

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

Re Suspension of Certificates of Certified Shorthand Reporters

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SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Oklahoma ordered the suspension of the certificates of listed certified shorthand reporters. The suspensions were based on failures to satisfy 2019 continuing education requirements and/or 2020 annual certificate renewal requirements, effective March 1, 2020.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
JURISDICTION	Oklahoma
DECIDED	March 9, 2020
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Oklahoma Board of Examiners of Certified Shorthand Reporters recommended suspension of the certificates of listed Oklahoma certified shorthand court reporters for failure to satisfy continuing-education and/or annual certificate-renewal requirements.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published in the Oklahoma Judicial Branch Online only; the opinion states that it is not for official publication.

TOPICS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the certificates of certified shorthand reporters who failed to satisfy the applicable continuing-education and/or annual renewal requirements should be administratively suspended.

HOLDINGS

1. Failure to satisfy the annual certificate-renewal requirements on or before February 15 results in administrative suspension.

2. Failure to satisfy the continuing-education reporting requirements on or before February 15 results in administrative suspension.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Pursuant to 20 O.S., Chapter 20, App. I, Rule 20(c), failure to satisfy the annual renewal requirements on or before February 15 shall result in administrative suspension on that date.” (¶ 2)

“Pursuant to 20 O.S., Chapter 20, App. I, Rule 23(d), failure to satisfy the continuing education reporting requirements on or before February 15 shall result in administrative suspension on that date.” (¶ 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Oklahoma Board of Examiners determined that the listed certified shorthand reporters had failed to comply with continuing-education requirements for calendar year 2019, annual certificate-renewal requirements for 2020, or both. The applicable deadlines were February 15. The Supreme Court ordered suspension of each listed reporter's certificate effective March 1, 2020.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Board recommended suspension to the Supreme Court of Oklahoma. Acting pursuant to the applicable rules governing annual renewal and continuing-education reporting, the Supreme Court ordered the certificates of the listed reporters suspended effective March 1, 2020.

DISPOSITION

other