

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Disciplinary Counsel,) Case No. 2008-2493
)
Relator,)
)
vs.)
)
Aaron Anthony Ridenbaugh,)
)
Respondent)

**VERIFIED PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT
TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

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SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Now comes the Petitioner/Respondent, Aaron A. Ridenbaugh, ("Petitioner") by and through counsel, and pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, Section 10, hereby petitions this Honorable Court to reinstate him to the practice of law in the State of Ohio.

1. On August 20, 2009, this Court entered its Opinion and Order indefinitely suspending Petitioner from the practice of law. *Disciplinary Counsel v. Ridenbaugh*, 122 Ohio St.3d 583, 2009-Ohio-4091.

2. Petitioner has not filed any prior petitions for reinstatement.

3. The following persons and entities are entitled to receipt of a certified copy of Petitioner's order which resulted in suspension:

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Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Chief Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr.
Carl B. Stokes United States Court House
801 West Superior Avenue, Courtroom 19A
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Chief Judge Susan J. Dlott
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Edward Emmett O'Farrell, Administrative Judge
Tuscarawas County Court of Common Pleas
101 E. High Ave.
New Phila, OH 44663

Judy Hunter, Administrative Judge
Summit County Court of Common Pleas
209 South High Street
Akron, Ohio 44308

Akron Bar Association and
Certified Grievance Committee of the Akron Bar Association
57 South Broadway
Akron, OH 44308

Stark County Bar Association and
Stark County Bar Association Certified Grievance Committee
116 Cleveland Ave., N.W.
Suite 400
Canton, Ohio 44702

Tuscarawas County Bar Association
P.O. Box 102
New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663

The Ohio Bar Association
1700 Lake Shore Drive
Columbus, Ohio 43204

4. The Tuscarawas County Bar Association is the bar association of the county in which Petitioner resides. The Akron Bar Association is the bar association of the county in which petitioner proposes to maintain an office if reinstated.

5. Petitioner has complied with the continuing legal education requirements of Gov.

Bar R. X, Section 3(G).

6. Petitioner has been regularly engaging in counseling with Dr. Stephen B. Levine. Dr. Levine testified at Petitioner's disciplinary hearing.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a letter written by Dr. Levine setting forth his opinions as to Petitioner's progress in his treatment and his fitness to resume the practice of law. Dr. Levine will testify again at the hearing concerning this Petition for Reinstatement.

8. Petitioner has complied with, and completed, his contract with the Ohio Lawyers' Assistance Program. Petitioner will present testimony from OLAP regarding his performance under his contract with OLAP.

9. Petitioner has complied with the terms of his community control sanctions. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is the Order of the Stark County Court of Common Pleas granting Petitioner early release from community control sanctions due to his compliance with the terms thereof.

10. Petitioner has paid all costs and fees associated with the prior proceedings in this case.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that this Honorable Court refer this petition to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline for an evidentiary hearing where he can demonstrate that he has the mental, educational, and moral qualifications to return to the practice of law and further pray that this Court enter its Order granting Petitioner the privilege of practicing law in the State of Ohio.

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Supreme Court of Ohio

Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline

Re: Disciplinary Counsel v. Ridenbaugh.

Monday, July 30, 2012

Dear Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline,

This is an interval report on Aaron Ridenbaugh who is applying for reinstatement of his license to practice law in Ohio. Mr. Ridenbaugh has responsibly and fully completed all of the requirements set forth in his probation and in preparation for this application to the Supreme Court. My direct knowledge of him derives from the monthly psychotherapy sessions that we continue to have. These sessions have afforded me the opportunity to listen to his concerns, note how he thinks, observe his habits, and make judgments on his maturation and mental health.

Mr. Ridenbaugh has made dramatic improvements in his life since his imprisonment. He is free of all substances of abuse, behaves reliably and responsibly in work, therapy, family, and intimate relationships and is no longer the forlorn depressed passive outsider that he was when I met him. He is now an active, thoughtful, patient, problem-solving man who cares far better for his physical health (32 pound weight loss during 2012). He has become sexual healthy during these years. He long ago left his voyeuristic pornography interests behind and has developed a stable sexual life with his fiancé that is free from his earlier forms of sexual dysfunction.

Mr. Ridenbaugh is an example of true psychological rehabilitation after living through an abject state of psychological and social disability. He no longer is paraphilic. His depression is no longer in evidence. I cannot be certain whether this is due to his continued treatment with an antidepressant or due to his maturational accomplishments.

He continues to be interested in returning to the practice of the law. His cognitive processes and social judgments are excellent now. I feel quite certain that he is intellectually, morally, and cognitively capable of being a competent attorney. It is my considered medical opinion that he can be safely returned to the practice of law in Ohio at this time.

Sincerely yours,

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Report and Order Terminating Supervision
Prior to Original Expiration Date

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STARK COUNTY, OHIO

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In the Court of Common Pleas
Stark County, Ohio

STATE OF OHIO

No. 2007CR1748

vs.

Judge John G. Haas

AARON ANTHONY RIDENBAUGH

On January 16, 2008, the above named was placed on judicial release for a period of 5 years. He has complied with the rules and regulations of judicial release and is no longer in need of supervision. It is accordingly recommended that he be discharged from judicial release.

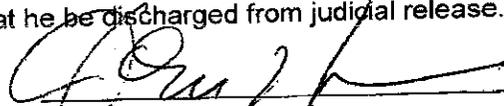
Respectfully submitted,



Steven Doss, Senior Probation Officer
Canton III, #A0106

ORDER OF COURT

Considered and ordered this 16 day of Aug 2010, that the judicial release order entered on the 16th day of January 2008 pertaining to the above named offender be terminated and that he be discharged from judicial release.



Judge John G. Haas
Stark County Court of Common Pleas

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing Verified Petition for Reinstatement to the Practice of Law has been mailed by ordinary U.S. mail this 21st day of August, 2012 to the following:

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