

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

IN RE:) Case No. 2014-0509
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APPLICATION OF)
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MATTHEW STEVEN GRIMSLEY)
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APPLICANT'S NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND
MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

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APPLICANT'S NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE

The undersigned Applicant, Matthew S. Grimsley ("Applicant"), hereby gives notice to this Honorable Court of his acceptance of the Report and Recommendation of the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness ("Board"). On April 2, 2014, the Report and Recommendation of the Board was filed with this Court. In this report, the Board recommended that Applicant be disapproved but permitted to apply for the July 2014 Bar Examination. Applicant now gives notice that he accepts the Report and Recommendation of the Board. Applicant does not contest his inability to sit for the previous two Bar Examinations (July 2013 and February 2014). The delay has provided him with adequate time to mature and reflect on the importance of disclosure and candor. Applicant is grateful that the Board has recommended that he be permitted to apply for the July 2014 Bar Examination.

Applicant, now age 26, takes full responsibility for his non-disclosure and acknowledges that this was unacceptable. Applicant recognizes the Board's concern with his hedging. Applicant understands that it was not just his failure to disclose prior offenses on his law school applications, but also his failure to take complete ownership for omitting negative information. Applicant understands that candor not only entails disclosure, but also being completely forthright with previous acts of non-disclosure. Applicant now accepts full responsibility for his non-disclosure. Applicant is sincerely remorseful for his non-disclosure and offers an apology to those he misled. While the past cannot be undone, Applicant is determined to gain admission to the Bar and will do everything in his power to maintain this trust and confidence that will be bestowed upon him once admitted.

APPLICANT'S MOTION FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION

Applicant hereby moves this Honorable Court for expedited consideration. On April 2, 2014, the Report and Recommendation of the Board was filed with this Court. The Board recommended that Applicant be disapproved but permitted to apply for the July 2014 Bar Examination. The Board did not recommend any additional conditions. On April 9, 2014, this Court issued an Order to show cause, allowing both parties to file written objections to the findings and recommendation of the Board. Pursuant to the Order, objections were to be filed not later than thirty (30) days thereafter, which was May 9, 2014. No objections were filed.

As Applicant indicates in his Notice of Acceptance, he does not object to the Report and Recommendation of the Board. On April 30, 2014, Counsel for the Columbus Bar Association confirmed by telephone that the Columbus Bar Association will likewise not be filing any objections. Furthermore, the deadline to file objections has expired. As such, this matter is now before this Court in an uncontested posture.

The late deadline to apply for the July 2014 Ohio Bar Examination was May 12, 2014. Applicant timely sent his Application for the July 2014 Bar Examination to the attention of Lee Ann Ward, Director of Bar Admissions, per her instructions, where it will remain while we await the Order of this Honorable Court.

In light of the Board's uncontested unconditioned recommendation that the Applicant be permitted to apply for the July 2014 Bar Examination, Applicant now moves for an expedited order so that he will not be barred from consideration for the July 2014 Bar Examination solely due to the passing of time. Applicant has already incurred a one year delay. This delay was constructive. However, any further delay due to misfortunate timing would not be constructive and certainly cannot be the process that was envisioned.

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court expedite consideration of this matter and now enter such order as it may find proper.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew S. Grimsley', written over a horizontal line.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on this 16th day of May, 2014, a copy of the foregoing was served by ordinary U.S. mail to the following:

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