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Akron Bar Association  
57 S. Broadway  
Akron, Ohio 44308

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CASE NO. 08-0423

RELATOR

NOTICE OF  
COMPLIANCE

VS

Attorney Jeffrey A. Catanzarite  
#0015203  
372 Afton Ave.  
Akron, OH 44313

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RESPONDENT

Relator, Akron Bar Association, hereby serves notice pursuant to Rule V 9(D) of the Rules for the Governance of the Bar, that the Respondent, Attorney Jeffrey A. Catanzarite, has satisfactorily completed his probationary period to the satisfaction of Relator.

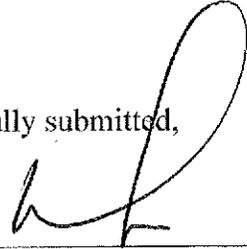
On August 14, 2008, this Court issued an Order which suspended the Respondent from the practice of law for a period of one year with the last six months stayed under the conditions that Respondent consult with the Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program (OLAP), enter into an OLAP contract, and comply with all terms for the duration of the contract; and complete a one-year probation under the supervision of a monitoring attorney appointed by Relator. A copy of said Order is attached and marked as Exhibit A.

Relator appointed Attorney J. Dean Carro, #0003229 to serve as the Monitor of Respondent. Attorney Carro has completed his monitoring and copies of his

reports indicating the completion of the monitoring and reflecting that Respondent has fully complied with the conditions of his probation are attached hereto as Exhibit B.

For the reasons set forth herein, Relator recommends that Respondent's probation be terminated.

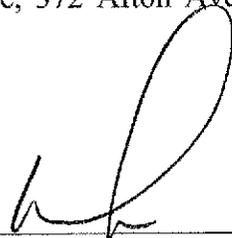
Respectfully submitted,



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I certify that a copy of this Notice of Compliance was sent via regular U.S. Mail to Respondent: Attorney Jeffrey A. Catanzarite, 372 Afton Ave., Akron, OH 44313 on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2010.



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WILLIAM G. CHRIS #0006593  
Bar Counsel

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# The Supreme Court of Ohio

AUG 14 2008

CLERK OF COURT  
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Case No. 08-423

Akron Bar Association,  
Relator,  
v.  
Jeffrey A. Catanzarite,  
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 February 25, 2008, recommending that pursuant to Rule V(6)(B)(3) of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio the respondent, Jeffrey A. Catanzarite, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year with six months stayed and a one-year probation, on conditions. Respondent filed objections to said Final Report, relator 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, Jeffrey A. Catanzarite, Attorney Registration Number 0015203, last known business address in Akron, Ohio, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year with the last six months stayed on the conditions that respondent: (1) consult with the Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program, enter into an OLAP contract to obtain whatever disability or dependency assistance he needs, and comply with all terms for the duration of the contract; and (2) upon reinstatement, be placed on monitored probation, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(9), for a period of one year, to ensure compliance with ethical and professional standards of practice. It is further ordered that if respondent fails to comply with the terms of the stay, the stay will be lifted, and respondent shall serve the entire one-year suspension. It is further ordered that costs, including those for the psychological examination performed in the public interest pursuant to Gov.Bar R.V(7)(C)(1)(b), are taxed to respondent.

It is further ordered that the respondent immediately cease and desist from the practice of law in any form and is hereby forbidden to appear on behalf of another before any court, judge, commission, board, administrative agency or other public authority.

It is further ordered that respondent is hereby forbidden to counsel or advise or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform such services.

It is further ordered that the respondent is hereby divested of each, any, and all of the rights, privileges and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the legal profession of Ohio.

It is further ordered that respondent be taxed the costs of these proceedings in the amount of \$2,840.01, which costs shall be payable to this court by certified check or money order on or

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EXHIBIT A

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, on the balance of unpaid Board costs. 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 not apply for reinstatement 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 the 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 the respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), the respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Clients' Security Fund within 90 days of the notice of such award.

It is further ordered that, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. X(3)(G), respondent shall complete one credit hour of continuing legal education for each month, or portion of a month, of the suspension. As part of the total credit hours of continuing legal education required by Gov.Bar R. X(3)(G), respondent shall complete one credit hour of instruction related to professional conduct required by Gov.Bar R. X(3)(A)(1), for each six months, or portion of six months, of the suspension.

It is further ordered that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent complies with the requirements for reinstatement set forth in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; (2) respondent complies with the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; (3) respondent complies with this and all other orders of the court; and (4) this court orders respondent reinstated.

It is further ordered that on or before 30 days from the date of this order, respondent shall:

1. Notify all clients being represented in pending matters and any co-counsel of respondent's suspension and consequent disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order and, in the absence of co-counsel, also notify the clients to seek legal service elsewhere, calling attention to any urgency in seeking the substitution of another attorney in respondent's place;
2. Regardless of any fees or expenses due respondent, deliver to all clients being represented in pending matters any papers or other property pertaining to the client, or notify the clients or co-counsel, if any, of a suitable time and place where the papers or other property may be obtained, calling attention to any urgency for obtaining such papers or other property;
3. Refund any part of any fees or expenses paid in advance that are unearned or not paid, and account for any trust money or property in the possession or control of respondent;
4. Notify opposing counsel in pending litigation or, in the absence of counsel, the adverse parties, of respondent's disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective

date of this order, and file a notice of disqualification of respondent with the court or agency before which the litigation is pending for inclusion in the respective file or files;

5. Send all notices required by this order by certified mail with a return address where communications may thereafter be directed to respondent;

6. File with the clerk of this court and the Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court an affidavit showing compliance with this order, showing proof of service of notices required herein, and setting forth the address where the respondent may receive communications; and.

7. Retain and maintain a record of the various steps taken by respondent pursuant to this order.

It is further ordered that respondent shall keep the Clerk, the Akron Bar Association, and the Disciplinary Counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

It is further ordered that on or before 30 days of the date of this order respondent shall surrender the attorney registration card for the 2007/2009 biennium.

It is further ordered, sua sponte, 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.

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, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has given to the Office of Attorney Services.

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.

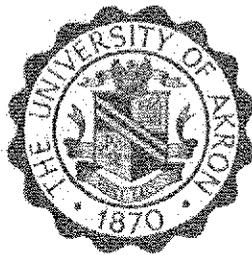
I HEREBY CERTIFY that this document is a true and accurate copy of the entry of the Supreme Court of Ohio filed 8-14-08 in Supreme Court case number 2008-0423

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Supreme Court of Ohio on this 14th day of August, 2008

CLERK OF COURT

David Colon, Deputy

  
THOMAS J. MOYER  
Chief Justice



April 12, 2010

William Chris, Esq.  
Bar Counsel  
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APR 16 2010

Akron Bar Association

Re: Jeffrey Catanzarite

Dear Mr. Chris,

I met with Mr. Catanzarite on April 8, 2010. This ends his reporting requirements to me.

I have every confidence that Mr. Catanzarite has taken this opportunity to improve himself and deal with the problems that prompted the sanctions. I believe the quote below best reflects his development and my appraisal of him. At our last meeting, he stated "I brought this upon myself and I have done the best I can with the situation and I will be O.K."

Although his practice, obviously, has suffered significantly, he has also reduced his monthly expenses so it appears that he is financially balanced.

His plans are to sell his home and move to another area and begin a practice.

I have enjoyed this process and have seen Jeff deal with his situations in an adult and professional way. He has overcome his problems and is well on the path toward resuming a productive life as an attorney.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

J. Dean Carro  
Attorney at Law  
DIRECTOR, APPELLATE REVIEW OFFICE

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December 21, 2009

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Akron Bar Association

Re: Jeffrey Catanzarite

Dear Mr. Chris,

Since my last letter to you of September 21, 2009, I met with Mr. Catanzarite on October 19, 2009, November 19, 2009, and again today, December 21, 2009.

Mr. Catanzarite is doing quite well with his program. We discussed his law practice and his attitude toward himself and his fellow professionals.

As many attorneys are experiencing, there is certainly a downturn in his practice, but he seems to be doing well financially and meeting his needs. While he does have a few cases, those cases are not especially time consuming and he has the opportunity to focus on his health and well being. Although Jeff only has several clients, he told me that he has placed an advertisement in the Yellow Pages effective January of 2010 which signifies to me an affirmative action on his part to obtain more clients.

As an aside, when I recently spoke with Jackie Forcina at the Akron Bar Association, she went out of her way to tell me how polite and happy Mr. Catanzarite was as he completed his CLE requirements.

I am impressed by his ability to maintain his physical fitness regimen and his positive attitude towards himself and society.

I will continue to monitor Mr. Catanzarite, and if you have any further questions, I hope you will contact me.

Sincerely,

J. Dean Carro  
Attorney at Law

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September 21, 2009



William Chris, Esq.  
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Re: Jeffrey Catanzarite

Dear Mr. Chris,

I have met with Mr. Catanzarite on three occasions, July 21, 2009, August 21, 2009 and today, September 21, 2009. He has given me access to all of his materials and I have spoken with Scott Mote about Jeff's situation with the Ohio Lawyer's Assistance Program.

Mr. Mote feels that Mr. Catanzarite has made progress in that he has admitted that he had difficulty with substances. My personal conversations with Jeff indicate that he realizes he has a drinking problem and he has stopped drinking totally. However, today he told me he had one beer several weeks ago at dinner with a friend. He explained that he did that to test his resolve to stop at only one beer. He did so and did not have a second beer. I advised him that in a different circumstance he might not be able to stop and should, in the future, refrain from testing himself.

Additionally, Jeff is taking better care of himself physically, and is exercising regularly.

My experience with Jeff in these meetings is that he is very upbeat, very positive, although he is struggling a bit with maintaining a significant legal practice. What I mean by this is that he is having trouble generating significant funds through his practice.

I have every confidence that Jeff is working on the problems that caused him to have these disciplinary issues and is taking a good outlook on his life.

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I will continue to report to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Dean Carro'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the beginning and a long, sweeping tail.

J. Dean Carro  
Attorney at Law  
DIRECTOR, APPELLATE REVIEW OFFICE

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