

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

In the Matter of the Reinstatement of Jacqueline Forsgren Cronkhite to Membership in the Oklahoma Bar Association and to the Roll of Attorneys

2020 OK 109 · No. SCBD-6905 · Decided December 14, 2020

SUMMARY

The Oklahoma Supreme Court grants Jacqueline Forsgren Cronkhite's petition for reinstatement to membership in the Oklahoma Bar Association and the roll of attorneys. The court finds that she satisfied the applicable procedural, competency, good moral character, and unauthorized-practice requirements, paid current dues and transcript costs, and orders reinstatement effective immediately subject to payment of remaining costs.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Chief Justice; All Justices
JURISDICTION	Oklahoma
DECIDED	December 14, 2020
DOCKET	SCBD-6905
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Petition for reinstatement to membership in the Oklahoma Bar Association and to the roll of attorneys following the petitioner's prior removal for nonpayment of dues and noncompliance with mandatory continuing legal education requirements.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Oklahoma Supreme Court order; the opinion text states that it had not yet been released for publication and was subject to revision or withdrawal.
PARTIES	Jacqueline Forsgren Cronkhite v. Oklahoma Bar Association

TOPICS

appellate procedure

civil procedure

costs

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Cronkhite satisfied the procedural requirements for reinstatement under Rule 11 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings.
2. Whether Cronkhite established by clear and convincing evidence that she had not engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Oklahoma.
3. Whether Cronkhite established the competency and legal learning required for reinstatement.
4. Whether Cronkhite established the good moral character required for reinstatement.
5. Whether the petition for reinstatement should be granted subject to payment of the remaining proceeding costs.

HOLDINGS

1. Cronkhite met all procedural requirements necessary for reinstatement in the Oklahoma Bar Association.
2. Cronkhite established by clear and convincing evidence that she had not engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Oklahoma, possessed the required competency and learning in the law, and possessed the good moral character required for reinstatement.
3. The petition for reinstatement was granted effective immediately, with remaining proceeding costs of \$347.27 due within 90 days.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the petition of Jacqueline Forsgren Cronkhite for reinstatement be granted effective immediately.” (¶3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Jacqueline Forsgren Cronkhite was removed from the Oklahoma roll of attorneys for nonpayment of bar dues and failure to comply with mandatory continuing legal education requirements. She resides in Arkansas and is licensed to practice there. After a Professional Responsibility Tribunal hearing and recommendation for reinstatement, she petitioned the Oklahoma Supreme Court, which found that she satisfied the procedural, competency, unauthorized-practice, and moral-character requirements for reinstatement and had paid her outstanding dues and transcript costs.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Cronkhite was stricken from the Oklahoma roll of attorneys effective January 1, 2017. A hearing was held before the Trial Panel of the Professional Responsibility Tribunal, which recommended reinstatement. The Oklahoma Supreme Court reviewed the petition and granted reinstatement effective immediately, subject to payment of remaining proceeding costs within 90 days.

DISPOSITION

other

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