

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Columbus Bar Association and :
Disciplinary Counsel :
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Relators, :
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Lawrence Edward Winkfield : Case No. 05-1115
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Respondent, :

RESPONDENT'S APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT
ORDER OF SUSPENSION DATED SEPTEMBER 21, 2006
AND
ORDER OF SUSPENSION DATED JANUARY 11, 2006

Now comes the Respondent, Lawrence E. Winkfield, by and through counsel, Attorney Wilbur H. Flippin, Jr., and hereby makes application for reinstatement, pursuant to Ohio Gov. R. 10(B) – (G). Petitioner hereby says as follows:

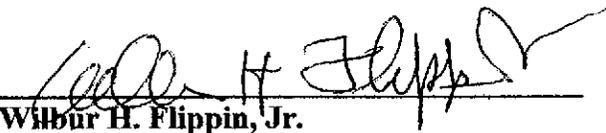
1. By order of this Court filed and dated January 11, 2006, and September, 2006, Respondent was indefinitely suspended from the practice of law.
2. Respondent having been suspended from the practice of law since April 11, 2001 and indefinitely suspended per 1. above, and having otherwise complied with the requirements for reinstatement, hereby requests reinstatement to the practice of law.
3. Pursuant to this Court's order of January 11, 2006, and prior thereto, Respondent had totally ceased and desisted from the practice of law.
4. Contemporaneous with the filing of this application, Respondent has filed a Motion To Vacate Contempt, a Motion For Leave To File An Affidavit of Compliance, and an Affidavit of Compliance: all demonstrating that he has properly complied with the priors Orders of this Ohio Supreme Court.

5. **Attorney for Respondent hereby states that the time of said order (and prior thereto) Respondent had no clients whatsoever and, accordingly had no co-counsel, opposing counsel or any courts or tribunals before which cases were pending, to notify of his suspension at the time of the suspension.**
6. **Likewise, it was not necessary for Respondent to ask any Municipal, Common Pleas or Federal Court to appoint other attorneys to substitute in his place, or to grant any client time to procure other representation.**
7. **Likewise, there are no, and were not any fees or expenses paid in advance in advance to Respondent that were unearned or needed to be returned to any clients, pertaining to any legal matters.**
8. **There was, and is no trust money or property in Respondent's possession or control, and Respondent has not maintained a trust account since late 2002.**
9. **Likewise, there were no papers or other property pertaining to any then pending matters, which were in Respondent's possession, or which needed to be delivered to any client.**
10. **Based upon paragraphs 3 – 8 above, Respondent did not have, nor does he now have any correspondence showing proof of service by certified mail to any client, opposing party or opposing counsel.**
11. **There are no disciplinary proceedings pending against Respondent with any certified grievance committee or with the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.**
12. **Respondent has complied with the continuing legal education requirements of Gov. Bar R. X, (3)(G) and Gov. Bar.R. X(3)(A)(1), for each month, or portion of every month, of the suspension.**
13. **Respondent has paid all costs of proceedings, as previously ordered by this Supreme Court.**
14. **Respondent owes no money of reimbursement to the Clients' Security Fund, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VII(7)(F),.**

15. Apart from the matters addressed in the Motion to Vacate this Court's Contempt Order, Respondent have otherwise complied with the Order of Suspension.
16. Based on the foregoing, and for the reasons outlined in my Motion to Vacate the Contempt Order, Respondent, hereby requests that his license to practice law be reinstated.

WHEREFORE, having fully complied with this Court's January 11, 2006 and March 24, 2006 Orders of suspension, having served the suspension, and otherwise having satisfied the conditions for reinstatement, Respondent prays for an order of this Court granting him reinstatement to the practice of law.

Respectfully Submitted,

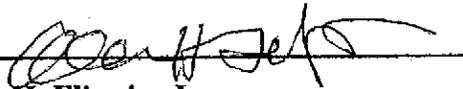


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing was sent by regular United States Mail, postage prepaid to Attorney Bruce A. Campbell, Bar Counsel, and Jill Snitcher-McQuain, Assistant Bar Counsel, 175 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215, and to the Secretary, Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline, Supreme Court of Ohio, Ohio Judicial Center, 65 South Front Street, 5th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215 on this 2 day of June, 2008.

By _____



Wilbur H. Flippin, Jr.

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RESPONDENT LAWRENCE EDWARD WINKFIELD'S AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT
OF REINSTATEMENT

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3. This affidavit is being submitted to support my application to be reinstated as a duly licensed lawyer in the State of Ohio.
4. I ceased and desisted from the practice of law in the State of Ohio and/or in any other State since before December 31, 2002.
5. I have regularly continued in a regimen of medical treatment, and psychotherapy (which has included individual, couples and family counseling), since before April 11, 2001.
6. I regularly and continuously take my prescribed medication on a daily basis and psychotherapy on a weekly basis.
7. The necessity of therapeutic counseling has recently been reduced from weekly, to bi-weekly, to an as need basis.
8. I have found great value in seeing my therapist, Mr. Fetter, and have gained tremendous insight into my mental health issues.
9. Attached to this affidavit, marked as Exhibit 1, 2, and 3, are three reports from Mr. Richard Fetter, which details the history and regularity of my treatment, my successes, my capability of resuming a practice of law, and as to my physical and mental health competency to practice law.
10. In 2003 I suffered a heart attack that required a triple by-pass; in 2004 I suffered a second heart attack which required a stint placement; and in 2005 I suffered a third heart attack which did very minor damage. I am completely recovered from them, have resumed normal daily activities (including jogging, lap swimming and fishing); but I take five heart medicines a day to remain in good health.
11. Since about 2001, I had not been able to find law related employment. From time to time found employment as a retail clerk in a large department store, an outside sales representative in a local cable company, a file clerk for an bank which was moving its corporate headquarters, put cream in donuts in a donut factory, packed plastic bottles at a bottle manufacturing factory and cleaning and mopping large factory floors with huge mops.

12. On about three separate occasions since January 11, 2001, I have worked for three different attorneys, duly licensed by the Ohio Supreme Court, for slightly above minimum age, as a paralegal, law clerk and/or legal assistant. For each, I duly submitted the appropriate signed and executed Notice of Employment of a Suspended Lawyer to this Court.
13. Since about February of 2007, through the present, I have been employed as a paralegal, law clerk and/or legal assistant, for Attorney Wilbur H. Flippin, Jr. of Mansfield, Ohio. Attorney Flippin has practiced law in the State of Ohio, in Mansfield, Ohio for more than 51 years. In May of 2007, Attorney Flippin received the Ohio State Bar Association's Fifty Year Certificate, in recognition of his long time service to the legal profession.
14. In that capacity, I draft complaints, answers, other legal pleading, various discovery documents, conduct legal research and travel to the local courthouses to file documents and things for Attorney Flippin.
15. Any and all documents and thing drafted by me are pursuant to Attorney Flippin's instruction, direction, examination, review, and/or correction.
16. During the course of the performance of said paralegal duties, Attorney Flippin insists that I make it clear to his clients, and to others I come in contact with, that I am "not" a licensed attorney and that I am employed only as his legal assistant. In fact, if any person calls the office and asks for "Attorney Winkfield" the secretary will tell the caller that "there is no Attorney Winkfield" in their office.
17. Periodically and continuously over the years, I have provided reports to Relator and to the Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program regarding my compliance with my on-going health-treatment programs and plans. In light of the fact that I am not a diagnosed alcoholic, not a drug addicted person and have been a full time college student, I have not been required to give weekly or quarterly reports. Instead, I have regularly and continuously kept Relator and Scott Mote (and/or his staff) appraised of my academic, domestic, religious, and mental health progress.

18. I am at a point in my life where I am more than ready, prepared, organized, and equipped to practice law.
19. I have detailed oversight plan for my post-suspension practice of law that includes a structured environment and monitoring: i.e.
 - I have been offered the opportunity to join and become part of the law practice of Wilbur H. Flippin, Jr., Co. LPA, 30 Mulberry Street, Mansfield, Ohio 44902. It is Attorney Flippin's intent and desires to reduce his heavy caseload, to refer cases to me to handle, to usher in, guide and/or monitor my transition into the representation of many of his long time clients or new cases brought into his office. He will further educate me as to idiosyncrasies of the local bar and of surrounding counties.
 - I have been assured, and I am confident that I will be able to acquire sufficient court appointed cases from the Municipal, Common Pleas and Juvenile Courts to enable me to earn sufficient income need to help take care of my family and home. At the same time, I will work on building up my own clientele, while also working case referred to me by Attorney Flippin.
 - I have one year remaining, before completing education methods courses in the joint Otterbein College and Columbus State Community College Teacher Qualification Enhancement program. I will earn a bachelor degree in education and a license to teach social studies and science in Elementary School classes.
20. I have begun writing my autobiography entitled "Experiences To Be Shared and Lessons To Be Learned: The Unique Life of A Black Lawyer". I have approximately 150 pages completed and I have not yet gotten as far as the eight grade.
21. I have authored a series of twelve articles, which have been accepted for publication in a gospel magazine (The Gospeltruth Magazine, of Houston, TX) entitled "Blackmen, Fatherhood, and Christian Responsibility; A Call for Black Men to Man-Up". It is my hope to build a website, which can

lead to workshops and speaking engagements. I am slated to give a two session workshop on a few of the topics at my wife's Family Reunion in Clanton, Alabama, during the last week of July, 2008.

22. Otherwise, I plan to do as much fishing as possible and to grow old gracefully.

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Date 7/2/08 Lawrence E. Winkfield
Lawrence Edward Winkfield

Subscribed to and sworn before me this 2 day of ~~June~~^{July}, 2008/

Ala A Jones
Notary Public

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