

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

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DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

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