

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

In re Resignation of Reed

2014 Ohio 5118 (Ohio 2014) · No. 2014-1834 · Decided November 20, 2014

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio accepted William Emerson Reed II's resignation from the practice of law while disciplinary action was pending under Gov.Bar R. VI(7)(C). The order withdrew his practice privileges, struck his name from the roll of attorneys, and imposed client-notification, records, reimbursement, and compliance obligations.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	O'Connor, C.J.; Pfeifer, J.; O'Donnell, J.; Lanzinger, J.; Kennedy, J.; French, J.; O'Neill, J.
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	November 20, 2014
DOCKET	2014-1834
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Supreme Court of Ohio considered an attorney's application for retirement or resignation while disciplinary action was pending.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published

TOPICS

administrative law administrative procedure act appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

attorney discipline legal ethics professional responsibility

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Reed's application for retirement or resignation should be accepted under Gov.Bar R. VI(7) while disciplinary action was pending.
- What restrictions and compliance obligations should accompany acceptance of the resignation.

HOLDINGS

1. The court accepted Reed's resignation as an attorney and counselor at law with disciplinary action pending pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VI(7)(C).
2. Upon acceptance, Reed's rights and privileges to practice law in Ohio were withdrawn, his name was ordered stricken from the roll of attorneys, and he was prohibited from practicing law or holding himself out as authorized to practice law, subject to the additional conditions stated in the order.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“On consideration thereof, it is ordered by the court that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VI(7)(C) the resignation as an attorney and counselor at law is accepted as a resignation with disciplinary action pending.” (¶ 2)

“It is further ordered and adjudged that from and after this date all rights and privileges extended to respondent to practice law in the state of Ohio be withdrawn” (¶ 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

William Emerson Reed II was admitted to practice law in Ohio in 1976 and had a last known business address in Richmond, Ohio. He submitted an application for retirement or resignation under Gov.Bar R. VI(7), which was referred to disciplinary counsel. Disciplinary counsel filed a report with the Supreme Court of Ohio, and the court accepted the resignation with disciplinary action pending.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

William Emerson Reed II submitted an application for retirement or resignation under Gov.Bar R. VI(7). The application was referred to disciplinary counsel, whose sealed report was filed with the Supreme Court of Ohio. The court accepted Reed's resignation with disciplinary action pending and imposed conditions governing his cessation of practice and related obligations.

DISPOSITION

other