

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 24, 2012

[Cite as *08/24/2012 Case Announcements*, 2012-Ohio-3826.]

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## DISCIPLINARY CASES

**2011-0284 and 2011-1755. Disciplinary Counsel v. Whitfield.**

On application for reinstatement of James Jonathan Whitfield, Attorney Registration No. 0080720. Application granted and respondent is reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio.

## MISCELLANEOUS DISMISSALS

**2012-0964. Campbell v. Cuyahoga Cty. Bd. of Revision.**

Board of Tax Appeals, No. 2011-Q-104. This cause is pending before the court as an appeal from the Board of Tax Appeals.

Upon consideration of appellant's amended application for dismissal, it is ordered by the court that the application for dismissal is granted. Accordingly, this cause is dismissed, and this case is remanded to the Board of Tax Appeals so that the board may take further action as appropriate.

**2012-1053. Brown v. Testa.**

Board of Tax Appeals, No. 2010-K-2871. This cause is pending before the court as an appeal from the Board of Tax Appeals.

Upon consideration of appellee's motion to dismiss, it is ordered by the court that the motion is granted. Accordingly, this cause is dismissed.

**MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS**

In re Attorney Registration Suspension	:	
Matthew Michael Grant,	:	
Respondent.	:	
	:	ORDER OF
Matthew Michael Grant	:	SUSPENSION
6869 Dial Dr.	:	
Dayton OH 45424	:	(0088803)
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Gov.Bar R. VI(1)(B) requires all attorneys admitted to the practice of law in Ohio to file a Certificate of Registration within 30 days of the date of admission. Section 5(A) establishes that an attorney who fails to file the Certificate of Registration on or before the due date, but pays within 60 days of the deadline, shall be assessed a late fee. Section 5(B) provides that an attorney who fails to file a Certificate of Registration and pay the fees either timely or within the late-registration period shall be notified of noncompliance and that if the attorney fails to file evidence of compliance with Gov.Bar R. VI or to come into compliance with this rule within the late-registration period, the attorney will be suspended from the practice of law.

Respondent was admitted to the practice of law on May 14, 2012, has not registered for the 2011/2013 attorney-registration biennium within 30 days of the date of admission, and has not filed evidence of compliance with Gov.Bar R. VI or come into compliance with this rule within the late-registration period.

Upon consideration thereof and in accordance with Gov.Bar R. VI(5)(B), respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law in Ohio, effective August 14, 2012.

It is further ordered that respondent immediately cease and desist from the practice of law in any form and that he 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 is forbidden to counsel, advise, or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform legal services for others.

It is further ordered that respondent shall not practice law in Ohio; hold himself or herself out as authorized to practice law in Ohio; hold nonfederal judicial office in Ohio; occupy a nonfederal position in this state in which the attorney is called upon to give legal advice or counsel or to examine the law or pass upon the legal effect of any act, document, or law; be employed in the Ohio

judicial system in a position required to be held by an attorney; or practice before any nonfederal court or agency in this state on behalf of any person except himself or herself.

It is further ordered that if respondent fails to comply with this order, respondent may be referred for investigation of the unauthorized practice of law under Gov.Bar R. VII(3).

It is further ordered that respondent is hereby divested of each, any, and all rights, privileges, and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the legal profession in Ohio.

It is further ordered that notwithstanding respondent's suspension under Gov.Bar R. VI, respondent shall comply with Gov.Bar R. X ("Attorney Continuing Legal Education").

It is further ordered that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent files a Certificate of Registration for the 2011/2013 attorney registration biennium and all other biennia for which respondent has not registered, (2) respondent pays all applicable registration fees, (3) respondent pays a \$300 reinstatement fee, (4) respondent files an application for reinstatement on a form provided by the Office of Attorney Services, (5) and the Office of Attorney Services reinstates respondent to the practice of law.

It is further ordered that respondent shall keep the Office of Attorney Services advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

It is further ordered that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this matter, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has provided to the Office of Attorney Services.