and commencement of disciplinary proceedings.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent 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, effective immediately, respondent be forbidden to counsel or advise, or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform legal services for others.

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, 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 that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent complies with the requirements for reinstatement set forth in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; (2) respondent complies with this and all other orders issued by this court; (3) respondent complies with the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; and (4) this court orders respondent reinstated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, sua sponte, by the court that, within 90 days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded 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 90 days of the notice of such award.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, on or before 30 days from the date of this order, respondent shall:

1. Notify all clients being represented in pending matters and any co-counsel of respondent's suspension and 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 respondent's 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 respondent's possession or control;

4. Notify opposing counsel in pending litigation or, in the absence of counsel, the adverse parties of respondent's 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 such 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 Cincinnati 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 Section.

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.

2005-2250. Disciplinary Counsel v. Giba.

On Certified Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, No. 867 - Disciplinary Docket, No. 3. Paul Robert Giba, Attorney Registration No. 0005732, is suspended from the practice of law in Ohio for two years.

2005-2341. Disciplinary Counsel v. Mogul.

On December 14, 2005, relator, Disciplinary Counsel, filed a motion for an order to appear and show cause why respondent should not be held in contempt for failing to abide by the hearing panel's July 11, 2005, order issued by the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline in Board Case No. 04-18. Upon consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED by this court that the motion be, and is hereby granted to the extent that respondent show cause by filing a written response with the Clerk of this court on or before 20 days from the date of this order why respondent should not be held in contempt.

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.

MEDIATION REFERRALS

The following case has been returned to the regular docket pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. XIV(6)(E):

2005-2116. State ex rel. Ward v. Dorman Prod.

Franklin App. No. 05AP-28, 2005-Ohio-5425.