

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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Case No. 2012-0681

Disciplinary Counsel,  
Relator,  
v.  
Steve J. Edwards,  
Respondent.

ON CERTIFIED REPORT BY THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ON  
GRIEVANCES AND DISCIPLINE OF  
THE SUPREME COURT

## ORDER

The Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline filed its final report in this court on April 19, 2012, recommending that pursuant to Rule V(6)(B)(3) of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio respondent, Steve J. Edwards, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years with the entire suspension stayed on conditions. Relator filed objections to said final report, respondent filed an answer, and this cause was considered by the court.

On consideration thereof, it is ordered and adjudged by this court that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(6)(B)(3) and consistent with the opinion rendered herein, respondent, Steve J. Edwards, Attorney Registration Number 0000398, last known business address in Grove City, Ohio, is suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years, all stayed on the conditions that respondent (1) extend his existing Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program ("OLAP") contract for an additional two years from the date of this order, (2) continue to participate in individual counseling with a mental-health professional, (3) comply with all recommendations of OLAP and his treating mental health professional, and (4) commit no further misconduct. It is further ordered that if respondent fails to comply with the conditions of the stay, the stay shall be revoked and respondent shall serve the entire two-year suspension.

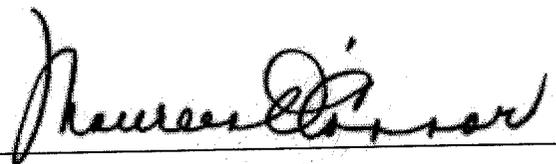
It is further ordered that respondent be taxed the costs of these proceedings in the amount of \$1,307.46, which costs shall be payable to this court by cashier's check or money order on or before 90 days from the date of this order. It is further ordered that if these costs are not paid in full on or before 90 days from the date of this order, interest at the rate of 10% per annum shall accrue as of 90 days from the date of this order and the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for collection. It is further ordered that if costs are not paid in full on or before 90 days from the date of this order, respondent may be held in contempt and suspended until costs and all accrued interest are paid in full.

It is further ordered, sua sponte, by the court, that within 90 days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded against respondent by the Clients' Security Fund pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered, sua sponte, by the court that if, after the date of this order, the Clients' Security Fund awards any amount against respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Clients' Security Fund within 90 days of the notice of such award.

It is further ordered that respondent shall keep the clerk and the Disciplinary Counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

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.

It is further ordered that the clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(1), that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(2), and that respondent bear the costs of publication.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen O'Connor", written over a horizontal line.

Maureen O'Connor  
Chief Justice