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Now comes the Respondent, Mr. Lawrence E. Winkfield, Esq., by and through counsel, Attorney Geoffrey Oglesby, and hereby petitions this Honorable Court, pursuant to Ohio Gov. R. 10(B) and (C), to reinstate Mr. Winkfield to the practice of law.

Petitioner, Lawrence Edward Winkfield, pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V., 10(C)(1) states that he was suspended from the practice of law for two years, by this Honorable Court, on April 11, 2001, and indefinitely suspended from the practice of law on or about January 11, 2006.

Petitioner further states that since the indefinite suspensions mentioned above, he filed for reinstatement on about July 7, 2008, which petition was denied by order of this Court on or about September 29, 2009.

Petitioner further states that since the order denying reinstatement, Petitioner has complied with the requirements for reinstatement and has not filed any further petitions for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, 10 (C)(2).

Petitioner further says, in compliance with Gov. Bar R. V, 10 ( C)(3) and subject to amendment, the following are persons and organizations which are entitled to receipt of a certified copy of Petitioner's disciplinary orders which resulted in suspension:

Columbus Bar Association  
175 South Front Street  
11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

Petitioner Winkfield further states that he resides in the City of Westerville, Franklin County, Ohio. Petitioner is desirous of being reinstated to the practice of law. The bar association in the location of his current residence and past and future practice is the aforementioned Columbus Bar Association. Gov. Bar R. V, 10(C) (4).

Petitioner further states that he is in full compliance with and is current with his continuing legal education requirements pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, 10(C)(4).

Petitioner further states that no formal disciplinary proceeding is currently pending against him.

Petitioner further states that he has complied with this Honorable Court's order of suspension, including, but not limited to, payment of all costs of this proceeding pursuant to Gov. Bar 10(D).

Petitioner further states that he will prove at the hearing in this matter that he has the requisite character and fitness to practice law in the State of Ohio, meeting the appropriate clear and convincing standard.

Petitioner has acknowledged and continues to recognize the wrongfulness of his conduct which led to his professional sanction and acknowledges the appropriateness of that sanction. Petitioner further states that the additional sanctions which have been levied upon him as a result of that conduct were appropriate.

Petitioner has remorse for these deeds leading to his suspension. Petitioner has successfully rehabilitated himself. Petitioner will demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence, that he currently has the requisite character and physical and mental fitness required to rejoin the ranks of the Bar of the State of Ohio.

Petitioner states those at all times pertinent since his last suspension and during the time he has periodically worked to help support himself and his family. During this time petitioner, has not engaged in any unauthorized practice of law. Petitioner has complied with all orders of this Court that were made upon and during his suspension.

Petitioner will provide, if necessary, character witnesses, both verbal and written, who will attest that, in the event he is granted the privilege of returning to the practice of law, he will be an asset to the citizens of Ohio and to the Supreme Court of Ohio in that role.

**WHEREFORE**, the Petitioner prays that this Honorable Court will refer this petition to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline for an evidentiary hearing where, after he is provided the opportunity to prove his requisite mental physical, education and moral qualification and has met that burden, he again will be granted the privilege of practicing law in the state of Ohio. Street,

Respectfully submitted,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of the Petition for Reinstatement has been served, via regular U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, upon Mr. Bruce Campbell, Esq., Counsel, The Columbus Bar Association, 175 South Front, Columbus, Ohio 43215 on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

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Geoffrey Oglesby, Esq.  
Attorney for Mr. Lawrence Edward Winkfield

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Columbus Bar Association

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Relator,

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v.

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Lawrence Edward Winkfield

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Case Number: 05-1115

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Respondent

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**RESPONDENT'S AFFIDAVIT FOR PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT**

ERIE COUNTY )  
STATE OF OHIO ) ss

Now comes *Lawrence Edward Winkfield*, being first duly sworn according to law, and states as follows:

1. That I am competent to testify in this matter, that the matters herein are based on my personal and firsthand knowledge. I am the respondent in the above styled and referenced matter, which carries Ohio Supreme Court No.: Case Number: 05-1115 on the docket of the Supreme Court of Ohio;
2. I further states that I have read the Verified Petition for Reinstatement to the Practice of Law and that the statements and averments therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. *FURTHER AFFIANT SAITH NOT.*

*Lawrence E. Winkfield*  
Lawrence E. Winkfield, Esq.

Sworn to and subscribed to before me and in my presence this 4<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2013.

*[Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

**GEOFFREY L. OGLESBY, Esq.**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF OHIO**  
My commission has no expiration date  
Section 147.03 O.R.C.