

ORIGINAL

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

CASE NO. 1

Cuyahoga County Bar Association
nka Cleveland Metropolitan Bar
Association,

Relator,

vs.

Steven A. Freedman

Respondent.

CASE NO. 2004-2112

RESPONDENT'S APPLICATION
FOR REINSTATEMENT TO
THE PRACTICE OF LAW

CASE NO. 2

Cuyahoga County Bar Association
nka Cleveland Metropolitan Bar
Association,

Relator,

vs.

Steven A. Freedman,

Respondent.

CASE NO. 2008-772

RESPONDENT'S APPLICATION
FOR REINSTATEMENT TO
THE PRACTICE OF LAW

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Now comes Steven A. Freedman, *pro se*, Respondent in both of the cases captioned above, and hereby submits simultaneously in each of said cases **RESPONDENT'S APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW.**

In support of and for the Court's consideration in connection with his applications, Respondent states that the following statements are true, and are either already known by this Honorable Court to be true as part of the Court's record, or shown to be true by the clear and

convincing evidence in the Affidavit of Respondent and exhibits attached hereto, submitted herewith, and incorporated herein by reference as if fully rewritten hereafter, to wit:

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1. On November 16, 2005, in Case No. 2004-2112, this Honorable Court suspended Respondent from the practice of law in Ohio for a period of one (1) year, and set the following specific conditions precedent to reinstatement of Respondent:

- (1) Respondent must file all overdue tax returns;
- (2) Respondent must present evidence of restoration of his mental health;
- (3) Respondent must either pay all of his outstanding federal, state, and local tax obligations, or enter into payment plans to meet those obligations; and,
- (4) Respondent must pay all costs related to this action.

2. In addition to the specific conditions precedent to his reinstatement, but not specifically set forth in the suspension order, Respondent must also be able to truthfully state by affidavit that all conditions precedent for reinstatement set forth in Gov. Bar R. V(10)(A)(1)(a),(b) and (c) have been satisfied.

3. On October 14, 2008, in Case No. 2008-772, this Honorable Court suspended Respondent from the practice of law in Ohio for a period of six (6) months, and set the following specific conditions precedent to reinstatement of Respondent:

- (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.

4. As more fully set forth in the Affidavit of Respondent and the exhibits attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference as if fully rewritten, it is true that:

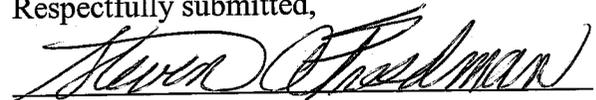
- (a) A period of more than one (1) year, during which Respondent did not practice law in the State of Ohio, has transpired since November 16, 2005, the date on which a one (1) suspension from the practice of law was imposed upon Respondent;
- (b) A period of more than six (6) months, during which Respondent did not practice law in the State of Ohio, has transpired since October 8, 2008, the date on which a six (6) month suspension from the practice of law was imposed upon Respondent;
- (c) Respondent is current and up to date with the filing of all tax returns required by all taxing authorities to be filed by him, including all those which were delinquent at the time of, and formed the basis for, his disciplinary action;

- d) Respondent's mental health has been and continues to be fully restored;
- (e) Respondent has paid all past-due amounts owed by him to the Regional Income Tax Agency ("RITA"), and is current in the payment of his ongoing obligations to RITA;
- (f) Respondent has filed all returns and paid all of his tax obligations to the State of Ohio on a current basis since January 1, 2006, and has entered into, and is in full compliance with, a payment plan made between him and the Ohio Department of Taxation, through its representatives at the office of Special Counsel to the Ohio Attorney General, the purpose of which is to meet and resolve Respondent's tax obligation incurred prior to December 31, 2005;
- (g) Respondent has filed all returns and paid all of his tax obligations to the Internal Revenue Service of the Federal Government on a current basis since January 1, 2006, and has entered into, and is in full compliance with, a forbearance plan made between him and the Internal Revenue Service, the purpose of which is to meet and resolve Respondent's tax obligations incurred prior to December 31, 2005;
- (h) All court costs imposed upon Respondent in Case No. 2004-2112, and all court costs imposed upon Respondent in Case No. 2008-772, have been paid in full;
- (i) Respondent is in full compliance with the requirements for reinstatement set forth in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio;
- (j) Respondent is in full compliance with the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio;
- (k) Respondent is in full compliance with all orders of this Honorable Court, including both orders of suspension;
- (l) Respondent is in full compliance with the continuing legal education requirements of Gov. Bar R. X, Section 3(G);
- (m) There are no disciplinary proceedings of any kind pending against Respondent;
- (n) Respondent does not owe any reimbursement to the Clients' Security Fund; and,
- (o) Respondent is not now, and has never been, subject to any term of probation, community control, intervention in lieu of conviction, or any sanction imposed as part of a sentence for a criminal conviction of any kind or degree.

WHEREFORE, having fully satisfied and completed all requirements and conditions precedent to his reinstatement to the practice of law in the State of Ohio, Respondent respectfully

requests that this Honorable Court approve both of his applications for reinstatement, and, further, order that, upon the payment by Respondent of any past-due registration fees and/or reinstatement fees (which Respondent has already tendered to the Office of Attorney Services of this Honorable Court), Respondent be fully and immediately reinstated to the practice of law in the State of Ohio, and reinvested with all of the rights, privileges and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the legal profession of Ohio.

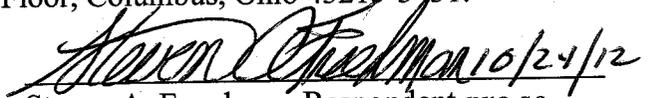
Respectfully submitted,



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Copies of this Respondent's Application for Reinstatement to the Practice of Law have been sent by ordinary first-class United States mail to the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association fka the Cuyahoga County Bar Association, 1301 East 9th Street, Second Level - Cleveland, OH 44114-1253 and to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances & Discipline, Supreme Court of Ohio, 65 South Front Street, 5th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431.



Steven A. Freedman, Respondent *pro se*
Ohio Supreme Court No. 0025528

AFFIDAVIT OF RESPONDENT
Pursuant to Gov. Bar V(10)(A)(1)

State of Ohio :
: ***Affidavit***
County of Cuyahoga :

NOW COMES AFFIANT, STEVEN A. FREEDMAN, and for his Affidavit says that, to the best of his knowledge, information and belief, the statements written below are true, to wit:

1. In November, 1976, Affiant was admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio by the Ohio Supreme Court, and assigned Supreme Court Registration No. 0025528;
2. Affiant is the Respondent in both Case No. 2004-2112, *Cuyahoga County Bar Association (nka Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association) v. Freedman*, and Case No. 2008-772, *Cuyahoga County Bar Association (nka Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association) v. Freedman*;
3. Affiant knows of no formal disciplinary proceedings, including but not limited to any at the investigatory stage, currently pending against Affiant;
4. Affiant has never been convicted of any crime, whether felony or misdemeanor;
5. Affiant is not now, and has never been, subject to any term of incarceration, probation, community control, intervention in lieu of conviction, or sanction imposed as part of a sentence for a felony or misdemeanor conviction;
6. Affiant has, since November 16, 2005, through the date hereof, complied with or exceeded all continuing legal education requirements of Gov. R. X, Section 3(G);
7. Affiant has paid-in-full all costs associated with both cases set forth herein above;
8. Affiant has complied-in-full with all conditions of the orders of suspension issued in both cases set forth herein above, including but not limited to: (a) fully restraining from the practice of law in the State of Ohio since November 16, 2005, for a continuous period greater than seven (7) years, including a term extending by years beyond the end date of latest suspension imposed upon him in Case No. 2008-772; (b) filing all overdue tax returns; (c) maintaining currency with the filing of all additional tax returns; and, (d) with all taxing authorities to which he is still obligated to pay delinquent income taxes, entering into and maintaining compliance with agreements to meet those obligations;

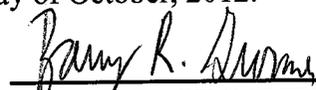
9. Affiant expresses his remorse for his prior conduct, both that which was self-destructive in nature, and that which was detrimental to the interests of his clients, and sincerely apologizes to the Supreme Court of Ohio, his clients, and his family for his actions, and, further, promises that such conduct will never happen again;
10. Affiant truly desires to be restored and reinstated to the practice of law in the State of Ohio, and, although believing same not to be necessary, will willingly accept any kind of supervision or condition deemed appropriate by the Supreme Court of Ohio in order to insure that Affiant will serve his future clients well, and so that Affiant's three children, his 83-year old mother, and his 89-year old father, may again see him return to the practice law which he loves.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.



STEVEN A. FREEDMAN, AFFIANT

IN WITNESS HEREOF, Affiant, Steven A. Freedman, a person known to me, did personally appear before me, did swear to the truth of the statements set forth in writing hereinabove, and did set his signature hereto, in the City of Cuyahoga Heights, County of Cuyahoga, State of Ohio, on this twenty-third day of October, 2012.



BARRY R. GRONNER
Notary Public- State of Ohio



BARRY GRONNER
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires 04/20/2016
Recorded in Lake County