

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Lorain Cty. Bar Assn. v. Vagotis

2021 Ohio 2756 (Ohio 2021) · No. 2020-1193 · Decided August 12, 2021

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio found Christina Nicole Vagotis in contempt for failing to pay \$572.97 in board costs previously ordered by the court. The court suspended her from practicing law until she pays the costs and interest, applies for reinstatement, and is reinstated, subject to additional compliance and continuing-legal-education requirements.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Maureen O'Connor, C.J.; Maureen O'Connor, J.; Maureen Kennedy, J.; William M. Fischer, J.; Patrick F. DeWine, J.; Michael P. Donnelly, J.; Melody J. Stewart, J.; Jennifer Brunner, J.
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	August 12, 2021
DOCKET	2020-1193
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Attorney-discipline contempt proceeding initiated by the Supreme Court of Ohio's order to show cause.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Supreme Court of Ohio opinion

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Vagotis should be found in contempt for failing to comply with the court's prior order to pay board costs.

2. Whether Vagotis should be suspended from the practice of law until she paid the board costs and interest and satisfied the applicable reinstatement requirements.

HOLDINGS

1. Vagotis was in contempt for failing to comply with the Supreme Court of Ohio's March 18, 2021 order requiring payment of \$572.97 in board costs.
2. Vagotis was suspended from the practice of law until she paid the board costs and all accrued interest, applied for reinstatement, and was granted reinstatement by the court.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

On March 18, 2021, the Supreme Court of Ohio publicly reprimanded Christina Nicole Vagotis and ordered her to pay \$572.97 in board costs. Vagotis did not pay the costs. After receiving an order to show cause concerning contempt and suspension, she did not file a response.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court had previously publicly reprimanded Christina Nicole Vagotis and ordered her to pay \$572.97 in board costs. After Vagotis failed to pay, the court issued an order to show cause why she should not be held in contempt and suspended. Vagotis did not respond, and the court found her in contempt and suspended her from the practice of law until she paid the costs and interest and satisfied the reinstatement requirements.

DISPOSITION

other