

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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Disciplinary Counsel,  
Relator,  
v.  
James William Thomas, Jr.,  
Respondent.

Case No. 2015-1001

CLERK OF COURT  
SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

This matter is pending before the court upon the filing on June 15, 2015, by the Board of Professional Conduct of the Supreme Court of Ohio of a final report. On July 16, 2015, this court remanded this matter to the board for further consideration of the recommended conditions for respondent's reinstatement to the practice of law. On October 5, 2015, the board filed a supplemental report and recommendation on remand. The board recommends that respondent be indefinitely suspended from the practice of law with credit for time served under the interim felony suspension imposed on July 22, 2014. The board further recommends that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law until respondent (1) has completed his period of incarceration and has paid the restitution to Edward Tucker, Roberta Burton, and Keith Overholtz as ordered by the trial court in its entry dated June 17, 2014, in *State of Ohio v. James W. Thomas, Jr.*, Preble County Case No. 14CR011521, (2) has complied with all terms and conditions of his criminal probation, (3) has successfully completed an Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program-approved treatment plan for substance abuse and addiction, and (4) has continued with a treatment program that will address his clinical substance addiction and his commitment to treatment must continue up to and through any attempt on his part to seek reinstatement.

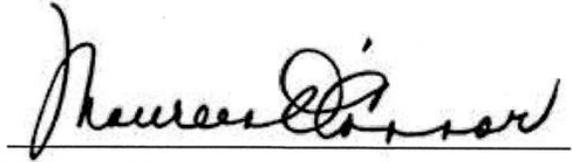
On consideration thereof, it is ordered by the court that the parties show cause why the recommendation of the board should not be confirmed by the court and the disciplinary order so entered.

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 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 Sup.R. 44 through 47 which govern access to court records.

It is further ordered 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.

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

Maureen O'Connor  
Chief Justice