

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Striking of Names of Members of the Oklahoma Bar Association for Noncompliance with Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Requirements for the Year 2021

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SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Oklahoma ordered that the attorneys listed in Exhibit A be stricken from the Oklahoma Bar Association membership rolls and the Roll of Attorneys. The order was based on their failure to comply with mandatory continuing legal education requirements for 2021 and failure to seek reinstatement within one year of suspension.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Justice; All justices
JURISDICTION	Oklahoma
DECIDED	June 12, 2023
DOCKET	SCBD-7260
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Oklahoma Bar Association's Board of Governors filed an application for an order striking from the Roll of Attorneys the names of attorneys who failed to comply with mandatory continuing legal education requirements and did not seek reinstatement within one year after suspension.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	nonprecedential
PARTIES	Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association v. Members of the Oklahoma Bar Association named on Exhibit A

TOPICS

administrative law

agency adjudication

appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether attorneys suspended for noncompliance with mandatory continuing legal education requirements who did not apply for reinstatement within one year should be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys and the Oklahoma Bar Association membership rolls.

HOLDINGS

1. Attorneys who failed to comply with the Rules for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education and did not apply for reinstatement within one year of their suspension were properly stricken from the Roll of Attorneys and the Oklahoma Bar Association membership rolls.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the attorneys named on Exhibit A, attached hereto, are hereby stricken from the Roll of Attorneys on June 12, 2023 for failure to comply with the Rules for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education for the year 2021.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The attorneys listed on Exhibit A failed to comply with the Oklahoma Rules for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education for the year 2021. The Supreme Court suspended them on June 6, 2022, and the Board of Governors determined at its May 19, 2023 meeting that none had applied for reinstatement within one year. The Board therefore declared that their names should be removed from the Oklahoma Bar Association membership rolls and the Roll of Attorneys.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Supreme Court of Oklahoma previously suspended the attorneys from membership in the Oklahoma Bar Association and from the practice of law on June 6, 2022, for noncompliance with the continuing legal education requirements for 2021. After determining that none had applied for reinstatement within one year, the Board of Governors sought an order striking their names, and the Supreme Court granted the application.

DISPOSITION

other