

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

In re Buttars

2019-Ohio-2177 (Ohio 2019) · No. 2019-0736 · Decided June 4, 2019

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio imposed an interim suspension from the practice of law on Austin Roan Buttars after receiving a certified entry of his felony conviction. The court referred the matter for disciplinary investigation and prescribed requirements concerning cessation of legal practice, continuing legal education, client notification, reimbursement, and potential reinstatement.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Maureen O'Connor, C.J.
JURISDICTION	Ohio
DECIDED	June 4, 2019
DOCKET	2019-0736
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The director of the Board of Professional Conduct filed a certified copy of respondent Austin Roan Buttars's felony-conviction judgment entry with the Supreme Court of Ohio under Gov.Bar R. V(18).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published opinion

TOPICS

administrative law

agency adjudication

PRACTICE AREAS

Attorney discipline

Legal ethics

Administrative law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether, upon the filing of a certified entry of an attorney's felony conviction, the Supreme Court of Ohio should impose an interim suspension under Gov.Bar R. V(18)(A)(4).

HOLDINGS

1. Upon the filing of a certified copy of a judgment entry of a felony conviction against an Ohio attorney, the court may impose an interim suspension from the practice of law under Gov.Bar R. V(18)(A)(4) and refer the matter for disciplinary investigation and proceedings.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Upon consideration thereof and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(18)(A)(4), it is ordered and decreed that Austin Roan Buttars, Attorney Registration No. 0091338, last known business address in Dublin, Ohio, is suspended from the practice of law for an interim period, effective as of the date of this entry.” (¶ 2)

“It is further ordered that this matter is referred to disciplinary counsel for investigation and the commencement of disciplinary proceedings.” (¶ 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Austin Roan Buttars was an attorney licensed to practice law in Ohio. The director of the Board of Professional Conduct filed a certified copy of a judgment entry showing that Buttars had been convicted of a felony. The Supreme Court responded by imposing an interim suspension and prescribing restrictions and compliance obligations pending disciplinary proceedings.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On May 29, 2019, the director of the Board of Professional Conduct submitted a certified felony-conviction judgment entry concerning Buttars, an Ohio-licensed attorney. The Supreme Court entered an interim suspension effective immediately and referred the matter to disciplinary counsel for investigation and commencement of disciplinary proceedings.

DISPOSITION

other