

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

State ex rel. Oklahoma Bar Association v. Janzen

2020 OK 19 (Okla. 2020) · No. SCBD-6903 · Decided March 27, 2020

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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Oklahoma ex rel. Oklahoma Bar Association, Complainant, v. Carolyn Janzen, Respondent.
ORDER OF IMMEDIATE INTERIM SUSPENSION ¶1 The Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA),
in compliance with Rules 7.1 and 7.2 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings (RGDP),
has forwarded to this Court certified copies of the Information, Affidavits, Plea of No Contest,
Judgment, Sentence, and Record of Proceedings, felony, in the matter of State of Oklahoma v.
Carolyn Janzen, CF-2012-30, in Greer County, Oklahoma.

On February 20, 2020, Respondent pled no contest to the following crime, occurring sometime in
July 2010: False Pretenses/Con Game in violation of 21 O.S. § 1541.2, Felony. On February 20,
2020, the Court sentenced Respondent to 8 years in the custody of the Department of Corrections,
with all suspended. Respondent was ordered to pay restitution of \$7,100, a fine of \$1,000, costs
and fees. ¶2 The Court notes that Carolyn Janzen's name was stricken from the membership rolls
of the Oklahoma Bar Association for failure to pay dues, effective September 20, 2004, and that
Janzen is presently not licensed to practice law in the State of Oklahoma.

Pursuant to Rule 1.1, RGDP, this Court retains jurisdiction to impose discipline for cause on a
lawyer whose name has been stricken from the Roll of Attorneys for non-payment of dues or for
failure to complete mandatory continuing legal education. ¶3 Rule 7.3 of the RGDP provides:
"Upon receipt of the certified copies of Judgment and Sentence on a plea of guilty, order deferring
judgment and sentence, indictment or information and the judgment and sentence, the Supreme
Court shall by order immediately suspend the lawyer from the practice of law until further order
of the Court."

Having received certified copies of these papers and orders, this Court orders that Carolyn Janzen is immediately suspended from the practice of law. This disciplinary interim suspension pursuant to Rule 7.3 will remain effective regardless of any remedy of the prior administrative suspension. Carolyn Janzen is directed to show cause, if any, no later than May 18, 2020, why this order of interim suspension should be set aside.

See RGDP Rule 7.3. The OBA has until June 2, 2020, to respond. ¶4 Rule 7.2 of the RGDP provides that a certified copy of a plea of guilty, an order deferring judgment and sentence, or information and judgment and sentence of conviction "shall constitute the charge and be conclusive evidence of the commission of the crime upon which the judgment and sentence is based and shall suffice as the basis for discipline in accordance with these rules."

Pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the RGDP, Carolyn Janzen has until June 17, 2020, to show cause in writing why a final order of discipline should not be imposed, to request a hearing, or to file a brief and any evidence tending to mitigate the severity of discipline.

The OBA has until July 2, 2020, to respond. ¶5 DONE BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT in conference on March 27, 2020. /S/CHIEF JUSTICE Gurich, C.J., Kauger, Winchester, Edmondson, Colbert, Combs, Kane and Rowe, JJ, concur; Darby, V.C.J., not participating
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