

ORIGINAL

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Columbus Bar Association,

Relator

Case No. 06-443

vs.

Stephen Linnen,

Respondent-Petitioner

VERIFIED PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW

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1. Pursuant to Gov. Bar. R. V(10)(B), Respondent-Petitioner, Stephen P. Linnen, hereinafter "Petitioner," respectfully requests this Honorable Court to reinstate him to the practice of law.

This Petition is verified by the accompanying affidavit.

2. On October 25, 2006, this Court entered its Order indefinitely suspending Petitioner from the practice of law, attached hereto as Exhibit A. This Court's Order suspending Petitioner was reported in the Ohio Official Reports as Columbus Bar Assn. v. Linnen, 111 Ohio St.3d 507, 2006-Ohio-5480.

3. The persons and organizations entitled under Gov. Bar R. V, Section (10)(C) and Gov. Bar R. V Section (8)(D)(1) to receive copies of the order resulting in Petitioner's suspension are:

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Chief Judge Solomon Oliver, Jr.
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Chief Judge Alice M. Batchelder
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3. Petitioner is eligible for reinstatement to the practice of law.
4. This petition is filed more than two years after this Court's Order suspending Petitioner from the practice of law.
5. This is the first petition for reinstatement Petitioner has filed.
6. There are no disciplinary proceedings pending against Petitioner.
7. Petitioner has complied with this Court's order of suspension including, but not limited to, payment of all costs of this proceeding pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, §10(D) and all other requirements set forth by this Court's previous Order and the relevant Rules. See Affidavit of Compliance, attached hereto as Exhibit B.
8. Petitioner has complied and is in compliance with all continuing legal education requirements pursuant to Gov. Bar. R. X, Section 3(G) and this Court's Order. See Continuing Legal Education Transcripts, attached hereto as Exhibits C-1 through C-5.
9. Petitioner's suspension from the practice of law was for violations the Disciplinary Rules, in effect in 2003, namely DR 1-102(a)(3) and (6), based upon Petitioner's deplorable misconduct that ended in 2003 and lead to multiple misdemeanor convictions.
10. Petitioner completed his term of misdemeanor probation over four years ago.
11. This Court's 2006 Order conditioned Petitioner's reinstatement upon, inter alia, submission of an independent and qualified health-care professional's evaluation of his mental health and the propriety of his reinstatement, which has been obtained from Jeffrey L. Smalldon,

Ph.D. and shall be submitted separately in support of this Petition. See Curriculum Vita of Jeffrey L. Smalldon, Ph.D., attached hereto as Exhibit F.

12. Petitioner continues to reside in Franklin County, Ohio and would intend to maintain an office in Columbus, Ohio if reinstated. Accordingly, the bar associations relevant to this petition are the Columbus Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association.

13. Petitioner is a graduate of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and the University of Akron School of Law and was admitted by examination to practice law in Ohio in November of 1999.

14. Notwithstanding Petitioner's regrettable prior misconduct, which ceased in 2003, and the resulting disciplinary action, in 2006, Petitioner is presently a proper person to be re-admitted to the practice of law in Ohio.

15. Petitioner continues to feel remorse and regret for his wrongful conduct, and the harm and offense that it caused the direct victims, as well as the tarnish that Petitioner's conduct cast upon the legal profession as a whole.

16. Petitioner has worked over the past decade to demonstrate that he is worthy of the trust and respect, not only of the legal profession but also of society at large.

17. Petitioner has continued in counseling, completed his seven year commitment to the Ohio Lawyer's Assistance Program, continued in his Twelve Step program, and become a mentor to other individuals, including other licensed attorneys, who suffer from problems with which Petitioner may be able to assist. See Letters from Alvin D. Pelt, M.D. and Sandi McCall, Ph.D., attached hereto as Exhibits D and E, respectively.

18. Over the past decade, Petitioner has occupied positions of trust both in work and in the community, having been entrusted with significant responsibilities, confidences, information, duties, and fiduciary obligations. Petitioner has reliably met these commitments.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner asks that this Honorable Court refer this Petition to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline for an evidentiary hearing, where Petitioner will have the opportunity to prove by clear and convincing evidence the aforementioned qualifications, as well as any other requisite mental, educational and moral qualifications consistent with the practice of law and that, ultimately, this Court reinstate Petitioner to the practice of law in the State of Ohio.



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Affidavit of Stephen P. Linnen

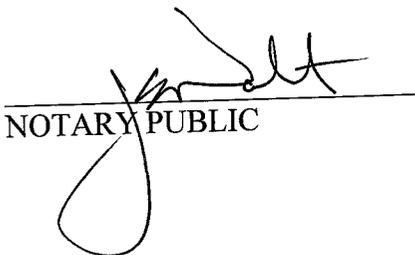
1. Affiant Stephen P. Linnen, is the Respondent-Petitioner in the above styled case and based upon his personal knowledge, and having drafted and reviewed the above Petition, verifies that the statements, contents, and copied exhibits contained in, or attached to, the foregoing petition are true, accurate, and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Further affiant saith not.

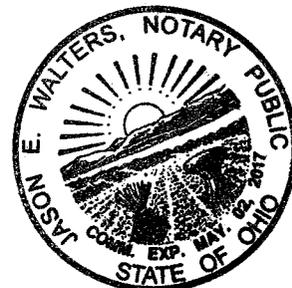


Stephen P. Linnen,
Petitioner, Pro Se

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 20 day of February, 2013.



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that copies of this Petition were hand-delivered or sent via regular U.S. mail on or before this 21st day of February, 2013, to the offices of counsel for Relator, Columbus Bar Association, as follows:

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