

SUPREME COURT OF KENTUCKY

Jason P. Price v. Kentucky Bar Association

465 S.W.3d 452 (Ky. 2015) · No. 2014-SC-000289-KB · Decided August 17, 2015

OPINION

JOHN MINTON, J.

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MOVANT KBA Member No. 89665 V. IN SUPREME COURT KENTUCKY BAR
ASSOCIATION RESPONDENT OPINION AND ORDER Jason P. Price was admitted to the
practice of law in the Commonwealth of Kentucky on May 1, 2003. Price's KBA No. is 89665,
and his bar roster address is 225 Main Street 1A, Williamsburg, KY 40769.

On August 21, 2014, this Court issued a private reprimand with conditions. One of those
conditions was that Price attend and complete an Ethics and Professionalism Enhancement
Program (EPEP). In the event Price failed to meet the conditions, the order provided for
conversion of the private reprimand to a public one. Price's private reprimand arose from charges
contained in two separate files.

In KBA File No. 21372, Price was charged with failure to keep a client informed; failure to
promptly comply with requests for information; charging an unreasonable fee; and failure to
provide information to the KBA. Price disputed all but the last charge, which arose from his
failure to respond to the other charges.

In KBA File No. 21709, Price was also charged with failure to promptly comply with requests for
information; charging an unreasonable fee; failure to provide information to the KBA; and
engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. Price admitted to
the failure to provide information to his client and to failure to provide information to the KBA
but denied the other charges.

On May 13, 2015, the Kentucky Bar Association (KBA) filed a motion asking this Court to issue
an order requiring Price to show cause why we should not convert the previously issued private
reprimand into a public one.

In support of that motion, the KBA stated that Price had not attended the May 13, 2015 EPEP,
which was the first available program following this Court's August 2014 order. On May 26, 2015,
the KBA filed an amended motion stating that Price, apparently anticipating the EPEP condition,
attended the April 25, 2014 program.

However, the KBA noted that Price had not paid for that program despite having been advised that payment was a necessary requirement for successful completion of the program. The KBA also noted that Price had been advised of the April 17, 2015 program and reiterated that he failed to attend that program.

In response to the show cause order, Price indicated that he had enrolled in an eight-month residential treatment program on March 16, 2015. A report from the treatment program's director indicates that Price has been compliant² and has had no disciplinary problems.

Therefore, Price asks this Court to hold the KBA's motion in abeyance. We decline to do so. Price's enrollment in a residential treatment program is laudable and would possibly have prevented him from attending the April 17, 2015 EPEP.

However, Price has offered no excuse for his failure to pay for the EPEP he attended in 2014.¹ Because Price has not offered any reason why he failed to pay for the 2014 EPEP, despite being able to continue practicing law for 11 months following attendance, we discern no reason to deny the KBA's motion.

Thus, we hereby convert the August 2014 private reprimand into a public reprimand. Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED, Jason P. Price, KBA Member Number 89665, is publicly reprimanded. All sitting. All concur. ENTERED: August 20, 2015.³