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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
WESTERN DIVISION**

*2012-1973*

**IN THE MATTER OF:**

**MEREDITH L. LAWRENCE  
Ohio Atty. Reg. No. 0029098  
RESPONDENT**

**Case No.: 1:12-MC-079  
Chief Judge Susan J. Dlott**

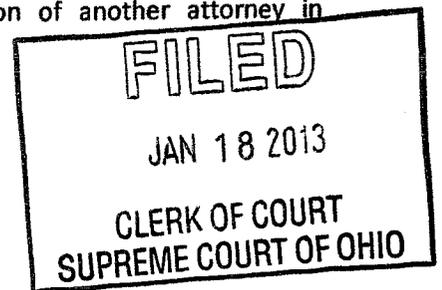
**ORDER**

It appearing to the Court that a certified copy of a judgment entry of a felony conviction against Respondent Meredith L. Lawrence was received in the Supreme Court of Ohio, and that on November 29, 2012 an Order was entered by the Supreme Court of Ohio suspending Respondent from the practice of law in Ohio for an interim period, pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V(5)(A)(4) of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, and in accordance with Rule I of the Model Federal Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, adopted by this Court on February 1, 1979,

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Respondent be suspended from the practice of law in this Court for an interim period, pursuant to Rule II of the Model Federal Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement adopted by this Court on February 1, 1979. Respondent is hereby ordered to cease and desist from the practice of law in any form and is forbidden to appear on behalf of another before this Court. It is further ordered that Respondent be forbidden to counsel or advise, or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform services of any kind for others which would constitute the practice of law in this Court. Respondent is also forbidden to hold himself out to another or to the public as being authorized to perform legal services, and Respondent is hereby divested of each and all of the rights, privileges and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the Bar of this Court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that within 30 days from the date of filing of this Order, the Respondent shall:

1. Notify all clients being represented in pending matters in this Court and any co-counsel of Respondent's suspension and Respondent's 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 in this Court any papers or other property pertaining to the clients, 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. Regarding any actions pending in this Court, 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 possession or control of respondent;

4. Notify opposing counsel in pending litigation in this Court, in the absence of counsel, the adverse parties, of Respondent's disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this Order;

5. All notices required by this Order shall be by certified mail and shall contain a return address where communications may thereafter be directed to Respondent;

6. File with the Clerk of this Court an affidavit showing compliance with this Order and Proof of Service of Notices required therein. Such affidavit shall set forth the address where the affiant may receive communications and the Clerk shall be kept advised of any change of address;

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

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of this Court shall cause a copy of this Order to be served on said Respondent, by certified mail, return receipt requested, at 301 Second Street, P.O. Box 1330, Warsaw, KY 41095 and issue certified copies of this Order to the Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of Ohio, to the Clerks of the Supreme Court of the United States and the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, to the National Discipline Data Bank, to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Ohio, and to be published to this Courts official website.



Susan J. Dlott, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Ohio

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In re: Meredith Lynn Lawrence.

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CLERK OF COURT  
SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

On November 26, 2012, and pursuant to Rule V(5)(A)(3) of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, the Secretary of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio certified to the Supreme Court a certified copy of a judgment entry of a felony conviction against Meredith Lynn Lawrence, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Ohio.

Upon consideration thereof and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5)(A)(4), it is ordered and decreed that Meredith Lynn Lawrence, Attorney Registration Number 0029098, last known business address in Warsaw, Kentucky, is suspended from the practice of law for an interim period, effective as of the date of this entry.

It is further ordered that this matter is referred to the Disciplinary Counsel for investigation and commencement of disciplinary proceedings.

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

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

It is further ordered that respondent is 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 before entering into an employment, contractual, or consulting relationship with any attorney or law firm, respondent shall verify that the attorney or law firm has complied with the registration requirements of Gov.Bar R. V(8)(G)(3). If employed pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(8)(G), respondent shall refrain from direct client contact except as provided in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(G)(1), and from receiving, disbursing, or otherwise handling any client trust funds or property.

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 this and all other orders issued by this court; (3) respondent complies with the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; and (4) this court orders respondent reinstated.

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 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 respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Clients' Security Fund within 90 days of the notice of such award.

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 respondent's possession or control;
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 such 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 affiant 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 and the Disciplinary Counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

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. All case documents are subject to Rules 44 through 47 of the Rules of Superintendence of Ohio which govern access to court records.

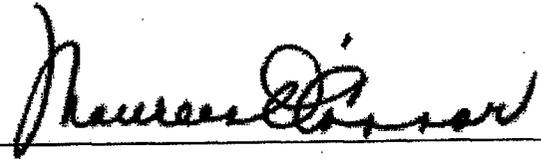
It is further ordered, sua sponte, that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, to respondent's last known address.

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 November 14, 2012 in Supreme Court case number 2012-1975

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Supreme Court of Ohio on this 27th day of November, 20 12

by Chris L. Rade CLERK OF COURT, Deputy



Maureen O'Connor  
Chief Justice