

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

In re Resignation of Chuparkoff

2017-Ohio-3772 (Ohio 2018) · No. 2018-1135 · Decided September 20, 2018

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio accepted Mark Andrew Chuparkoff's resignation as an attorney with disciplinary action pending under Gov.Bar R. VI(11)(C). The order withdrew his authority to practice law, struck his name from the roll of attorneys, and imposed related notice, client-property, reimbursement, and compliance obligations.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Maureen O'Connor, C.J.
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	September 20, 2018
DOCKET	2018-1135
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Attorney submitted an application for retirement or resignation under Gov.Bar R. VI(11); the Supreme Court of Ohio considered disciplinary counsel's report and entered an order accepting the resignation with disciplinary action pending.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published

TOPICS

appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics

attorney discipline

professional responsibility

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the court should accept Chuparkoff's application for resignation under Gov.Bar R. VI(11) as a resignation with disciplinary action pending.
2. What restrictions and compliance obligations should accompany acceptance of the resignation.

HOLDINGS

1. Pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VI(11)(C), the court accepted Chuparkoff's resignation as an attorney and counselor at law with disciplinary action pending.
2. Upon acceptance of the resignation, Chuparkoff's rights and privileges to practice law in Ohio were withdrawn, he was barred from holding himself out as an authorized attorney or performing legal services, and his name was stricken from the roll of attorneys.
3. Chuparkoff was required to satisfy specified obligations concerning employment with attorneys or law firms, reimbursement to the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, client and opposing-party notices, transfer of client property, fee refunds, filing of a compliance affidavit, record retention, and address updates.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“the resignation as an attorney and counselor at law is accepted as a resignation with disciplinary action pending.” (¶ 2)

“from and after this date all rights and privileges extended to respondent to practice law in the state of Ohio be withdrawn” (¶ 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Mark Andrew Chuparkoff was admitted to practice law in Ohio in 2000 and had an attorney registration number of 0071982. He applied for retirement or resignation while disciplinary action was pending. The Supreme Court accepted the resignation with discipline pending and ordered that his law-practice privileges be withdrawn, his name be removed from the roll of attorneys, and specified client-protection and transition obligations be completed.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Mark Andrew Chuparkoff submitted an application for retirement or resignation pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VI(11). The application was referred to disciplinary counsel, whose sealed report was filed with the Supreme Court of Ohio. The court accepted the resignation with disciplinary action pending and imposed the related restrictions and compliance obligations set out in the order.

DISPOSITION

other