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THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Disciplinary Counsel,	:	CASE NO.: 2011-0408
Relator,	:	**RESPONDENT'S APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW**
Joseph G. Stafford	:	
Respondent.	:	

Joseph G. Stafford, pursuant to Gov.Bar.R.V. Section 10(A) and applies for reinstatement to the practice of law based upon the following:

1) On March 8, 2012, this Court entered an Order which suspended Respondent from the practice of law for a period of twelve (12) months, as set forth in *In Re: Joseph G. Stafford, (Respondent) and Disciplinary Counsel (Relator)*.

2) Respondent has complied with all Orders and the terms of reinstatement have been satisfied. *See, Affidavit of Joseph G. Stafford.*

3) Since the March 8, 2012 suspension, Respondent has participated in 24.25 hours of continuing legal education, which includes six (6) hours relating to professional conduct. Respondent has paid the Court costs of $11,571.44 and $352.49.

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THEREFORE, Respondent, Joseph G. Stafford, respectfully request this Court to grant his reinstatement based upon the expiration of the twelve (12) month actual suspension and compliance with all conditions of reinstatement.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH G. STAFFORD
55 ERIEVIEW PLAZA, 5TH FLOOR
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Respondent's Application for Reinstatement to the Practice of Law, is being served by regular mail on this 8th day of March, 2013 to:

Jonathan E. Coughlan, Esq.
Disciplinary Counsel
Lori J. Brown, Esq.
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JOSEPH G. STAFFORD

STATE OF OHIO)
) **SS:** **AFFIDAVIT**
COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA)

JOSEPH G. STAFFORD, first being duly sworn according to law, deposes and states the following:

1. AFFIANT states that on or about March 8, 2012, an Order of suspension was rendered by the Supreme Court of Ohio for a period of twelve (12) months.

2. AFFIANT states further that the term of the actual twelve (12) month suspension has expired.

3. AFFIANT states further that since the suspension he has performed 24.25 hours of continuing legal education, which includes at least six (6) hours of continuing legal education relating to professional conduct, as required by Gov. Bar. X, Section (3)(G) and the Order of this Court.

4. AFFIANT states further that he has paid all court ordered costs of 11,571.44 and $352.49.

5. AFFIANT states that there are no formal disciplinary proceedings pending against the Affiant.

6. AFFIANT states further that he has complied with all Orders to qualify for reinstatement.

AFFIANT FURTHER SAYETH NAUGHT.

JOSEPH G. STAFFORD

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME this 8th day of March, 2013.

NOTARY PUBLIC

KAREN A. KOENIG
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My commission expires Mar. 17, 2015