

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

IN THE MATTER OF:

Case No.

GEOFFREY L. OGLESBY

Petition for Reinstatement
[Case No. 00-1100 *Disciplinary*
Counsel v. Oglesby (2000)
90 Ohio St.3d 455]

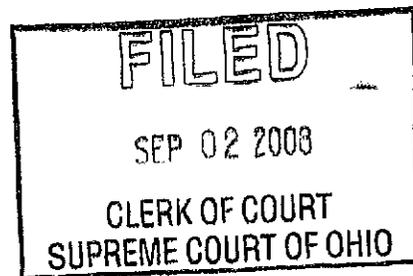
Now comes Petitioner, Geoffrey L. Oglesby, pursuant to Gov. Bar. R. V, § 10(B) and (C), and hereby petitions this Court for reinstatement to the practice of law. Pursuant to Gov. Bar. V, § 10(B) and (C) Petitioner answers and states as follows:

Petitioner was suspended indefinitely on December 27th, 2000 in case number 00-1100, *Disciplinary Counsel v. Oglesby*, (2000) 90 Ohio St.3d 455. One petition for reinstatement was filed on July 30, 2003 and denied on May 10, 2004¹.

The persons and organizations, except the petitioner and the Board, who were or would be entitled under this rule to receive from the Clerk of the Supreme Court certified copies of the disciplinary order of the Supreme Court against petitioner resulting in Petitioner's suspension, the name of the bar association of the county in which I reside at the time of the filing of the petition and of each county in which Petitioner proposes to maintain an office if reinstated, and the Ohio State Bar Association are:

The Supreme Court of Ohio
Office of Disciplinary Counsel, John Coughlin
250 Civic Center Drive Suite 325
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Ohio State Bar Association
P.O. Box 16562
Columbus, Ohio 43216



¹ Petitioner was suspended from the practice of law on June 17, 1992 and reinstated in December of 1992. *Disciplinary Counsel v. Oglesby* (1992), 64 Ohio St.3d 39.

Erie-Huron Joint Certified Grievance Committee
2 East Main Street
Norwalk, Ohio 44817

Erie County Bar Association
P.O. Box 905
Sandusky, Ohio 44870

Chief Judge Paul Matia
Or Presiding Judge
United States District Court
Carl Stokes Building
Federal Courthouse
801 West Superior Avenue
Cleveland, OH 44113-1830

Petitioner has complied with the continuing legal education requirements of Gov. Bar. R. X, § 3(F).

Petitioner relies upon the following facts to establish by clear and convincing evidence that he possess all the mental, educational and moral qualifications that were required of an applicant for admission to the practice of law in Ohio at the time of his or her original admission and that he is now a proper person to be readmitted to the practice of law in Ohio, notwithstanding the previous disciplinary action:

I was admitted to the practice of law on May 10, 1982. My mental, moral and educational qualifications are the same or better than when I was admitted to the practice of law in 1982. I certainly do not want to, nor do I feel I am qualified to self-analyze myself, however I feel I have no mental health problems or problems that would affect my mentality. Since 1982 I have lost numerous members of my family, including children, parents, brothers, relatives and friends. Those losses have not affected my mentality any more than any other person sustaining those losses. The loss of my father in 1995 probably affected me more than I would admit, not only due to the swiftness of Dad's death but due to the loss of person that served as a compass.

Prior to my suspension I smoked cigarettes [in excess] and drank alcohol [not in excess]. I stopped smoking on November 1, 1994 and stopped drinking on November 1, 1999. Notwithstanding this suspension, denial of reinstatement and other losses I have not smoked a cigarette or had an alcoholic drink. I have never abused legal or illegal drugs. I am certainly mentally prepared to be reinstated and deal with rigors of the practice of law.

Educationally. I have had an abundance of Continuing Legal Educational hours. Since my last petition for reinstatement I have attended seminars in Detroit, MI, Washington, D.C. and numerous sites in Ohio. I have a CLE teaching credit for lecturing at a seminar. On a few occasions have substituted for teachers at the Ohio Business College and taught their law classes. I have written briefs, motions and pleadings concerning real estate law, franchise law, class actions and a host of other subjects that were outside my general practice of law [criminal]. I have prepped attorneys for trials and appellate arguments. I have kept abreast of the current laws of the State of Ohio and the United States. Outside of the seminars I still am an avid reader of newspapers and books. I am currently reading *Making Your Case, The Art of Persuading Judges* by Hon. Antonin Scalia and Bryan A. Garner (2008) Thomson/West Publishing.

I am morally upright. Morals essentially mean making ethical choices. Those choices should lead to common good. Morals are guided, created and defined by one's surroundings, background and upbringing. Morals are further influenced by one's society, religion, philosophy and one's subjective conscience. A code of conduct to govern one's life. What is moral to one may not be moral to another. I am satisfied that I am moral.

My philosophy has always been to help others in our society. In reality, it may not be my philosophy, but the philosophy of my parents and instilled in me. Helping others was just something that was done. In and around Sandusky I am involved in my church,

fraternal organizations, social organizations. I volunteer. I have worked at the election polls assisting people who needed assistance.

Shortly before being denied for reinstatement to practice in 2004 I was “cajoled” into playing golf. Shortly after being denied I became involved in a program to teach youth golf. At that time there was no program for low income and minority kids to learn the game. During the summer of 2004 I volunteered to help children in Sandusky. For the first time in my life I wrote a grant. That grant generated \$20,000.00 from the United States Golf Association [USGA] for the children of Sandusky to learn a sport that teaches integrity, honesty and character [golf is the only sport where you penalize yourself]. Since 2004 I have helped raise thousands of dollars by writing more grants and fundraising for the children in Sandusky to have golf clubs, access to courses and other things associated with golf. I have used my influence to have NFL stars, PGA professionals and others to come to Sandusky and speak with the children in an effort to raise money for this access to the sport for a lifetime.

CONCLUSION

I am a proper person to be readmitted to the practice of law. I have the desire, the ability, the intellect, the education, the moral and mental capacity to practice again. I certainly regret my actions that led to the suspension. Not being able to practice has given me a much better insight on what to do and what not to do. I have checked with malpractice liability insurance companies and have been informed that I would be insurable. The public would be protected because I am obviously wiser than before. I certainly plan to supplement this petition with letters of recommendations from people that know me; however, I will attach one unsolicited letter I received recently from a friend. It is attached. Sometimes the unsolicited letters say so much more than those letters that are requested.

To quote Judge Tone, in his 2008 undated letter sent to me this year and attached:
Hopefully you will get your ... back to work. More importantly the community would be
well served if you would help some folks seek justice”

WHEREFORE, Petitioner requests that his petition be granted.

Geoffrey Oglesby 0023949
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P.O. Box 42
Berlin Heights, Ohio 44814
Petitioner

I, Geoffrey Oglesby, after having been duly sworn state that the contents of this
petition are true as I verily believe.

Geoffrey Oglesby

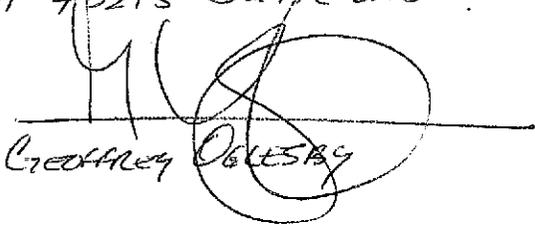
The above came before me, who is known to me and personally signed this
document after having been duly sworn on September 2, 2008.

Notary Public

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on SEPTEMBER 2nd, 2008 I hand delivered
a copy of the PETITION for REINSTATEMENT to MR. Jon Coughlin
250 Civic Center Drive Columbus, OH 43215 Suite 325 .



GEOFFREY OLESBY