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THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,
Relator,

v.

JAMES J. WHITFIELD,
Respondent.

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CASE NO: 2011-1755
CASE NO: 2011-0284

APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT
TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW

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Pursuant to Gov. Bar. R. V (10) (A), Respondent-Petitioner, James J. Whitfield, "Petitioner," respectfully submits the instant application asking that this Court reinstate him to the practice of law.

Petitioner's suspension was ordered by this Court on June 20, 2012 and called for petitioner to be suspended for a period of two years with credit for time served under the interim suspension imposed on May 24, 2010 in Case No. 2010-0694. Accordingly, petitioner is eligible to apply for reinstatement under the applicable rule(s).

Petitioner further provides that he meets all the conditions required by the Court and the governing rules which would allow him to return the practice of law in Ohio, as outlined in the accompanying affidavit of support.

Wherefore, respondent-petitioner James J. Whitfield, respectfully requests that he be reinstated to the practice of law in the State of Ohio.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the instant application and all supporting documents have been mailed or hand delivered to Jonathan E. Coughlan, Disciplinary Counsel and Carol A. Costa, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel at 250 Civic Center Drive, Suite 325 in Columbus, Ohio 43215.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jonathan E. Coughlan", written over a horizontal line.

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AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF
APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT

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Now comes James J. Whitfield, affiant, having been duly sworn and cautioned under the penalty of perjury and states as follows:

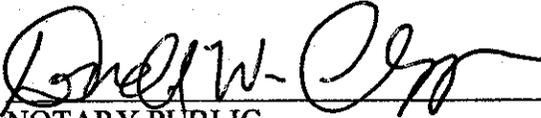
1. Affiant has no history of disciplinary action, besides the instant action, and at the time of submission of the accompanying application, there are no formal disciplinary proceedings pending against affiant.
2. As of the time of the submission of the instant application for reinstatement, affiant has complied with all provisions of the order of suspension including compliance with the continuing legal education requirements of Gov. Bar R. X, Section 3(G) as well as full payment of all costs related to the current proceedings.
3. Despite no presence of mental health or substance abuse issues, on or around October 25, 2010 affiant voluntarily signed a two year contract with the Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program (OLAP). Affiant has been compliant with the terms of that contract through its duration and as outlined by the Court's order dated June 20, 2012, has extended the contract with OLAP for two additional years, through 2014.
4. Affiant states that he is eligible for reinstatement to the practice of law in Ohio as he has complied with the requirements for reinstatement as stated in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio and has complied with all current and previous orders of the Court.
5. Affiant realizes and will at no time take for the granted, the privileges and the responsibilities that come with being able to practice law and provide legal services in the State of Ohio. Affiant hopes to regain the respect and confidence of the legal community and all those whom we are fortunate enough to serve.

FURTHER Affiant Sayeth Naught.



JAMES J. WHITFIELD

Signed and sworn before me this 17th day of July 2012.



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ATTACHMENT NOT SCANNED