

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Disciplinary Counsel v. Romer

2026-Ohio-1117 · No. 2023-0469 · Decided March 31, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio granted Shawn Alexander Romer’s petition for reinstatement to the practice of law. Reinstatement is conditioned on continued compliance with treatment and counseling recommendations, and Romer was ordered to pay outstanding proceeding costs.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Kennedy, C.J.; Fischer, J.; DeWine, J.; Deters, J.; Hawkins, J.; Shanahan, J.
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Ohio
DECIDED	March 31, 2026
DOCKET	2023-0469
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Respondent's petition for reinstatement to the practice of law was referred to the Board of Professional Conduct, which recommended conditional reinstatement. The Supreme Court of Ohio granted the petition subject to a treatment-related condition.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published opinion
PARTIES	Disciplinary Counsel v. Shawn Alexander Romer

TOPICS

- administrative law
- agency adjudication
- appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Attorney discipline
- Professional responsibility
- Legal reinstatement

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether Romer's petition for reinstatement to the practice of law should be granted.

2. Whether reinstatement should be conditioned on Romer's continued compliance with treatment and counseling recommendations.

HOLDINGS

1. The petition for reinstatement was granted, and Romer was reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio.
2. Reinstatement was conditioned on Romer's continued compliance with the treatment and counseling recommendations of his substance abuse disorder treatment providers.
3. Romer was ordered to pay \$725, representing total proceeding costs of \$1,225 less a \$500 deposit, within 90 days, with interest and potential collection and contempt consequences for nonpayment.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“the petition for reinstatement of respondent is granted and that respondent, Shawn Alexander Romer, last known business address in Cleveland, Ohio, is reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio subject to the requirement that he continue to follow the treatment and counseling recommendations of his substance abuse disorder treatment providers.” (§ 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Shawn Alexander Romer, an Ohio attorney, petitioned for reinstatement to the practice of law. The Board of Professional Conduct recommended reinstatement on the condition that Romer continue following treatment and counseling recommendations from his substance abuse disorder treatment providers. The court also assessed proceeding costs against Romer.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 15, 2025, Romer filed a petition for reinstatement. The petition was referred to the Board of Professional Conduct under Gov.Bar R. V(25)(E). The board filed a final report recommending conditional reinstatement on February 6, 2026, and no objections were filed. The Supreme Court of Ohio granted reinstatement subject to continued compliance with treatment and counseling recommendations and assessed costs.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Disciplinary Counsel v. Romer, 2023-Ohio-3099