

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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Case No. 2014-2155

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Disciplinary Counsel,  
Relator,  
v.  
Thomas John Simon,  
Respondent.

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

CLERK OF COURT  
SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

## ORDER

The Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline<sup>1</sup> filed its final report in this court on December 15, 2014, recommending that, pursuant to former Gov.Bar R. V(6)(B)(3), respondent, Thomas John Simon, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years with eighteen months stayed on condition. Respondent filed objections to said final report, relator filed an answer, oral argument was held, 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(12)(A)(3) and consistent with the opinion rendered herein, respondent, Thomas John Simon, Attorney Registration No. 0009725, last known business address in Ashtabula, Ohio, is suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months, fully stayed on the condition that he commit no further misconduct. It is further ordered that if respondent engages in additional misconduct, the stay will be lifted and he will serve the entire six-month suspension.

It is further ordered that respondent be taxed the costs of these proceedings in the amount of \$3,596.85, 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 respondent is liable for all collection costs pursuant to R.C. 131.02 if the debt is certified 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.

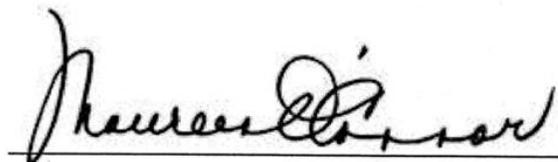
It is further ordered by the court that within 90 days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded against respondent by the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered by the court that if after the date of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

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

<sup>1</sup> Effective January 1, 2015, the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline has been renamed the Board of Professional Conduct. See Gov.Bar R. V(1)(A), 140 Ohio St.3d CII.

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.

It is further ordered that the clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(17)(D)(1) and that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(17)(D)(2).

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

Maureen O'Connor  
Chief Justice