

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 31, 2011

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## MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

**2010-1889. Akron Bar Assn. v. Dismuke, Slip Opinion No. 2011-Ohio-1444.**

On Certified Report by the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, No. 09-090. Daniel K. Dismuke, Attorney Registration No. 0074292, is suspended from the practice of law in Ohio for two years, with one year stayed on conditions.

O'Connor, C.J., and Pfeifer, Lundberg Stratton, O'Donnell, Lanzinger, Cupp, and McGee Brown, JJ., concur.

**2010-1903. State ex rel. DeDonno v. Mason, Slip Opinion No. 2011-Ohio-1445.**

Cuyahoga App. Nos. 95431 and 95498, 2010-Ohio-4903. Judgment of the court of appeals affirmed.

O'Connor, C.J., and Pfeifer, Lundberg Stratton, O'Donnell, Lanzinger, Cupp, and McGee Brown, JJ., concur.

**2010-2126. Disciplinary Counsel v. Grigsby, Slip Opinion No. 2011-Ohio-1446.**

On Certified Report by the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, No. 10-058. Stephanie Gunter Grigsby, Attorney Registration No. 0070436, is suspended from the practice of law in Ohio for 18 months, stayed on conditions.

O'Connor, C.J., and Pfeifer, Lundberg Stratton, O'Donnell, Lanzinger, Cupp, and McGee Brown, JJ., concur.

**2010-2144. Cleveland Metro. Bar Assn. v. Freeman, Slip Opinion No. 2011-Ohio-1447.**

On Certified Report by the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, No. 10-049. Kenneth Jeff Freeman, Attorney Registration No. 0018940, is suspended from the practice of law in Ohio for one year, stayed on conditions.

O'Connor, C.J., and Pfeifer, Lundberg Stratton, O'Donnell, Lanzinger, Cupp, and McGee Brown, JJ., concur.

## **DISCIPLINARY CASES**

### **2010-0150. Cleveland Metro. Bar Assn. v. Hernick.**

This cause came on for further consideration upon the filing by movant, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, of a motion for order to show cause why respondent should not be held in contempt for failing to comply with the court's March 4, 2010, order.

Upon consideration thereof, it is ordered by this court that the motion 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 for failing to comply with the court's March 4, 2010, order.

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.

### **2011-0284. Disciplinary Counsel v. Whitfield.**

On February 17, 2011, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline filed a final report in the office of the Clerk of this court pursuant to BCGD Proc.Reg. 11(D), in which it accepted the agreement entered into by the relator, Disciplinary Counsel, and the respondent, James Jonathan Whitfield. The agreement set forth the misconduct and the agreed, recommended sanction of a one-year suspension with six months stayed and with credit for time served under the interim suspension. The board recommended that the agreement be accepted.

On consideration thereof, it is hereby ordered by the court, sua sponte, that the recommended sanction is rejected. It is further ordered that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D), this cause is remanded to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline for further proceedings. Proceedings before this court in this case are stayed until further order of this court. Costs to abide final determination of the case.

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.

Pfeifer, Lundberg Stratton, and Lanzinger, JJ., dissent and would accept the agreed sanction.

**2011-0309. Disciplinary Counsel v. Hines.**

On February 24, 2011, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline filed a final report in the office of the Clerk of this court pursuant to BCGD Proc.Reg. 11(D), in which it accepted the agreement entered into by the relator, Disciplinary Counsel, and the respondent, Dean Edward Hines. The agreement set forth the misconduct and the agreed, recommended sanction of a public reprimand. The board recommended that the agreement be accepted.

On consideration thereof, it is hereby ordered by the court, sua sponte, that the recommended sanction is rejected. It is further ordered that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D), this cause is remanded to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline for further proceedings. Proceedings before this court in this case are stayed until further order of this court. Costs to abide final determination of the case.

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.

Pfeifer, J., dissents and would accept the agreed sanction.

**2011-0345. In re Resignation of Schatz.**

On affidavit of resignation from the practice of law of William B. Schatz, Attorney Registration No. 0016467, and on report filed under seal by Disciplinary Counsel. Resignation accepted with disciplinary action pending.

**MEDIATION REFERRALS**

The following cases have been referred to mediation pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 17.1(A):

**2011-0374. LNV Corp. v. Etherington.**

Warren App. No. CA2010-09-082.

**2011-0401. State ex rel. Klingeman v. Niles.**

In Mandamus.

**2011-0432. State ex rel. Guthrie v. Indus. Comm.**  
Franklin App. No. 10AP-171, 2011-Ohio-833.

The following cases have been returned to the regular docket pursuant to S.Ct.Prac.R. 17.1(E):

**2010-1313. Columbus City Schools Bd. of Edn. v. Franklin Cty. Bd. of Revision.**  
Board of Tax Appeals, No. 2008-V-253.

**2010-1836. State ex rel. Bell v. Brooks.**  
Franklin App. No. 09AP-944, 2010-Ohio-4266.

**2010-2288. State ex rel. McBee v. Indus. Comm.**  
Franklin App. No. 09AP-239, 2010-Ohio-5547.

**2011-0145. State ex rel. Dawson v. Bloom-Carroll Local School Dist.**  
In Mandamus.