

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Mount

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SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio imposed reciprocal discipline on Dick Wilson Mount Jr. based on a Florida disciplinary order placing him on probation for one year. The court suspended Mount for one year, stayed the suspension, placed him on probation for one year, and imposed related reimbursement and compliance requirements.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Moyer, C.J.; Douglas, J.; Resnick, J.; F.E. Sweeney, J.; Pfeifer, J.; Cook, J.; Lundberg Stratton, J.
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	September 26, 2002
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Reciprocal attorney-discipline proceeding under Gov.Bar R. V(11)(F), initiated after the relator filed a certified copy of a Florida disciplinary order.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Ohio Supreme Court disciplinary opinion
PARTIES	Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Dick Wilson Mount, Jr.

TOPICS

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Supreme Court of Ohio should impose identical or comparable discipline under the reciprocal-discipline provisions of Gov.Bar R. V(11)(F) based on the Florida disciplinary order.

HOLDINGS

1. Under Gov.Bar R. V(11)(F)(4), the Supreme Court of Ohio imposed a one-year suspension from the practice of law, stayed the suspension, and placed respondent on probation for one year, subject to specified conditions.
2. Respondent may not apply for termination of probation in Ohio until he satisfies the specified Ohio and Florida probation requirements, files evidence showing termination of Florida probation, complies with the court's orders and governing bar rules, and obtains an order from the Supreme Court of Ohio terminating probation.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“respondent, Dick Wilson Mount, Jr., Attorney Registration No. 0037553, last known business address in Minerva, Ohio, be suspended for a period of one year, that the suspension be stayed, that respondent be placed on probation for a period of one year” (¶ 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Supreme Court of Florida entered an order placing respondent Dick Wilson Mount, Jr. on probation for one year. Ohio Disciplinary Counsel filed a certified copy of that order in the Supreme Court of Ohio under the reciprocal-discipline provisions of Gov.Bar R. V(11)(F). After Ohio ordered respondent to show cause why comparable discipline should not be imposed, respondent filed no response.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Supreme Court of Florida placed respondent Dick Wilson Mount, Jr. on probation for one year. Ohio Disciplinary Counsel filed the certified Florida order with the Supreme Court of Ohio, which ordered respondent to show cause why identical or comparable discipline should not be imposed in Ohio. Respondent filed no response, and the Ohio Supreme Court imposed a stayed one-year suspension and one year of probation, with additional conditions.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- Florida Bar v. Dick Wilson Mount, Jr., case No. SC01-1900 (Fla. May 2, 2002)