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The Supreme Court of Ohio

Disciplinary Counsel,
Relator,
v.
James Jonathan Whitfield,
Respondent.

Case No. 2011-1755

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

The Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio filed a final report in the office of the clerk of this court. In this final report the board recommends that pursuant to Rule V(6)(B)(3) of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio respondent, James Jonathan Whitfield, Attorney Registration Number 0080720, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years with credit for time served under the interim felony suspension imposed on May 24, 2010. The board further recommends that the costs of these proceedings be taxed to respondent in any disciplinary order entered, so that execution may issue.

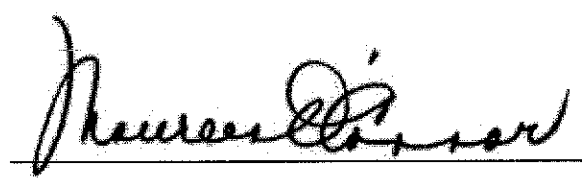
On consideration thereof, it is ordered by the court that respondent show cause why the recommendation of the board should not be confirmed by the court and the disciplinary order so entered.

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. All documents are subject to Rules 44 through 47 of the Rules of Superintendence of Ohio which govern access to court records.

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, to respondent's last known address.



Maureen O'Connor
Chief Justice