

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Dayton Bar Assn. v. Hooks

2016 Ohio 7557 (Ohio 2016) · No. 2016-0199 · Decided November 1, 2016

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio indefinitely suspended Shawn Patrick Hooks from the practice of law following a certification of default in a disciplinary proceeding. The court imposed various conditions and compliance obligations, including client notification, continuing legal education, reimbursement obligations, and requirements for reinstatement.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Maureen O'Connor, Chief Justice; Paul E. Pfeifer, Justice; Terrence O'Donnell, Justice; Evelyn Lundberg Stratton Lanzinger, Justice; William M. O'Neill, Justice; Judith L. French, Justice; Patrick F. Fischer, Justice
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	November 1, 2016
DOCKET	2016-0199
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	On certification of default in an attorney-discipline proceeding.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Supreme Court of Ohio disciplinary order
PARTIES	Dayton Bar Association v. Shawn Patrick Hooks

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the interim default-judgment suspension should be converted into an indefinite suspension under the Ohio Supreme Court's disciplinary rules.

HOLDINGS

1. Because the matter was certified as a default and no objections were filed after the show-cause order, Hooks was indefinitely suspended from the practice of law pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(14)(E)(1).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(14)(E)(1), respondent, Shawn Patrick Hooks, Attorney Registration No. 0079100, last known address in Dayton, Ohio, is indefinitely suspended from the practice of law.” (§ 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Board of Professional Conduct filed a certification of default concerning respondent Shawn Patrick Hooks. The Supreme Court of Ohio imposed an interim default-judgment suspension and gave the parties an opportunity to show cause why the suspension should not become indefinite; no objections were filed.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Board of Professional Conduct filed a certification of default with the Supreme Court of Ohio. The court imposed an interim default-judgment suspension, ordered the parties to show cause why it should not be converted into an indefinite suspension, received no objections, and entered an order indefinitely suspending Hooks from the practice of law.

DISPOSITION

other