

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Dayton Bar Assn. v. Strahorn

2020-Ohio-283 (Ohio 2020) · No. 2019-1814 · Decided January 31, 2020

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio entered an interim default suspension against Derrick Anthony Strahorn after he failed to answer a formal disciplinary complaint. The order immediately prohibited him from practicing law and imposed reinstatement, continuing legal education, client-notification, and related compliance requirements.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Maureen O'Connor, C.J.; Maureen O'Connor
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	January 31, 2020
DOCKET	2019-1814
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Board of Professional Conduct certified respondent's default after he failed to answer a formal disciplinary complaint. The Supreme Court of Ohio entered an interim default suspension.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Ohio Supreme Court disciplinary order
PARTIES	Dayton Bar Association v. Derrick Anthony Strahorn

TOPICS

default civil procedure remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics attorney discipline professional responsibility

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should enter an interim default suspension after the Board of Professional Conduct certified that respondent failed to answer a formal complaint and respondent did not respond.

HOLDINGS

1. When the Board of Professional Conduct certifies a respondent's default for failure to answer a formal complaint and the respondent does not file a response, the court may immediately enter an interim default suspension pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(14)(B)(1).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“it is ordered and decreed that an interim default suspension is immediately entered against Derrick Anthony Strahorn” (¶ 2)

“It is further ordered that respondent immediately cease and desist from the practice of law in any form” (¶ 3)

“It is further ordered that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent complies with the requirements for reinstatement set forth in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio” (¶ 8)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Board of Professional Conduct alleged that respondent Derrick Anthony Strahorn failed to file an answer to a formal disciplinary complaint. Respondent did not file a response to the certification of default. The court therefore entered an interim default suspension and directed respondent to cease practicing law and comply with specified reinstatement, client-notification, continuing-education, and reimbursement requirements.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 31, 2019, the Board of Professional Conduct filed a certification of default alleging that Derrick Anthony Strahorn failed to answer a formal complaint pending before the board. Strahorn did not respond. The Supreme Court of Ohio entered an immediate interim default suspension and imposed related conditions and compliance obligations.

DISPOSITION

other