



**APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW PURSUANT  
TO GOV. BAR R. V, SECTION 10 (A) et. Seq.**

**TO:** The Clerk of the Supreme Court of Ohio  
65 South Front Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
250 Civic Center Drive, Ste. 325  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-7411

AND NOW Comes Respondent, Paul Robert Giba, by and through his Attorney, Charles J. Kettlewell, and files the following Application For Reinstatement to the Practice of Law Pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, Section 10(A) et. Seq. and avers as follows:

1. On June 16, 2005, The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania entered an order suspending Respondent from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a period of (2) Years. **(Ex. A)** Under Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, said suspension became Effective thirty (2) days thereafter.

2. On January 27, 2006, The Supreme Court of Ohio entered a reciprocal Order suspending Respondent for an identical period of two (2) years and further ordered that Respondent not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until reinstated to the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania **(Ex. B)**

3. On June 5, 2012, The Supreme Court of Pennsylvania entered an Order reinstating Respondent to the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. **(Ex. C)**

4. Respondent is currently registered as an Attorney in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the current registration period of July 1, 2012 through July 1, 2013. **(Ex. D)**

5. On September 7, 2006, Respondent attempted to file an Affidavit of Compliance; however, the same was rejected by the Clerk of the Ohio Supreme Court as being untimely

filed. The Clerk did accept the Respondent's Attorney Registration Card for filing. (Ex. E)

6. On October 12, 2006, an Order was entered by The Ohio Supreme Court holding Respondent in Contempt of Court for failing to file a timely Affidavit of Compliance. (Ex. F)

7. On December 3, 2007, an Order was entered by The Supreme Court of Ohio suspending Respondent's license due to Respondent's failure to file a Certificate of Registration for the Biennium of 2007-2009, in accordance with Gov. Bar R. VI, Section 1(A). (Ex. G)

8. Contemporaneous to the instant Application For Reinstatement to the Practice of Law, Respondent has simultaneously filed with the Clerk, a Motion To Purge Contempt and a second Affidavit of Compliance.

9. Respondent has simultaneously filed with the Office of Attorney Services an Application For (Registration) Reinstatement pursuant to Gov. Bar R. VI, Section 6, and has paid the \$300.00 registration reinstatement fee.

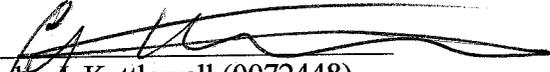
10. Respondent has also simultaneously filed with the Office of Attorney Services two separate Certificates of Registration for the missing Biennia of 2007-2009 and 2009-2011, registering as "Inactive".

11. Respondent has simultaneously filed with the Office of Attorney Services, the Certificate of Registration for the current 2011-2013 Biennium and paid the applicable Registration fee of \$350.00.

12. Respondent has also filed an Affidavit in Support of the instant Application for Reinstatement to the Practice of Law Pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V., Section 10 (A) et seq.

**WHEREFORE**, Counsel for Respondent respectfully requests this Honorable Court enter an appropriate Order reinstating Respondent to the Practice of Law in the State of Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

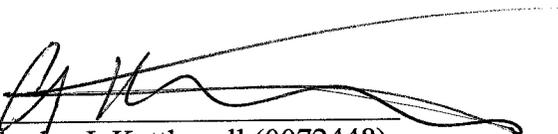
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Attorney for Respondent,  
Paul Robert Giba

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

This is to certify that a by depositing same in the U.S. mail, postage pre-paid, this 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 2013, a copy of the foregoing APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT TO  
THE PRACTICE OF LAW PURSUANT TO GOV. BAR R. V, SECTION 10(a) AND  
SUPPORTING AFFIDAVIT OF RESPONDENT has been served upon:

Jonathan E. Coughlan  
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Columbus, Ohio 43215-7411

By   
Charles J. Kettlewell (0072448)

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	:	No. 1021, Disciplinary Docket No. 3
Petitioner	:	
	:	No. 52 DB 2003
v.	:	
	:	Attorney Registration No. 36621
PAUL ROBERT GIBA	:	
Respondent	:	(Allegheny County)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICES  
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Pursuant to Rule 208(d)(2)(iii) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania ("Board") herewith submits its findings and recommendations to your Honorable Court with respect to the above-captioned Petition for Discipline.

I. HISTORY OF PROCEEDINGS

On April 22, 2003, Office of Disciplinary Counsel filed a Petition for Discipline against Respondent, Paul Robert Giba. The Petition alleged that Respondent misappropriated client funds. Respondent filed an Answer and Request to be Heard in

**EXHIBIT A**

Mitigation on July 28, 2003.

A disciplinary hearing was held on April 26 and May 26, 2004 before Hearing Committee 4.13 comprised of Chair Matthew R. Wimer, Esquire, and Members David A. Regoli, Esquire, and Thomas S. Talarico, Esquire. Respondent was represented by Richard H. Lindner, Esquire.

Following the submission of briefs by the parties, the Committee filed a Report on October 14, 2004, finding that Respondent engaged in misconduct violative of Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a) and 8.4(c), and recommending that Respondent be suspended for two years.

Respondent filed a Brief on Exceptions on November 3, 2004, and requested oral argument. Petitioner filed a Brief Opposing Respondent's Exceptions on November 19, 2004.

Oral argument was held on January 10, 2005, before a three member panel of the Disciplinary Board chaired by Gary G. Gentile, Esquire with Members Martin W. Sheerer, Esquire, and Nikki P. Nordenberg.

This matter was adjudicated by the Disciplinary Board at the meeting on January 19, 2005.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. Petitioner, whose principal office is located at Suite 1400, 200 North Third Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101, is invested, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, with power and the duty to investigate all matters involving alleged misconduct of an attorney admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to prosecute all disciplinary proceedings brought in accordance with the various provisions of the aforesaid Rules.

2. Respondent, Paul Robert Giba, was born in 1956 and was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth in 1982. He maintains his office at 20 Donati Road, #101, Pittsburgh PA 15241-1000. He is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court.

3. Respondent has no prior history of discipline.

4. Sometime prior to January 31, 1997, Attorney Jonathan E. Turak, a member of the Bar of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the West Virginia State Bar whose office is located in West Virginia, entered into an informal arrangement with Respondent, whereby Attorney Turak would refer to Respondent cases as to which either Pennsylvania or the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania was the proper forum for filing.

5. From January 31, 1997, until sometime prior to March 1, 2001, Attorney Turak referred the following four client matters to Respondent:

- a. Christopher Stilwell;
- b. Norman and Terra Crook;

- c. Teresa Smith; and
- d. Jerry Shelton.

6. With regard to Mr. and Mrs. Crook, Ms. Smith and Mr. Shelton, there was an agreement between Attorney Turak and Respondent to equally divide a contingent fee.

7. With regard to Mr. Stilwell, it was agreed between Attorney Turak and Respondent that Respondent should receive 60% of a contingent fee, and Attorney Turak should receive 40%.

8. From October 1, 1999, through mid-September 2002, Respondent was at various times entrusted with funds in 15 different client matters including those referred to in paragraph 5, above, and for eleven other clients.

9. Respondent misappropriated funds in his IOLTA account for his own purposes from approximately December 16, 1999, until September 30, 2002. On numerous occasions he was out of trust in excess of \$100,000 and the highest amount he was out of trust reached \$175,659.63.

10. On November 20, 2001, Office of Disciplinary Counsel sent a letter of inquiry to Respondent concerning a complaint filed by Attorney Turak concerning the Stilwell, Crook, Smith and Shelton matters.

11. Respondent promptly notified all of his clients referred to in the Petition for Discipline of the settlement that occurred, via itemized settlement statements that

included the gross settlement amount, legal fees, expenses and costs to be reimbursed to Respondent, amounts to be paid to third persons and the net proceeds to the clients.

12. Attorney Turak was promptly notified by Respondent of the settlements that occurred in regard to the Stilwell, Crook, Smith and Shelton matters.

13. Most of the misappropriations involved funds marked for reimbursement of subrogation and healthcare claims, but some of the misappropriations involved payments due to clients. From time to time, the IOLTA account contained funds that were appropriately due to Respondent as fees which he did not take.

14. During the period of his trust account deficiencies, Respondent sometimes left funds in his IOLTA accounts that were due him for fees and/or as reimbursements for costs he had advanced rather than promptly disbursing the same to himself. Such funds were not sufficient to fully reimburse the account for the deficiencies caused by Respondent's misappropriation.

15. During relevant times Respondent did not maintain a running balance in the check registers for his IOLTA accounts or otherwise keep proper ledgers for said accounts.

16. Four of the client matters were resolved and outstanding entrustments satisfied before Respondent received the November 20, 2001 letter of inquiry. Ten of the client matters were resolved and outstanding entrustments satisfied during the period between late November 2001 and June 11, 2002, and the last entrustment was resolved and satisfied by payment to a third person-subrogee on September 12, 2002.

17. During the period after he received the November 20, 2001 letter of inquiry, through September 12, 2002, Respondent completely resolved the deficiency in his IOLTA account using his own personal funds or funds obtained from other legitimate sources, such as loans from his family.

18. Respondent made substantial efforts in several cases to compromise and/or cause the release of subrogation claims, and to assure compliance by healthcare providers with statutory cost containment requirements in automobile accident cases. Such efforts resulted in substantial savings to Respondent's clients.

19. Respondent experienced staff and administrative problems during relevant times of his misconduct that adversely impacted his maintenance of and recordkeeping for his trust accounts.

20. Respondent experienced serious family issues during the time frame of his misconduct.

21. Respondent's minor daughter has albinism, eye deficiencies and cardiac problems, Respondent's step-daughter exhibited disciplinary problems, and Respondent's wife engaged in an extra-marital affair, which severely strained their relationship.

22. Respondent developed a major depression that led to an inability to function at work.

23. In December 2001, Respondent came under the care of a psychologist, Dr. William Cagney, who subsequently referred Respondent to a psychiatrist, Dr. Stuart Burstein, for additional treatment.

24. Dr. Burstein and Dr. Cagney diagnosed Respondent with major depression. Dr. Cagney continued treating Respondent with psychotherapy on a regular basis from December 2001 through May 2003. While Dr. Cagney served as Respondent's primary psychotherapist, Dr. Burstein saw Respondent on five occasions for the purpose of medication management and support psychotherapy.

25. Dr. Burstein prescribed Celexa to treat Respondent's depression. That prescription continues to date.

26. Dr. Burstein assumed the role of Respondent's primary therapist in August 2003.

27. Dr. Burstein testified at the disciplinary hearing and opined that beginning in 1997 and continuing through the period of his misconduct, Respondent suffered from major depression, complicated by Respondent's obsessive-compulsive and narcissistic personality traits.

28. Respondent's depression included symptoms of repressed anger, despair, feelings of hopelessness and helplessness, loss of interest in activities, lack of energy, sleep and appetite problems.

29. Dr. Burstein opined that Respondent's depression allowed Respondent's obsessive-compulsive and narcissistic personality traits to surface and play a more prominent role in his conduct during relevant times.

30. Dr. Burstein opined that Respondent's major depression, in conjunction with the personality traits, impaired Respondent's judgment and caused his mishandling of funds.

31. Petitioner presented the expert testimony of Robert Wettstein, M.D.

32. Dr. Wettstein's testimony and report confirmed Dr. Burstein's diagnosis of Respondent.

33. Dr. Wettstein opined that depression does not ordinarily cause illegal or dishonest conduct such as that engaged in by Respondent, but he acknowledged that depression can accentuate personality traits, and in combination, these psychological infirmities can cause dishonest conduct.

34. Dr. Burstein and Dr. Wettstein opined that Respondent's depression is being effectively treated and is in remission.

35. Respondent presented the testimony of five character witnesses.

36. Attorneys William R. Caroselli, Kevin E. Leonard, Richard J. Joyce, Richard J. Schubert and Scott R. Melton all testified as to Respondent's good character and the aberrational nature of the misconduct engaged in by Respondent.

37. Respondent presented character letters from five additional witnesses.

38. Respondent expressed sincere remorse and accepts full responsibility for his misconduct.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

By his conduct as set forth above, Respondent violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct:

1. RPC 1.15(a) – A lawyer shall hold property of clients or third persons that is in a lawyer’s possession in connection with a representation separate from the lawyer’s own property.

2. RPC 8.4(c) - It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

3. Respondent met his burden of proof pursuant to Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Braun, 553 A.2d 894 (Pa. 1989), showing by clear and convincing evidence that his psychiatric disorder was a substantial cause of his misconduct.

IV. DISCUSSION

It is uncontested that Respondent engaged in the systematic misappropriation of entrusted funds from approximately December 1999 until September 2002. The deficiency in his IOLTA account was in excess of \$100,000 for a substantial period of time and rose to \$175,000 in August 2001. Respondent failed to hold entrusted funds separate from his own and engaged in dishonest conduct. In the absence of compelling mitigating factors, this conduct would warrant disbarment. Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Lucarini, 472 A.2d 186 (Pa. 1983), Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Monsour, 701 A.2d 556 (Pa. 1997). Respondent presented credible mitigating evidence, the most significant of which

was his major depression that resulted in his inability to carry out his duties as an attorney, thus causing a financial crisis in his family, which ultimately led him to make the improper decision to misappropriate funds. Respondent intended to pay the funds back and hoped he would not get caught, but his misconduct was out of control and led to investigation by Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

Respondent presented the expert testimony of Dr. Stuart Burstein, his treating psychiatrist. Dr. Burstein testified that Respondent suffered from a major depressive disorder and has obsessive-compulsive and narcissistic personality traits. Dr. Burstein credibly testified that Respondent's psychiatric disorder caused his misconduct, in that it led him to make improper decisions concerning the entrusted funds. Respondent continues to receive therapy for his depression, which Dr. Burstein described as being in remission, due to Respondent's efforts at medication and cognitive therapy. Petitioner's expert, Dr. Robert Wettstein, essentially agreed with this diagnosis, and though he stated that depression does not cause dishonest conduct, he did agree that depression can accentuate underlying personality traits which may lead to dishonest conduct. Dr. Wettstein did not provide testimony which would negate the clear and convincing testimony of Dr. Burstein. The Board concludes that Respondent met the Braun standard by providing clear and convincing evidence that his psychiatric disorder substantially caused his misconduct. Respondent is entitled to mitigation of discipline.

Respondent provided evidence of other mitigating factors. Respondent was experiencing difficult family problems at the time of the misconduct, as well as substantial

administrative problems with his office and financial accounts. He has taken appropriate steps to rectify his office problems, such as opening a new trust account and adopting a new way of keeping records in accordance with the Rules of Professional Conduct. Respondent regularly reviews his bank statements and reconciles the statements. He has a new paralegal to assist with office administration. Respondent has no prior history of discipline in his twenty-three years of legal practice, he enjoys an excellent reputation in the legal community, he expressed sincere remorse and made full restitution.

Review of sanctions imposed in similar cases indicates that suspensions ranging from one year to at least three years have been imposed. In the matter of Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Lawrence Foti, 89 DB 2001, 835 Disciplinary Docket No. 3 (Pa. July 24, 2003), the attorney was suspended for three years after he misappropriated and converted client funds and failed to deliver settlement proceeds to clients. The attorney suffered from depression at the time of the misconduct. In the matter of In re Anonymous No. 56 DB 94, 28 Pa. D. & C. 4<sup>th</sup> 398 (1995), an attorney was suspended for three years after she took monies that were to be deposited into clients' accounts in order to fund her cocaine addiction. This occurred over the course of four years. In the matter of In re Anonymous No. 66 DB 84, 17 Pa. D. & C. 4<sup>th</sup> 414 (1992), an attorney deposited estate funds into a personal account and withdrew the monies to satisfy personal obligations. This attorney suffered from bi-polar disorder. He received a suspension of two and a half years. In the matter of Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Joseph Durney, 55 DB 2003, 961 Disciplinary Docket No. 3 (Pa. Oct. 15, 2004), the attorney misappropriated funds from an

estate. He failed to meet the Braun standard, but showed other persuasive mitigating factors. The Court suspended this attorney for one year with one year of probation.

Respondent's misappropriation of funds affected not only his clients, but severely impacted the reputation of the legal community as a whole. Considering the gravity of this misconduct in light of the Respondent's psychiatric disorder and other mitigating factors, the Board is persuaded that a suspension of two years is appropriate and serves to protect the public and maintain the integrity of the disciplinary system.

V. RECOMMENDATION

The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania recommends that the Respondent, Paul Robert Giba, be Suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years.

It is further recommended that the expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter are to be paid by the Respondent.

Respectfully submitted,

THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gary G. Gentile, Board Member

Date: March 23, 2005

Board Member O'Connor dissented and would recommend a stayed suspension with a practice monitor and continue treatment.

Board Member Wright did not participate in the January 19, 2005 adjudication.

PER CURIAM:

AND NOW, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005, upon consideration of the Report and Recommendations of the Disciplinary Board dated March 23, 2005, it is hereby

ORDERED that PAUL ROBERT GIBA be and he is SUSPENDED from the Bar of this Commonwealth for a period of two years, and he shall comply with all the provisions of Rule 217, Pa.R.D.E.

It is further ORDERED that respondent shall pay costs to the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Rule 208(g), Pa.R.D.E.

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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MARCIA J. MENGEL, CLERK  
SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Disciplinary Counsel,  
Relator,  
v.  
Paul Robert Giba,  
Respondent.

ON CERTIFIED ORDER OF  
THE SUPREME COURT OF  
PENNSYLVANIA  
No. 1021

Case No. 05-2250

ORDER

This cause is pending before the Supreme Court of Ohio in accordance with the reciprocal discipline provisions of Gov.Bar R. V(11)(F).

On November 30, 2005, relator, Disciplinary Counsel, filed with this Court a certified copy of an order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania entered June 16, 2005, in *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Paul Robert Giba*, in Case No. 1021, Disciplinary Docket, No. 3, suspending respondent for a period of two years. On December 7, 2005, this Court ordered respondent to show cause why identical or comparable discipline should not be imposed in this state. Respondent filed no response to the show cause order. This cause was considered by the Court and on consideration thereof,

IT IS ORDERED AND ADJUDGED by this Court that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(11)(F)(4), respondent, Paul Robert Giba, Attorney Registration Number 0005732, last known business address in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, be suspended for a period of two years and respondent will not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until such time as respondent is reinstated to the practice of law in the state of Pennsylvania.

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is hereby forbidden to counsel or advise or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform such services.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is hereby 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, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. X(3)(G), respondent shall complete one credit hour of continuing legal education for each month, or portion of

**EXHIBIT B**

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, sua sponte, by the Court, that within 90 days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded against the respondent 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 the respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), the respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Clients' Security Fund within 90 days of the notice of such award.

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 the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio; (3) respondent files evidence with the Clerk of this Court and with Disciplinary Counsel demonstrating his reinstatement to the practice of law in Pennsylvania; (4) respondent complies with this and all other orders issued by this Court; and (5) this Court orders respondent reinstated.

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 his 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 the possession or control of respondent;
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 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 on or before 30 days from the date of this order, respondent surrender the attorney registration card for the 2005/2007 biennium.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that until such time as respondent fully complies with this order, 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.

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, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has given to the Attorney Registration Section.

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 1/27/06 in Supreme Court case number 05-2257

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Supreme Court of Ohio on this 27 day of JAN., 2006.

by MARCIA J. MENGEL, Clerk  
[Signature], Deputy

[Signature]  
THOMAS J. MOYER  
Chief Justice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In the Matter of : No. 1021 Disciplinary Docket No. 3  
: :  
: No. 52 DB 2003  
PAUL R. GIBA : :  
: Attorney Registration No. 36621  
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PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT : (Allegheny County)

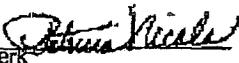
ORDER

PER CURIAM:

AND NOW, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2012, upon consideration of the Report and Recommendations of the Disciplinary Board dated January 24, 2012, the Petition for Reinstatement is granted.

Pursuant to Rule 218(f), Pa.R.D.E., petitioner is directed to pay the expenses incurred by the Board in the investigation and processing of the Petition for Reinstatement.

A True Copy Patricia Nicola  
As Of 6/5/2012

Attest:   
Chief Clerk  
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

**EXHIBIT C**

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

In the Matter of : No. 1021 Disciplinary Docket No. 3  
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PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT : (Allegheny County)

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND JUSTICES  
OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA:

Pursuant to Rule 218(c)(5) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania submits its findings and recommendations to your Honorable Court with respect to the above captioned Petition for Reinstatement.

I. HISTORY OF PROCEEDINGS

By Order of June 16, 2005, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania suspended Paul R. Giba for a period of two years. On December 15, 2010, Mr. Giba filed a Petition for Reinstatement to the bar of Pennsylvania. Office of Disciplinary Counsel filed a Response to Petition on January 31, 2011 and had no opposition to reinstatement.

A reinstatement hearing was held on April 5, 2011, before a District IV Hearing Committee comprised of Chair Albert A. Torrence, Esquire, and Members Charles

C. Gallo, Esquire, and Richard P. Kidwell, Esquire. Petitioner was represented by John E. Quinn, Esquire,

The Hearing Committee filed a Report on August 16, 2011 and recommended that the Petition for Reinstatement be granted.

This matter was adjudicated by the Disciplinary Board at the meeting on October 18, 2011.

## II. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board makes the following findings of fact:

1. Petitioner is Paul R. Giba. He was born in 1956 and was admitted to the practice of law in the Commonwealth in 1982. His address is 217 Seegar Road, Pittsburgh PA 15241.
2. Petitioner was suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years by Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated June 16, 2005.
3. The underlying misconduct was Petitioner's misappropriation of entrusted client funds from approximately December 1999 until September 2002. The deficiency in Petitioner's IOLTA Account was in excess of \$100,000 for a substantial amount of time and rose to \$175,000 in August 2001.
4. During the period of suspension, Petitioner was employed as a paralegal and legal assistant, supervised by eight different Pennsylvania-licensed attorneys.
5. Prior to his suspension, Petitioner obtained a real estate license from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and worked as a realtor. During his suspension, Petitioner became certified by the National Association of Realtors (NAR) in several sub-

specialties, such as Accredited Buyer's Representative (ABR), Certified Negotiation Expert (CNE) and Certified Residential Specialist (CRS).

6. During the period of Petitioner's suspension, the Bureau of Occupational Licensing filed a complaint against him in an attempt to revoke Petitioner's license as a realtor. Pursuant to a Memorandum Opinion of the Commonwealth Court rendered on January 29, 2010, the complaint was dismissed.

7. At the underlying disciplinary hearing in this matter, Petitioner presented expert evidence that he suffered from a major depression which impaired Petitioner's judgment and caused his mishandling of funds. The Board found that Petitioner met his burden of proof pursuant to the Braun standard and was entitled to mitigation.

8. At the reinstatement hearing, Petitioner offered the Medical Report of his treating psychiatrist, Stuart A. Burstein, who examined Petitioner on February 15, 2011. He opined that Petitioner was no longer in need of psychotherapy or medication and was not a threat to the public.

9. During his suspension, Petitioner has been actively involved with his church, St. John Capistran Catholic Church in Upper St. Clair.

10. Petitioner has volunteered his time to charitable organizations such as St. Lucy Auxiliary/Medallion Ball, Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, and the Upper St Clair Lions Club. Petitioner raises money for Children's Hospital Free Care Fund through the Wesley Institute.

11. Petitioner is involved in the educational and extracurricular activities of his children.

12. Petitioner has resolved the majority of his debt to creditors by payment in full or settlement. He is working toward a modification of his mortgage foreclosure.

13. Petitioner has resolved all Pennsylvania State Income Tax and Employer's tax liens with the assistance of William F. Winschel, Esquire, a tax attorney and CPA.

14. Petitioner has continued to make payments to the IRS to resolve outstanding liens.

15. Petitioner fulfilled the requisite number of Continuing Legal Education hours necessary for reinstatement.

16. If reinstated, Petitioner hopes to combine his experience as a realtor and background as a litigator in the oil and gas field of practice.

17. Petitioner expressed sincere remorse and regret for his misconduct.

18. Petitioner offered the testimony of four attorneys: Scott Melton, Esquire; John A. Caputo, Esquire; Richard A. Schubert, Esquire; and Richard J. Joyce, Esquire. These witnesses testified credibly as to Petitioner's good reputation in the community for honesty and integrity. He is known as an able and competent lawyer whose conduct was an aberration. These witnesses would not hesitate to offer cases to Petitioner when he is reinstated.

19. Petitioner offered into evidence, without objection, letters of reference from nine attorneys in the community. Each of these attorneys have known Petitioner on both a professional and social basis, were familiar with Petitioner's misconduct which led to his suspension and offered opinions that Petitioner has a good reputation in Pittsburgh for honesty and integrity.

20. Office of Disciplinary Counsel does not oppose reinstatement.

III. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Petitioner has met his burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence that he has the moral qualifications, competency and learning in the law required for admission to practice law in the Commonwealth. Pa.R.D.E. 218(c)(3)

2. Petitioner has met his burden of proof by clear and convincing evidence that his resumption of the practice of law within the Commonwealth will be neither detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice nor subversive of the public interest.

IV. DISCUSSION

Petitioner seeks reinstatement to the bar in Pennsylvania following a suspension of two years. In accordance with Pa.R.D.E. 218(c)(3), a suspended attorney shall have the burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that he or she has the moral qualifications, competency and learning in the law required for admission to practice law in this Commonwealth and that the resumption of the practice of law by such person will be neither detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice nor subversive of the public interest.

A reinstatement proceeding is a searching inquiry into a lawyer's present professional and moral fitness to resume the practice of law. The object of concern is not solely the transgressions which gave rise to the lawyer's suspension, but rather the nature and extent of the rehabilitative efforts the lawyer has made since the time the sanction was

imposed and the degree of success achieved in the rehabilitative process. Philadelphia News, Inc. v. Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court, 363 A.2d 779 (Pa. 1976).

The nature of Petitioner's misconduct was his misappropriation of entrusted funds. Petitioner's actions were caused by his major depression that resulted in his inability to carry out his duties as an attorney. Petitioner has completed his treatment for the depression and a recent examination of Petitioner by his psychiatrist revealed no signs of the depression. Petitioner does not pose a threat to the public.

During his period of suspension, Petitioner maintained his learning in the law and worked as a paralegal for various Pennsylvania attorneys. He intends to concentrate his practice in oil and gas law as well as real estate. Petitioner maintained involvement in his church and charitable organizations, as well as the activities of his children.

While Petitioner had the opportunity to seek reinstatement at an earlier date, he chose to get his financial house in order and resolve outstanding issues related to his real estate license prior to filing his Petition. As a result, Petitioner is on more solid financial grounds, having settled the majority of his debt and resolved all of his delinquent state income and employer taxes, and is currently working on the resolution of his federal tax deficiencies.

Petitioner's witnesses were credible and their testimony demonstrates that Petitioner has a good reputation for honesty, integrity and competence, despite his prior misconduct. Petitioner's readmission to the bar would be welcome.

The testimony and documentary evidence offered by Petitioner support the conclusion that Petitioner is morally qualified, competent and learned in the law. Furthermore, his reinstatement would be neither detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar, nor would it be subversive of the public interest.

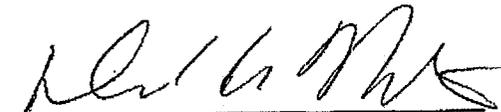
V. RECOMMENDATION

The Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania unanimously recommends that Petitioner, Paul R. Giba, be reinstated to the practice of law.

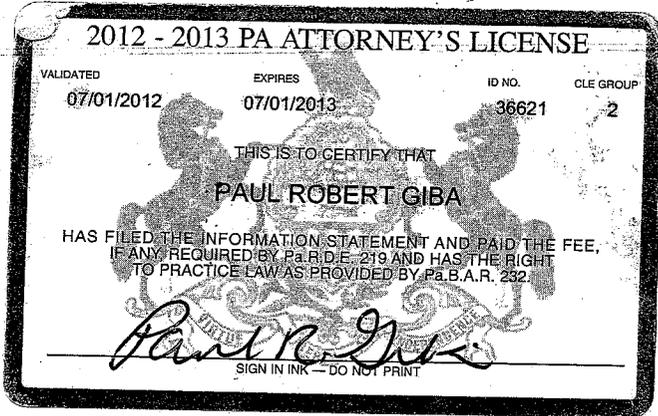
The Board further recommends that, pursuant to Rule 218(f), Pa.R.D.E., Petitioner be directed to pay the necessary expenses incurred in the investigation and processing of the Petition for Reinstatement.

Respectfully submitted,

THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE  
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

By:   
David A. Nasatir, Board Member

Date: January 24, 2012



**EXHIBIT D**

**ATTORNEY REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

[www.padboard.org](http://www.padboard.org)

**CLE COMPLIANCE INFORMATION**

[www.pacle.org](http://www.pacle.org)

- GROUP 1 due APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>
- GROUP 2 due AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup>
- GROUP 3 due DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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September 7, 2006

Paul R. Giba  
217 Seegar Road  
Upper St. Clair, PA 15241

RE: *Disciplinary Counsel v. Paul R. Giba*, Case No. 2005-2250.

Dear Mr. Giba:

The enclosed affidavit of compliance could not be filed, because the time for submitting it in response to the show cause order has passed. The Court's show cause order required any response to be received in the Clerk's Office by 5 p.m., August 31, 2006. We did not receive the affidavit until today and are prohibited from filing late documents by Rule XIV, Section 1(C), of the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

In the event the Court issues a contempt order against you, you will be permitted to resubmit your affidavit of compliance in response to that order. Please note that your attorney registration card was accepted and has been docketed.

Sincerely,



JoElla  
Deputy Clerk

Enclosures

**EXHIBIT E**



THE SUPREME COURT of OHIO

PAUL ROBERT GIBA

REGISTRATION NUMBER: 005732

SIGNATURE

*Paul R Giba*





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The holder of this card has been registered for active  
status under Rule VI of the Supreme Court Rules for  
the Government of the Bar of Ohio.

Effective September 1, 2005,  
through August 31, 2007.

**The Supreme Court of Ohio**

**Disciplinary Counsel,  
Relator**

**Case No.: 05-2250**

**v.**

**Affidavit of Compliance**

**Paul Robert Giba,  
Respondent.**

Before me, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Paul Robert Giba,  
Whose identity is sufficiently known to me, and deposes and says as follows:

1. I certify that I notified all clients and co-counsel of my  
Suspension from the Practice of law.
2. I certify that at the time of my suspension I was not holding  
any unearned fees, advanced costs or client funds in trust.
3. I certify that all paperwork or client files were turned over to  
my co-counsel.
4. I certify that, at the time of my suspension, I was not  
participating in litigation in the State of Ohio, which had not  
been concluded prior to my suspension or where co-counsel  
had not substituted their appearance for mine.
5. I certify that I have surrendered my Ohio Attorney Registration  
Card for the period of September 1, 2005 through August 31,  
2007 to the Supreme Court of Ohio



6. I certify that my current home address and telephone number

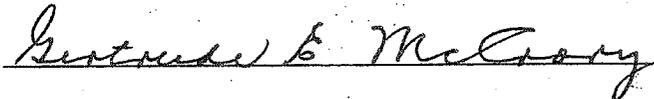
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7. Affiant sayeth no more.

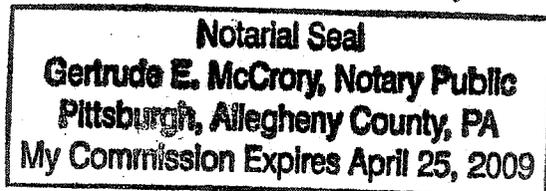
Respectfully Submitted,

  
Paul R. Giba

Sworn to, or affirmed, and subscribed in my presence this 6  
day of September, 2006.

Notary Public: 

My Commission Expires:

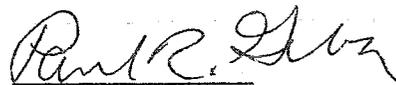


Proof of Service

I certify that a copy of the foregoing Affidavit of Compliance  
was sent by ordinary U.S. Mail to Counsel of Record for Relator:

Jonathan E. Coughlin, Esquire  
Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
250 Civic Center Drive  
Suite 325  
Columbus OH 43215-7411,

on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2006.,

  
Paul R. Giba

Notarial Seal  
Gertrude E. McCoy, Notary Public  
Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA  
My Commission Expires April 25, 2009

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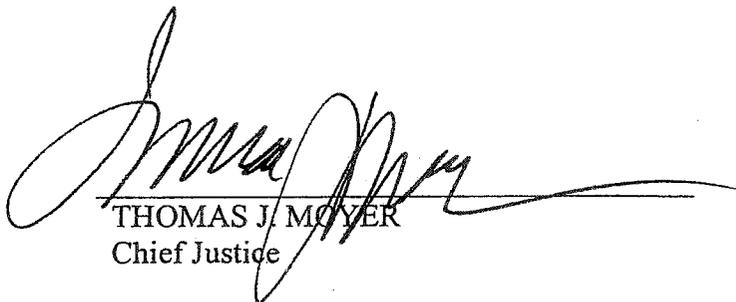
# The Supreme Court of Ohio

Disciplinary Counsel,  
Relator,  
v.  
Paul Robert Giba,  
Respondent.

Case No. 05-2250

ORDER

It is ordered by this court, sua sponte, that Paul Robert Giba, Attorney Registration Number 0005732, last known business address in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is found in contempt for failure to comply with this court's order of January 27, 2006, to wit: failure to file an affidavit of compliance on or before February 27, 2006.



THOMAS J. MOYER  
Chief Justice

**EXHIBIT F**

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

In re Attorney Registration Suspension  
Paul Robert Giba  
Respondent.

Paul Robert Giba  
217 Seegar Road  
Pittsburgh PA 15241-2144

**ORDER OF  
SUSPENSION**

(0005732)

Gov. Bar R. VI, Section 1(A), requires all attorneys admitted to the practice of law in Ohio to file a Certificate of Registration for the 2007/2009 attorney registration biennium on or before September 1, 2007. Section 5(A) establishes that an attorney who fails to file the Certificate of Registration on or before September 1, 2007, but pays within ninety days of the deadline, shall be assessed a late fee. Section 5(B) provides that an attorney who fails to file a Certificate of Registration and pay the fees either timely or within the late registration period shall be notified of noncompliance and that if the attorney fails to file evidence of compliance with Gov. Bar R. VI or to come into compliance within ninety days of the deadline, the attorney will be suspended from the practice of law.

Respondent has not registered for the 2007/2009 attorney registration biennium on or before September 1, 2007, and has not filed evidence of compliance with Gov. Bar R. VI or come into compliance with this rule within ninety days of the deadline.

Upon consideration thereof and in accordance with Gov. Bar R. VI, Section 5(B), respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law in Ohio, effective as of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent immediately cease and desist from the practice of law in any form and is hereby 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 be 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 shall not practice law in Ohio; hold himself or herself out as authorized to practice law in Ohio; hold nonfederal judicial office in Ohio; occupy a nonfederal position in this state in which the attorney is called upon to give legal advice or counsel or to examine the law or pass upon the legal effect of any act, document, or law; be employed in the Ohio judicial system in a position required

**EXHIBIT G**

to be held by an attorney; or practice before any nonfederal court or agency in this state on behalf of any person except himself or herself.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if respondent fails to comply with this order, respondent may be referred for investigation of the unauthorized practice of law under Gov. Bar R. VII, Sec. 3.

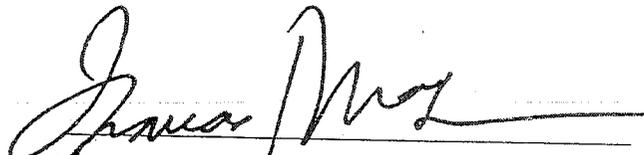
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is hereby divested of each, any and all rights, privileges and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the legal profession in Ohio.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notwithstanding respondent's suspension under Gov. Bar R. VI, respondent shall comply with Gov. Bar R. X ("Attorney Continuing Legal Education").

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent files Certificates of Registration for all biennia for which respondent has not registered; (2) respondent pays all applicable registration fees; (3) respondent pays a \$300 reinstatement fee; (4) respondent files an Application for Reinstatement on a form provided by the Office of Attorney Services; (5) and the Office of Attorney Services reinstates respondent to the practice of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall keep the Office of Attorney Services advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this matter, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has provided to the Office of Attorney Services.

  
THOMAS J. MOYER  
Chief Justice

Date: December 3, 2007

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

Paul Robert Giba  
217 Seegar Road  
Pittsburgh PA 15241-2144

0005732

## NOTICE OF SUSPENSION DUE TO ATTORNEY REGISTRATION NONCOMPLIANCE

Dear Ohio Attorney:

Gov. Bar R. VI requires attorneys who are admitted to practice law in Ohio to register with the Supreme Court of Ohio on a biennial basis. The next biennium begins on September 1, 2009, and runs through August 31, 2011.

**The attorney services records show that you have not registered for the current (2007/2009) and/or a prior registration biennium.** These records also show that you have been suspended from the practice of law for failing to register. Attorneys who have been suspended from the practice of law are not permitted practice law in Ohio.

Please contact us immediately at 614/387-9320 for information regarding your registration record or if you believe this notice has been sent to you in error. In all communications, please refer to your registration number 0005732. For your convenience, the certificates of registration for the 2001/2003, 2003/2005, 2005/2007, and 2007/2009 biennia as well as the reinstatement application are available on our website: [www.sconet.state.oh.us/Atty\\_Reg/](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Atty_Reg/). Please note that you will **not** be mailed registration materials for the upcoming 2009/2011 attorney registration biennium unless you are reinstated to the practice of law by May 1, 2009.\*

Please contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Supreme Court of Ohio  
Office of Attorney Services  
65 South Front Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
Telephone: 614/387-9320  
[attyreg@sconet.state.oh.us](mailto:attyreg@sconet.state.oh.us)

Date: March 10, 2009

\*This notice addresses only your suspension from the practice of law due to failure to register in compliance with Gov. Bar R. VI. It does **not** address other sanctions or suspensions that may have been imposed against you.

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

## NONCOMPLIANCE NOTICE

Paul Robert Giba  
217 Seegar Road  
Pittsburgh PA 15241-2144

Attorney Registration Number  
0005732

Dear Ohio Attorney:

Rule VI, Sec. 1(A), requires attorneys who are admitted to the practice of law in Ohio to register biennially with the Supreme Court of Ohio. The current registration biennium began September 1, 2007, and ends August 31, 2009. The Court's attorney registration records reflect that you have not registered for the following biennium: 2007-2009. Until you are registered for all biennia during which you were admitted to practice, you are not in good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio and should not engage in the practice of law in Ohio. **Furthermore, if you do not file evidence of compliance with Rule VI or come into compliance with this Rule on or before November 30, 2007, you will be suspended from the practice of law in Ohio. To avoid being suspended from the practice of law, you must either file evidence of compliance with Rule VI or file a 2007/2009 Certificate of Registration, a \$50 late fee, and, if you are registering for either active or corporate status, a \$350 registration fee on or before November 30, 2007 (post mark dates are not accepted).**

You may submit your registration electronically or by mail:

**Electronic Registration** Go to the Online Attorney Services Site at <http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/asw>. Your password to access the site is 66Y2YA26. You will be required to pay your registration and late fees by credit card (Master Card or VISA only). Your online registration must be received by no later than 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, November 30, 2007. Do not wait until the last minute to register. By doing so, you assume all risk that the online site may not be available and you may not be able to complete your registration by the deadline. Inability to use the site shall not be an excuse for failure to file your registration.

**Registration By Mail** Certificates of Registration for the 2007/2009, 2005/2007, 2003/2005, and 2001/2003 attorney registration biennia are available online at [www.sconet.state.oh.us/atty\\_reg/forms.asp](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/atty_reg/forms.asp). Registration certificates for earlier biennia may be obtained by contacting us at 614/387-9320. The completed certificate(s) and all applicable fees must be filed in the Office of Attorney Services by 5:00 p.m. on or before November 30, 2007 (**post mark dates are not accepted**). Payment must be by check or money order only, payable to The Supreme Court of Ohio. Mail the completed certificate(s) and payment to The Supreme Court of Ohio, Office of Attorney Services, 65 S. Front Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio, 43215.

If you have any questions, please contact us immediately at 614/387-9320 or at [attyreg@sconet.state.oh.us](mailto:attyreg@sconet.state.oh.us).

**Instructions for Reinstatement to the Practice of Law from  
Summary Suspension for Failure to File Certificate of Registration  
2007/2009 Attorney Registration Biennium**

Enclosed is an order suspending you from the practice of law for failure to register for the 2007/2009 attorney registration biennium. The suspension is effective the date of the order.

**To be reinstated to the practice of law, you must do all the following:**

- Complete the 2007/2009 Certificate of Registration (available online at [www.sconet.state.oh.us/Atty\\_Reg/20072009\\_form.pdf](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Atty_Reg/20072009_form.pdf) or by contacting the Office of Attorney Services at 614/387-9320 or [attyreg@sconet.state.oh.us](mailto:attyreg@sconet.state.oh.us)).
- If you are registering for active or corporate status for the 2007/2009 biennium, pay the registration fee of \$350 by check or money order, made payable to "The Supreme Court of Ohio." Cash or credit card payments are not accepted.
- Pay the reinstatement fee by check or money order, made payable to "The Supreme Court of Ohio." Cash or credit card payments are not accepted. (Reinstatement fee for completed applications filed before Sept. 1, 2007, is \$200. Reinstatement fee for completed applications filed on or after Sept. 1, 2007, is \$300.)
- Register for any missing prior biennia and pay all applicable registration fees for the missing biennia. If you need to register for prior biennia, contact the Office of Attorney Services for the appropriate forms. (Certificates of Registration for the 2001/2003, 2003/2005, and 2005/2007 biennia are available online at [www.sconet.state.oh.us/Atty\\_Reg](http://www.sconet.state.oh.us/Atty_Reg).)
- Complete the Application for Reinstatement (form enclosed).
- Return the certificate(s) of registration, reinstatement fee, all applicable registration fees, and Application for Reinstatement to *(be sure to keep a copy for your records)*:

The Supreme Court of Ohio  
Office of Attorney Services  
65 South Front Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Incomplete applications will be returned to you unprocessed. While you are under an attorney registration summary suspension, you may **not** access the Supreme Court's online attorney services site.

If you have any questions or need assistance completing the reinstatement process, contact the Office of Attorney Services at 614/387-9320 or by email at [attyreg@sconet.state.oh.us](mailto:attyreg@sconet.state.oh.us).