

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

State ex rel. Oklahoma Bar Association v. Givens

Givens, 2014 OK 70 (Okla. 2014) · No. SCBD-6153 · Decided July 15, 2014

SUMMARY

The Oklahoma Supreme Court ordered the immediate interim suspension of Blake Rodman Givens from the practice of law after receiving certified records reflecting his guilty pleas and judgment in Tulsa County criminal proceedings. The court directed Givens to show cause regarding the interim suspension and any final discipline under the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Colbert, C.J.; Reif, V.C.J.; Kauger, J.; Watt, J.; Winchester, J.; Taylor, J.; Combs, J.; Gurich, J.; Edmondson, J.
JURISDICTION	Oklahoma
DECIDED	July 15, 2014
DOCKET	SCBD-6153
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Original attorney-discipline proceeding in which the Oklahoma Bar Association submitted certified criminal-plea and judgment documents and sought interim suspension.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published in the Oklahoma Bar Journal only; the opinion states that it was not released for publication.
PARTIES	State of Oklahoma ex rel. Oklahoma Bar Association v. Blake Rodman Givens

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QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Oklahoma Supreme Court was required to immediately suspend Givens from the practice of law upon receiving the certified criminal judgment and related documents under Rule 7.3 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings.
2. Whether the certified guilty plea, deferred-sentence order, information, and judgment and sentence constituted conclusive evidence of the commission of the underlying crimes and a sufficient basis for attorney discipline under Rule 7.2.

HOLDINGS

1. Upon receiving the certified copies specified by Rule 7.3 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings, the Supreme Court of Oklahoma must immediately suspend the lawyer from practicing law until further order of the court.
2. A certified guilty plea, order deferring judgment and sentence, or information and judgment and sentence of conviction constitutes the charge and is conclusive evidence of the commission of the crime on which the judgment and sentence is based, and is sufficient as the basis for discipline under the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Upon receipt of the certified copies of Judgment and Sentence on a plea of guilty, order deferring judgment and sentence, indictment or information and the judgment and sentence, the Supreme Court shall by order immediately suspend the lawyer from the practice of law until further order of the Court.”

“shall constitute the charge and be conclusive evidence of the commission of the crime upon which the judgment and sentence is based and shall suffice as the basis for discipline in accordance with these rules.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Blake Rodman Givens entered a guilty plea to domestic assault and battery in the presence of a minor, in violation of 21 O.S. § 664(f), and disturbing the peace, in violation of 21 O.S. § 22. The Oklahoma Bar Association submitted certified copies of the criminal proceedings, including the deferred-sentence order and subsequent judgment and sentence, to the Oklahoma Supreme Court.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Oklahoma Bar Association forwarded certified copies of an information, deferred-sentence order, order accelerating judgment and sentence, and judgment and sentence to the Supreme Court of Oklahoma under Rules 7.1 and 7.2 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings. The court entered an immediate interim suspension and directed Respondent to show cause why the suspension should be set aside and why final discipline should not be imposed.

DISPOSITION

other

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