

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Disciplinary Counsel v. McCord

144 Ohio St. 3d 1219, 2015-Ohio-3910 (Ohio 2015) · No. 2008-1785 · Decided September 28, 2015

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio granted Michael McCord’s petition for reinstatement to the practice of law. The court ordered him to pay proceeding costs, reimburse qualifying Lawyers’ Fund for Client Protection awards, and comply with related filing and publication requirements.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Maureen O'Connor, C.J.; Paul E. Pfeifer, J.; William M. O'Donnell, J.; L. A. Lanzinger, J.; Judith L. French, J.; Sharon L. Kennedy, J.; Eileen T. O'Neill, J.
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	September 28, 2015
DOCKET	2008-1785
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Respondent attorney petitioned the Supreme Court of Ohio for reinstatement to the practice of law after disciplinary suspension. The petition was referred to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, which recommended reinstatement, and no objections were filed.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published but fact-specific reinstatement order with limited value as precedent
PARTIES	Disciplinary Counsel v. Michael McCord

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Michael McCord should be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio.
2. What costs and reimbursement obligations should accompany reinstatement.

HOLDINGS

1. The petition for reinstatement is granted, and Michael McCord is reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio.
2. McCord is responsible for the specified proceeding costs and must reimburse amounts awarded against him by the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, subject to the conditions stated in the order.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Upon consideration thereof, it is ordered by this court that the petition for reinstatement of respondent is granted and that respondent, Michael McCord, last known address in Columbus, Ohio, is reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio.” (¶ 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Michael McCord, an Ohio attorney, sought reinstatement to the practice of law. The Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline reviewed his petition and recommended reinstatement. No objections to the board's final report were filed.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Michael McCord filed a petition for reinstatement on November 26, 2014. The petition was referred to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline, which submitted a final report recommending reinstatement on August 10, 2015. The Supreme Court of Ohio granted the petition and reinstated McCord, subject to payment of proceeding costs and reimbursement obligations to the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection.

DISPOSITION

other