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Disciplinary Counsel,
Relator,
v.
J. Michael Nicks,
Respondent.

Case No. 2009-1544

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio has filed a final report in the office of the clerk of this court. This final report recommended that pursuant to Rule V(6)(B)(3) of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio the respondent, J. Michael Nicks, Attorney Registration Number 0073608, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of twenty-four months, with eighteen months stayed on conditions contained in the panel report. The board further recommends that the costs of these proceedings be taxed to the respondent in any disciplinary order entered, so that execution may issue. Upon consideration thereof,

It is ordered by the court that the respondent show cause why the recommendation of the board should not be confirmed by the court and the disciplinary order so entered.

It is further ordered that any objections to the findings of fact and recommendation of the board, together with a brief in support thereof, shall be due on or before 20 days from the date of this order. It is further ordered that an answer brief may be filed on or before 15 days after any brief in support of objections has been filed.

After a hearing on the objections or if no objections are filed within the prescribed time, the court shall enter such order as it may find proper which may be the discipline recommended by the board or which may be more severe or less severe than said recommendation.

It is further ordered, sua sponte, that all documents filed with this court in this case shall meet the filing requirements set forth in the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, including requirements as to form, number, and timeliness of filings and further that unless clearly inapplicable, the Rules of Practice shall apply to these proceedings.

It is further ordered, sua sponte, that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has given to the Office of Attorney Services.

THOMAS J. MOYER
Chief Justice