

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

In re Schram

114 Ohio St. 3d 1517 (Ohio 2007) · Decided August 30, 2007

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio imposed an interim suspension from the practice of law on Deborah C. Schram after receiving a certified judgment entry of her felony conviction. The order also referred the matter for disciplinary proceedings and imposed notification, continuing-legal-education, reimbursement, and compliance obligations.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	August 30, 2007
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Supreme Court of Ohio received certification of an attorney's felony conviction and entered an interim suspension order under the Ohio Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Ohio Supreme Court per curiam disciplinary order

TOPICS

administrative law

PRACTICE AREAS

attorney discipline

legal ethics

professional responsibility

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether certification of an Ohio attorney's felony conviction requires or authorizes an interim suspension under Gov.Bar R. V(5)(A)(4).
- What ancillary restrictions and compliance obligations should accompany the interim suspension.

HOLDINGS

- Upon certification of a judgment entry reflecting the felony conviction of an Ohio attorney, the Supreme Court of Ohio may impose an interim suspension from the practice of law and refer the matter for

disciplinary investigation and proceedings.

2. During the interim suspension, Schram was prohibited from practicing law, appearing for others before courts or governmental entities, counseling or advising others, preparing legal instruments, and performing legal services.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Upon consideration thereof and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5)(A)(4), it is ordered and decreed that Deborah C. Schram, Attorney Registration No. 0025554, last known business address in Dayton, Ohio, is suspended from the practice of law for an interim period, effective as of the date of this entry.” (1517)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Deborah C. Schram was an attorney licensed to practice law in Ohio. The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline certified a judgment entry reflecting Schram's felony conviction to the Supreme Court of Ohio.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Secretary of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline certified to the Supreme Court of Ohio a certified copy of Deborah C. Schram's felony-conviction judgment entry. The court imposed an interim suspension, referred the matter to the Dayton Bar Association for investigation and disciplinary proceedings, and issued related compliance and client-protection directives.

DISPOSITION

other

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