

The Supreme Court of Ohio

Columbus Bar Association,
Relator,
v.
Teresa Ann Villarreal,
Respondent.

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Case No. 2024-0492

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Board of Professional Conduct of the Supreme Court of Ohio filed a final report in the office of the clerk of this court. In this final report the board recommends that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(12)(A)(3), respondent, Teresa Ann Villarreal, Attorney Registration No. 0042586, be suspended from the practice of law in Ohio for one year with six months stayed on the condition that respondent refrains from further misconduct. The board further recommends that as an additional condition of reinstatement, respondent be required to complete six hours of continuing education on law-office management, those hours in addition to the requirements of Gov.Bar R. X. The board further recommends that upon reinstatement, respondent be required to work with a monitoring attorney, appointed by relator, for a period of one year with monitoring to focus on law-office management and client communications. The board further recommends that the costs of these proceedings be taxed to respondent in any disciplinary order entered, so that execution may issue.

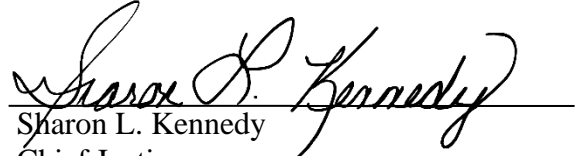
On consideration thereof, it is ordered by the court that the parties show cause why the recommendation of the board should not be confirmed by the court and the disciplinary order so entered. It is further ordered that any objections to the findings of fact and recommendation of the board, together with a brief in support thereof, shall be due on or before 20 days from the date of this order. It is further ordered that an answer brief may be filed on or before 15 days after any brief in support of objections has been filed.

It is further ordered that in lieu of objections, the parties, individually or jointly, may file a no-objection brief in support of the recommended sanction of the board pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(17)(B)(2) within 20 days from the date of this order. It is further ordered that in lieu of objections or a no-objection brief, the parties may file a joint waiver of objections within 20 days from the date of this order.

After a hearing on the objections, or if no objections are filed within the prescribed time, the court shall enter such order as it may find proper which may be the discipline recommended by the board or which may be less severe than said recommendation.

It is further ordered 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 and further that unless clearly inapplicable, the Rules of Practice shall apply to these proceedings. All documents are subject to Sup.R. 44 through 47 which govern access to court records.

It is further ordered that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, to respondent's last known address.


Sharon L. Kennedy
Chief Justice