

OHIO SUPREME COURT

Columbus Bar Assn. v. McNeal

Columbus Bar Assn. v. McNeal, 2020 Ohio 6837 (Ohio 2020) · No. No. 2017-0491 · Decided December 23, 2020

SUMMARY

Attorney reinstatement; the Ohio Supreme Court reinstated Earl Darren McNeal to the practice of law after finding that he substantially complied with a prior contempt order, a revoked stay, and a suspension, as well as with the provisions of Gov.Bar R. V(24). The case involves attorney discipline, contempt, and reinstatement procedures.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Ohio Supreme Court
WRITING FOR THE COURT	O'CONNOR; KENNEDY; FRENCH; FISCHER; DEWINE; DONNELLY; STEWART
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	December 23, 2020
DOCKET	No. 2017-0491
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Application for reinstatement after suspension and contempt order.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published

TOPICS

contempt

sanctions

PRACTICE AREAS

attorney discipline

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether respondent should be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio.

HOLDINGS

- Respondent is reinstated because he has substantially complied with the suspension order and the provisions of Gov.Bar R. V(24).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The court coming now to consider its order of August 27, 2020, wherein the court found respondent in contempt, revoked the previously imposed stay, and suspended respondent from the practice of law, finds that respondent has substantially complied with that order and with the provisions of Gov.Bar R. V(24).” (§ 2)

“Therefore, it is ordered by this court that respondent is reinstated to the practice of law in the state of Ohio.” (§ 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Respondent Earl Darren McNeal was suspended from the practice of law by order of the Ohio Supreme Court on August 27, 2020, after being found in contempt and having a previously imposed stay revoked. He subsequently applied for reinstatement.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Respondent Earl Darren McNeal was suspended from the practice of law by order of the Ohio Supreme Court on August 27, 2020, after being found in contempt and having a previously imposed stay revoked. He subsequently applied for reinstatement.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Columbus Bar Assn. v. McNeal, 152 Ohio St.3d 37, 2017-Ohio-8775, 92 N.E.3d 840

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

[Cite as Columbus Bar Assn. v. McNeal, ___ Ohio St.3d ___, 2020-Ohio-6837.] COLUMBUS BAR ASSOCIATION v. MCNEAL. [Cite as Columbus Bar Assn. v. McNeal, ___ Ohio St.3d ___, 2020-Ohio-6837.] (No. 2017-0491—Submitted December 22, 2020—Decided December 23, 2020.) ON APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT. _____ {¶ 1} This cause came on for further consideration upon the filing of an application for reinstatement by respondent, Earl Darren McNeal, Attorney Registration No. 0059218, last known business address in Columbus, Ohio. {¶ 2} The court coming now to consider its order of August 27, 2020, wherein the court found respondent in contempt, revoked the previously imposed stay, and suspended respondent from the practice of law, finds that respondent has substantially complied with that order and with the provisions of Gov.Bar R. V(24). {¶ 3} Therefore, it is ordered by this court that respondent is reinstated to the practice of law in the state of Ohio. {¶ 4} It is further ordered that the clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(17)(E)(1)

and that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(17)(E)(2). {¶ 5} For earlier case, see Columbus Bar Assn. v. McNeal, 152 Ohio St.3d 37, 2017-Ohio-8775, 92 N.E.3d 840.

O’CONNOR, C.J., and KENNEDY, FRENCH, FISCHER, DEWINE, DONNELLY, and STEWART, JJ., concur. _____