

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Trumbull Cty. Bar Assn. v. Lutseck

2020-Ohio-644 (Ohio 2020) · No. 2020-0163 · Decided February 26, 2020

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio entered an interim default suspension against attorney John Patrick Lutseck after he failed to answer a formal disciplinary complaint. The order prohibits him from practicing law, imposes continuing legal education and reinstatement requirements, and directs compliance with client-notification, property-return, and related obligations.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Maureen O'Connor, C.J.
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	February 26, 2020
DOCKET	2020-0163
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 under the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published and precedential

TOPICS

default

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

professional discipline

attorney suspension

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Board of Professional Conduct's certification of default warranted entry of an interim default suspension under Gov.Bar R. V(14).

HOLDINGS

1. Upon certification of respondent's default and the absence of a response, the court entered an immediate interim default suspension pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(14)(B)(1).

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Board of Professional Conduct alleged that respondent John Patrick Lutseck failed to file an answer to a formal disciplinary complaint pending before the board. Lutseck did not file a response to the certification of default.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On January 31, 2020, the Board of Professional Conduct filed a certification of default alleging that John Patrick Lutseck failed to answer a formal complaint pending before the board. Lutseck did not respond. The Supreme Court of Ohio entered an immediate interim default suspension and imposed related practice, notice, continuing-legal-education, reimbursement, and reinstatement requirements.

DISPOSITION

other