

ORIGINAL

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Disciplinary Counsel

Relator,

vs.

Scott Allan Pullins

Respondent - Petitioner

NO. 10-0851

Before the Board of Commissioners
On Grievances and Discipline
Case No. 09-022

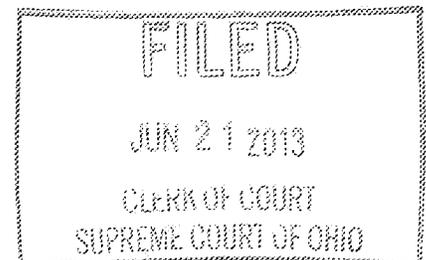
VERIFIED PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

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Pursuant to Gov. R. V (10) (B), Respondent-Petitioner, Scott Allan Pullins, "Petitioner", Pro Se, respectfully requests this Court to reinstate him to the practice of law. This Petition is verified by the accompanying affidavit.

I. Eligibility to seek reinstatement

A. Petitioner is eligible for reinstatement to the practice of law.

B. This is the first petition for reinstatement Petitioner has filed.

C. This Petition is filed more than two years after this Court's entry and order suspending Petitioner from the practice of law for an indefinite period that was entered on December 23, 2010.

D. Petitioner was not charged with or convicted of a crime as part of this suspension and therefore no restitution was ordered. Nonetheless, Petitioner fully, completely, and sincerely apologizes to any that were harmed by his unethical conduct. Petitioner sincerely apologizes to this Court and the public for his unethical conduct, without reservation.

E. This Court's order suspending Petitioner from the practice of law was reported in the Ohio Official Reports as Disciplinary Counsel v. Pullins, (2010) 127 Ohio St.3d 436, 2010-Ohio-6241.

F. Petitioner resides in Knox County, Ohio and intends to maintain offices in Knox and Franklin Counties, Ohio. Accordingly, the bar associations implicated by this Petition are the Knox County Bar Association, Columbus Bar Association, and the Ohio State Bar Association.

G. The persons and organizations under Gov. 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: The

Office of Disciplinary Counsel; Columbus Bar Association; Knox County Bar Association; The Ohio State Bar Association; the Administrative Judge for the Franklin County Court of Common Pleas; the Administrative Judge for the Knox County Court of Common Pleas; the Chief Judges of the United States District Courts in Ohio; the Chief Judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit; and the Chief Judge of the Supreme Court of the United States.

H. Petitioner has complied with all continuing legal education requirements pursuant to Gov. Bar. R. X, Section 3(G) and this Court's Order. A copy of Petitioner's CLE transcripts is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

II. MENTAL QUALIFICATIONS

A. Petitioner has never been counseled or treated for a mental, emotional, psychological or nervous condition which permanently or temporarily, presently or chronically, impaired or distorted his judgment, behavior, capacity to recognize reality or ability to cope with the demands of life or the practice of law.

B. The unethical conduct Petitioner was involved in that gave rise to the instant license suspension was in no way related to any mental condition. Moreover, at no time, including the pendency of this disciplinary process, did Petitioner allege or claim that a mental condition or issue was partly or fully responsible for his misconduct. Petitioner accepted full responsibility for his misconduct and did not attempt to attribute it to anything other than his own abject lack of judgment.

C. As a condition of reinstatement, this Court required proof, to a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that Petitioner is mentally competent to return to the practice of law. Attached as Exhibit B is a certification from Petitioner's personal physician that he is mentally competent to a reasonable degree of medical certainty to return to the practice of law. Petitioner is ready, willing, and able to be evaluated by any other method as required in this process.

III. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

A. Petitioner was awarded his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio in March 1997.

B. Petitioner was awarded his Juris Doctorate from the Capital University Law School in May 2003.

C. Petitioner passed the Ohio Bar Examination on his first attempt in 2003, and was admitted to practice law in Ohio in November, 2003.

IV. MORAL QUALIFICATIONS

A. Petitioner has never been investigated, charged or prosecuted for moral, ethical or criminal wrong doing other than for the events giving rise to the instant law license suspension.

B. Moreover, Petitioner provided, without objection, numerous statements of support and letters of recommendation from friends and clients in support of his good character, other than the conduct giving rise to this suspension. The sole judge on the three judge panel found that *Respondent, contrary to his bizarre behavior giving rise to these proceedings, was articulate, respectful, cooperative and showed skill at the hearing. Contrary to the report, I found him to also be generally remorseful for his conduct when he was a relatively inexperienced attorney.*

V. FITNESS TO PRACTICE LAW

A. Notwithstanding Petitioner's previous disciplinary action, Petitioner is a proper person to be re-admitted to the practice of law in Ohio.

B. There was no restitution to be paid in Petitioner's case.

C. The conduct giving rise to Petitioner's suspension as found in Counts One, Two, Three, Four, Five and Seven occurred during brief periods of time in 2006 and 2007. The conduct giving rise to Petitioner's suspension as found in Count Six occurred during a brief period of time in 2009, while Petitioner and his family were in extreme distress due to the fact his father in law was dying from cancer.

For the years of 2003, 2004, 2005, 2008 and 2010 Petitioner practiced law without incident and was in no way investigated, charged, prosecuted or convicted of any crime or wrong doing, other than the misconduct giving rise to the instant suspension.

D. Other than his mistakes in 2006-2007 and 2009, Petitioner has engaged in nothing but lawful, productive conduct beneficial to his employers, family, friends and the public in general. Petitioner has been an active volunteer with the Mount Vernon City Schools and the East Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and has helped coach his daughter's softball teams. Petitioner is an avid gardener and bicyclist.

E. Petitioner has been gainfully employed during his period of suspension in non-attorney roles. From June of 2011 until June of 2013 Petitioner worked as a Default Analyst for the Mortgage Banking Executive Office of JPMorgan Chase Bank NA. While at Chase the Petitioner was assigned to work on highly escalated consumer complaints concerning the Independent Foreclosure Review, the National Mortgage Settlement, and complaints that originated with government agencies and senior executives. Petitioner was well liked by his superiors and his co-workers and won several awards and accolades for his positive actions. Please see these documents labeled as Exhibit C. Petitioner also works as a consultant providing custom writing, marketing and public relations services through the Pullins Group LLC, a company owned by his wife.

F. Petitioner has been married for almost 20 years and is the father of one daughter, age 9 of the marriage.

G. Petitioner's suspension has caused embarrassment to his family, his friends, the legal profession and himself. Petitioner now realizes that he has an obligation to hold himself, both personally and professionally, to the highest standards possible and to avoid taking shortcuts or the easy way out. The privilege to practice law is just that, a privilege, not a right. Neither is a law license a tool to punish one's detractors or political opponents, a lesson that the Petitioner needed to learn the hard way. Petitioner wishes with all of his heart that he had made better choices, but he did not and can only move forward. Petitioner today is a much more humbler, wiser, forgiving, and patient person than he was at the

time of his misconduct. Petitioner believes today that he is a better person because of this suspension and he is thankful for it and the difficult life lessons he learned. Petitioner is now a proper person to be readmitted to the practice of law in Ohio.

H. If reinstated, several of the Petitioner's former clients, including but not limited to Action Coupling and Equipment Inc., Critical Life EMS, and Wilhelm Bottled Gas have agreed to provide Petitioner employment as an Ohio attorney.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner, respectfully requests this Court to reinstate him to the practice of law in the State of Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,



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Petitioner, Scott A. Pullins, verifies that the contents of the foregoing petition are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.



Scott A. Pullins
Petitioner

Sworn and subscribed in my presence this 19th day of June, 2013.

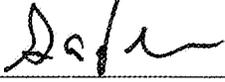


Notary Public

STACYL SMITH
Notary Public, State of Ohio
My Commission Expires Aug 1, 2016

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of this filing was served upon counsel of record for the Relator, Jonathan E. Coughlan, 250 Civic Center Drive, Suite #325, Columbus, Ohio 43215 via first class mail, this 20th day of June, 2013.



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ATTACHMENT NOT SCANNED