

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

In re Suspension of Attorneys Who Failed to Pay 2022 Annual Attorney-License Fee

2022 Ark. 94 (2022) · Decided April 21, 2022

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Arkansas identifies attorneys who failed to pay the 2022 annual attorney-license fee by the April 15, 2022 deadline. The attached list categorizes attorneys who remained suspended, were reinstated after payment, or had their licenses deemed surrendered for nonpayment lasting more than three consecutive years.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Arkansas
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam
JURISDICTION	Arkansas
DECIDED	April 21, 2022
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Supreme Court of Arkansas issued a per curiam administrative order identifying attorneys who failed to pay the 2022 annual attorney-license fee and specifying the resulting suspension, reinstatement, or deemed surrender of licenses under the governing bar-admission rules.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published per curiam administrative order applying the Arkansas bar-admission rules to identified attorneys; no broader doctrinal analysis is provided.

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What licensing status results under the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar when an attorney fails to pay the annual attorney-license fee by the final deadline?

2. What status applies to attorneys who remain suspended for more than three consecutive years because of nonpayment of annual license fees?

HOLDINGS

1. Attorneys who failed to pay the 2022 annual attorney-license fee by April 15, 2022, were automatically suspended on April 16, 2022, by operation of Rules VII(C)(1) and (8), unless they subsequently became current and were reinstated.
2. Former attorneys who had remained suspended for more than three years for failure to pay annual license fees had their licenses deemed surrendered as of April 16, 2022, under Rule VII(C)(17), and could not practice law unless reinstated.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The attorneys listed in Categories 1 and 3 shall not practice law in this state unless reinstated.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The final deadline for attorneys to pay the 2022 annual attorney-license fee was April 15, 2022. Attorneys who failed to pay were automatically suspended on April 16, 2022, while some later became current and were reinstated. Former attorneys who had remained suspended for more than three years for nonpayment had their licenses deemed surrendered as of April 16, 2022.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The final deadline for payment of the 2022 annual attorney-license fee was April 15, 2022. The court issued this per curiam after the deadline, attaching a list of attorneys whose licenses were suspended, restored after payment, or deemed surrendered because of prolonged nonpayment.

DISPOSITION

other