

## SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

# In the Matter of the Suspension of Members of the Oklahoma Bar Association for Noncompliance with Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Requirements for the Year 2019

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### SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Oklahoma ordered the suspension of attorneys who failed to comply with mandatory continuing legal education requirements for 2019. The attorneys were suspended from Oklahoma Bar Association membership and prohibited from practicing law in Oklahoma until reinstated.

### CASE DETAILS

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| COURT              | Supreme Court of Oklahoma                                                                                                                                                                             |
| JURISDICTION       | Oklahoma                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| DECIDED            | September 14, 2020                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| DOCKET             | SCBD-6972                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| DISPOSITION        | other                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE | Original disciplinary proceeding initiated by the Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors seeking suspension of members for noncompliance with mandatory continuing legal education requirements. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE | Published for publication in the Oklahoma Bar Journal only; not for official publication.                                                                                                             |

### TOPICS

administrative law

agency adjudication

### PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics and professional responsibility

continuing legal education

### QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Oklahoma Bar Association members who failed to comply with the mandatory continuing legal education requirements for 2019 and did not show good cause should be suspended from Association membership and prohibited from practicing law.

## HOLDINGS

1. Members who failed to comply with the MCLE Rules and did not show good cause should be suspended from membership in the Oklahoma Bar Association and prohibited from practicing law in Oklahoma until reinstated.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

*“IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the attorneys named on Exhibit A, attached hereto, are hereby suspended from membership in the Association and prohibited from the practice of law in the State of Oklahoma for failure to comply with the MCLE Rules for the year 2019.”*

## FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Oklahoma Bar Association members listed in Exhibit A failed to comply with Rules 3 and 5 of the Rules for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education for the 2019 reporting year. The Association mailed each noncompliant member an order to show cause by certified mail on March 13, 2020, but the Board determined that the members had not shown good cause why their memberships should not be suspended.

## PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 28, 2020, the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association filed an application seeking suspension of members listed in Exhibit A for failure to comply with the mandatory continuing legal education requirements for 2019. The Oklahoma Supreme Court found that the members had received orders to show cause and had not demonstrated good cause, and it entered the suspension order.

## DISPOSITION

other