

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 2013

2014 OK 54 · No. SCBD-6140 · Decided June 16, 2014

SUMMARY

The Oklahoma Supreme Court ordered the suspension of attorneys from Oklahoma Bar Association membership and the practice of law for failing to comply with mandatory continuing legal education requirements for 2013. The order identifies the suspended attorneys in Exhibit A and was issued on June 16, 2014.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Justice Colbert; Vice Chief Justice Reif; Justice Winchester; Justice Edmondson; Justice Taylor; Justice Combs; Justice Gurich
JURISDICTION	Oklahoma
DECIDED	June 16, 2014
DOCKET	SCBD-6140
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Oklahoma Bar Association Board of Governors petitioned the Supreme Court of Oklahoma to suspend members who failed to comply with mandatory continuing legal education requirements for 2013.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Oklahoma Supreme Court opinion

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether attorneys who failed to comply with the mandatory continuing legal education requirements and did not show good cause should be suspended from Oklahoma Bar Association membership and the practice of law.

HOLDINGS

1. Attorneys who failed to comply with the mandatory continuing legal education requirements for 2013 and did not show good cause should be suspended from membership in the Oklahoma Bar Association and from the practice of law in Oklahoma.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“It is therefore ordered that the attorneys named on Exhibit A, attached hereto, are hereby suspended from membership in the Association and from the practice of law in the State of Oklahoma for failure to comply with the MCLE Rules for the year 2013.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The attorneys listed in Exhibit A failed to comply with Oklahoma's mandatory continuing legal education requirements for the 2013 year. After receiving certified orders to show cause, they did not establish good cause why their licenses and Oklahoma Bar Association memberships should not be suspended.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On June 2, 2014, the Board of Governors filed a recommendation for suspension. The Oklahoma Bar Association had mailed orders to show cause by certified mail on March 14, 2014, and the members listed in Exhibit A failed to demonstrate good cause for noncompliance. The Supreme Court considered the recommendation and ordered the listed attorneys suspended.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

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NOT RELEASED FOR PUBLICATION. IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OF MEMBERS OF THE OKLAHOMA BAR ASSOCIATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2013 ORDER OF SUSPENSION FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE RULES FOR MANDATORY CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION On June 2, 2014, the Oklahoma Bar Association's Board of Governors filed a recommendation for the suspension of its members who failed to comply with mandatory legal education requirements for the year 2013 as required by Rules 3 and 5 of the Rules for Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE Rules), 5 O.S.

2011, ch. 1, app. 1-B. The Board of Governors recommended that the members whose names appear on the list attached to the recommendation be suspended from membership in the Oklahoma Bar Association and from the practice of law in the State of Oklahoma, as provided by Rule 6 of the MCLE Rules. This Court finds that on March 14, 2014, the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Bar Association mailed, by certified mail, an Order to Show Cause within sixty days why the member's license to practice law in the State of Oklahoma should not be suspended to all Oklahoma Bar Association members not in compliance with Rules 3 and 5 of the MCLE Rules.

The Board of Governors has found that the Oklahoma Bar Association's members named on Exhibit A of its recommendation have not shown good cause why the member's license to practice law in the State of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Bar Association membership should not be suspended. This Court, having considered the Board of Governors' recommendation and motion, finds that each of the Oklahoma Bar Association's members named on Exhibit A, attached hereto, should be suspended.

It is therefore ordered that the attorneys named on Exhibit A, attached hereto, are hereby suspended from membership in the Association and from the practice of law in the State of Oklahoma for failure to comply with the MCLE Rules for the year 2013. DONE BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT IN CONFERENCE on this 16th day of June, 2014. /S/CHIEF JUSTICE CONCUR: Colbert, C.J., Reif, V.C.J., Winchester, Edmondson, Taylor, Combs, Gurich, JJ. NOT VOTING: Watt, J. EXHIBIT A Ann Wright Back, OBA No. 16807 406 S. Boulder, Suite 400 Tulsa, OK 74103 Lagailda F. Barnes, OBA No. 19985 P. O. Box 12864 Oklahoma City, OK 731572864 Jennifer Hope Barrett, OBA No. 22842 P.O.

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