

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO**

**CLEVELAND METROPOLITAN  
BAR ASSOCIATION** )  
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Relator )

vs. )

**ANNE D. VENEZIANO** )  
Attorney Reg. No. 0064382 )  
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Respondent )  
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CASE NO. 2008-0824

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INTRODUCTION

On December 30, 2008, this Court filed an order suspending Respondent, Anne D. Veneziano, from the practice of law for one year, stayed on conditions, for failing to pay federal and state withholding taxes for employees of her law office and for failing to timely file returns and pay her own federal and state income taxes which subjected her to numerous tax liens. The conditions of Respondent's stayed suspension included (1) successful completion of at least 12 hours of continuing legal education ("CLE") relating to law-office management, (2) allow a monitoring attorney appointed by Relator to oversee her practice for two years, and (3) engage in no further professional misconduct.

Now comes Relator, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and submits a report regarding Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of her probation.

## RELATOR'S REPORT

Relator appointed Attorney Harvey A. Snider (0003422) as Respondent's monitor. Mr. Snider was asked to submit quarterly reports about the status of Respondent's compliance with the terms of probation and was required to meet monthly with Respondent for the first year.

In their initial meeting Respondent was asked to provide copies of her personal and payroll tax returns and information about the number of employees and associates working in her office. Respondent produced the information over the course of the next several months but since the time of her suspension, Respondent has been the only employee of her practice. Additionally, Respondent stated that she has no IOLTA account because she does not require retainers. Respondent does not maintain professional liability insurance but she informs her clients of that fact in writing pursuant to Prof. Cond. Rule 1.4(c).

Respondent closed her office in January 2009 and has been operating her limited law practice out of her mother's apartment at Stone Gardens, an assisted living facility. Respondent has focused on the care and well-being of her elderly mother for the past two years. Respondent cited her mother's illness and her limited law practice as the reasons she could not initially pay the costs of this matter but as of April 14, 2009, the costs were paid in full.

Relator has verified with the Office of Attorney Services that between January 2010 and December 2010, Respondent completed at least seven CLE courses relating to law-office management for a total of 13.25 hours. Respondent has complied with the CLE requirement of her probation.

Relator received no reports of any violation of the terms of Respondent's probation since the stayed suspension was imposed.

Relator submits this report pursuant to this court's order of December 30, 2008, and as required by Gov. Bar R. V (9)(D).

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of Relator's Report Regarding Respondent's Compliance with Terms and Conditions of Probation was served via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, on this 11 day of February, 2011 on:

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