

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Columbus Bar Association

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Relators,

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Lawrence Edward Winkfield

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Case Number: 2000-1138

Respondent.

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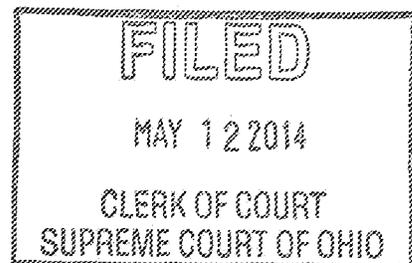
RESPONDENT'S VERIFIED APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT
TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW FOR CASE NO. 2000-1138

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Respondent was indefinitely suspended in *Columbus Bar Association v. Winkfield*, 2005-1115. In *Columbus Bar Association v. Winkfield* 2005-1115 Respondent filed for reinstatement and the Board recommended that he be reinstated. With all due respect and without being presumptuous should this court reinstate Mr. Winkfield in Case No. 2005-1115 then this case would still be lingering. As such Respondent is filing this application.

Now comes the Respondent, Lawrence E. Winkfield, by and through counsel, Attorney Geoffrey Oglesby, and hereby makes application to this Honorable Court, pursuant to Ohio Gov. R. V., 10(A)(1) for reinstatement to the practice of law.

Petitioner, Lawrence Edward Winkfield, pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V., 10(A)(1) states that he was indefinitely suspended from the practice of law for two years, with one year stayed on conditions, by this Honorable Court, on April 11, 2001, in *Columbus Bar Association v. Lawrence Edward Winkfield*, Case No. 2000 – 1138.

Petitioner, Lawrence Edward Winkfield, further states that he was indefinitely suspended from the practice of law *Columbus Bar Association v. Lawrence Edward Winkfield*, in Case No. 2005 - 1115 on or about January 11, 2006.

Petitioner, Lawrence Edward Winkfield, further states that he filed a petition for reinstatement to the practice of law on July 7, 2008, which was denied by the Supreme Court of Ohio, on September 29, 2009; *Columbus Bar Assn. v. Winkfield*, 123 Ohio St. 3d 1211, 2009 - Ohio-5682.

Petitioner, Lawrence Edward Winkfield, further states that he filed a second verified petition for reinstatement to the practice of law on October 4, 2013 in Case No. 2005 - 1115, and inadvertently failed to do so in Case No. 2000 – 1138.

Petitioner further states that pursuant to a panel hearing held in Columbus, Ohio on January 28, 2014, the panel unanimously recommended that Petitioner be readmitted to the practice of law in Ohio; upon three (3) conditions.

Petitioner further states that on April 4, 2014, pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, Section 10, the Board of Commissioner on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court, adopted the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and recommendation of the panel that Petitioner, Lawrence Edward Winkfield, be readmitted to the practice of law in Ohio, subject to the conditions.

Petitioner further states that during the periods 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); other than the above mentioned October 4, 2013 petition for reinstatement.

Petitioner further says, in compliance with Gov. Bar R. V, 10 (C)(3), 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
11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

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

Petitioner further states that he resides in the City of Westerville, Franklin County, Ohio and intends to resume a career in the general practice of law, as well as perhaps pursue a position with a small law firm, or with a not for profit agency addressing poverty and/or ex-offender

issues. 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(A) (4).

Petitioner further states that he is in full compliance with and is current with his continuing legal education requirements. Gov. Bar R. V, 10(A) (1) (c).

Petitioner further states that no formal disciplinary proceeding is currently pending against him. Gov. Bar R. V, 10(A) (2) (d).

Petitioner further states that he has complied with this Honorable Court's order of suspension. Gov. Bar R. V, 10(A) (2) (b) including, but not limited to, payment of all costs of proceeding pursuant to Gov. Bar 10(A)(2)(b).

Petitioner further states that during his January 28, 2014 hearing, he demonstrated and otherwise evidenced 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 professional sanctions against him and continues to acknowledge the appropriateness of said sanctions.

Petitioner further states that the additional April 4, 2014 Board Recommendations in Case No. 2005 – 1115 are fitting and proper.

Petitioner further states his heartfelt remorse for having engaged in deeds which caused him to be suspended from the practice of law. Petitioner further submits that he has successfully rehabilitated himself and is now a proper person to be readmitted to the practice of law.

Petitioner further states that during his January 28, 2014 hearing, he demonstrated and otherwise evidenced that he has the requisite professional, moral, ethical, physical and mental

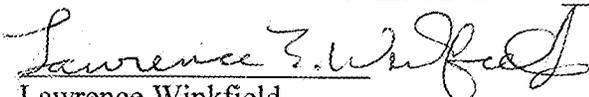
health fitness required to rejoin the ranks of the Bar of the State of Ohio; meeting the appropriate clear and convincing standard.

Petitioner further states those at all times pertinent since his last suspension he has worked hard to help support himself and his family. During this time petitioner, has not engaged in any unauthorized practice of law, and has had no clients whatsoever. Accordingly, petitioner has no co-counsel, opposing counsel or any courts or tribunals before which cases were pending, to notify of his suspensions.

Petitioner further states 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 as a licensed attorney.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner prays that this Honorable Court will adopt the April 4, 2014 Recommendation of the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline of the Supreme Court of Ohio, and readmit Petitioner Lawrence Edward Winkfield to the practice of law in Ohio, subject to the conditions stated in paragraph 39 of said Board's report.

Sworn to and subscribed to me on this the 12th day of May 2014.


Lawrence Winkfield,

DAWN D. SIMS
NOTARY PUBLIC • STATE OF OHIO
Recorded in Erie County
My commission expires May 20, 2018



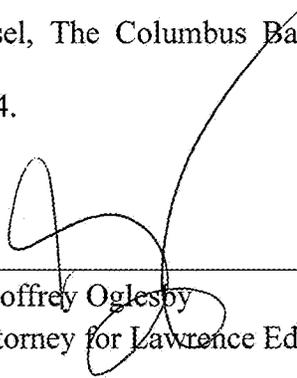
Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing **application and affidavit** has been served, via regular U.S. Mail upon Bruce Campbell, Esq., General Counsel, The Columbus Bar Association, 175 South Front, Columbus, Ohio 43215 on May 12, 2014.



Geoffrey Oglesby
Attorney for Lawrence Edward Winkfield

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION

STATE OF OHIO :

COUNTY OF ERIE : ss

Now comes Respondent, Lawrence Edward Winkfield, in support of his application for reinstatement to the practice of law in case No. 2000-1138. Ohio, after being first duly sworn and cautioned, states that he is competent to testify regarding the same in this case and as it relates to *Columbus Bar Association v. Winkfield* 2005-1115.

Affiant deposes and states the following:

Petitioner is in full compliance with and is current with his continuing legal education requirements. Gov. Bar R. V, 10(A) (1) (c).

Petitioner has no disciplinary proceeding currently pending against him. Gov. Bar R. V, 10(A) (2) (d).

Petitioner has complied with this Honorable Court's previous orders of suspension. Gov. Bar R. V, 10(A) (2) (b); including, but not limited to, payment of all costs of proceeding pursuant to Gov. Bar 10(A)(2)(b).

Petitioner, during his January 28, 2014 hearing in *Columbus Bar Association v. Winkfield* 2005-1115, demonstrated and otherwise evidenced 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 professional sanctions against him and continues to acknowledge the appropriateness of said sanctions.

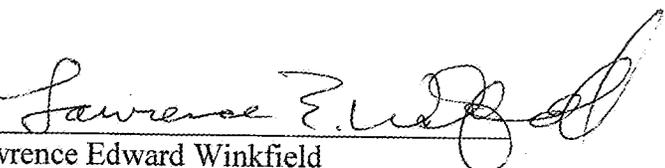
Petitioner submits that the additional April 4, 2014 Board Recommendations in Case No. 2005 – 1115, with conditions, are fitting and proper.

Petitioner maintains heartfelt remorse for having engaged in deeds and/or conduct which caused him to be suspended from the practice of law. Petitioner further submits that he has successfully rehabilitated himself and is now a proper person to be readmitted to the practice of law.

Petitioner further states that during his January 28, 2014 *Columbus Bar Association v. Winkfield* 2005-1115 hearing, he demonstrated and otherwise evidenced that he has the requisite professional, moral, ethical, physical and mental health fitness required to rejoin the ranks of the Bar of the State of Ohio; meeting the appropriate clear and convincing standard.

Petitioner finally states 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 as a licensed attorney.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.

By 
Lawrence Edward Winkfield

Sworn to and subscribed in my presence, this 15th, day of May, 12, 2014

DAWN D. SIMS
NOTARY PUBLIC • STATE OF OHIO
Recorded in Erie County
My commission expires May 20, 2018

Notary Public 