

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

CAROLYN KAYE RANKE,)	
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Petitioner-Respondent)	
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v.)	
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DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,)	Case No. 2011-0379
)	
Relator)	

PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT TO THE PRACTICE OF LAW

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Now comes Petitioner and Respondent, Carolyn Kaye Ranke, by and through counsel, and pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, Sections 10 (B) and (C), hereby petitions this Honorable Court to reinstate her to the practice of law in the State of Ohio.

The Petitioner, Carolyn Kaye Ranke, pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, Section 10 (C) (1) states that she was indefinitely suspended from the practice of law by this Honorable Court on September 22, 2011. *See Disciplinary Counsel v. Carolyn Kaye Ranke*, 130 Ohio St.3d 139 (2011). Petitioner further states that, since the date of her suspension, she has not filed any petitions for reinstatement to the practice of law. Gov. Bar R. V, Section 10 (C) (2).

The Petitioner states that, in compliance with Gov. Bar R. V, Section 10 (C) (3), the following list constitutes the persons and organizations which are entitled to a receipt of a certified copy of petitioner's disciplinary order which resulted in suspension:

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

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association
1301 East Ninth Street, Second Level
Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1253

Ohio State Bar Association
P.O. Box 16562
Columbus, Ohio 43216-6562

Mark H. Reed
Office of the Clerk
Supreme Court of Ohio
65 South Front Street, 8th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

John Hehman, Clerk of Courts
Federal District Court
Southern District of Ohio
Western Division
Potter Stewart U.S. Courthouse, Room 103

100 East Fifth Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

The Petitioner states that she resides in Cuyahoga County and intends to engage in practice in that county, serving the Greater Cleveland area. As such, the bar association in the location of her residence and past and future practice are the aforementioned Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association. Gov. Bar R. V, Section 10 (C) (3).

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

Petitioner states that no formal disciplinary proceedings are currently pending against her.

The Petitioner states that she has complied with this Honorable Court's Order of suspension including, but not limited to, payment of costs and the deposit for costs of this proceeding pursuant to Gov. Bar R. V, Section 10 (D).

Petitioner further states that she will prove at the hearing in this matter that she has the requisite character and fitness to practice law in the State of Ohio, meeting the appropriate clear and convincing standard. With over three (3) years having since passed since her ordered indefinite suspension from the practice of law, Petitioner fully understands the nature of her actions in the underlying action and that she acted improperly. While no excuse, in part the facts which led to her misconduct were given in part to her diagnosis with cancer and undergoing medical treatment impacting the proper degree of attention which should have been given to her legal practice at the time. Despite her then medical condition which she has now successfully survived, Petitioner will demonstrate her heartfelt remorse for her deeds, neglect and misconduct.

Since her order of suspension, and though she has not engaged in the practice of law, Petitioner has remained connected to the legal community. Presently, she is the trusted and valued bailiff of the Hon. Denise N. Rini of the Juvenile Court Division of the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Additionally, Petitioner will demonstrate that she currently possesses the requisite character and fitness to be reinstated to the practice of law. Through the evidence submitted at hearing, Petitioner will demonstrate that she is now a proper person currently capable of being an attorney who will perform competently and behave in an ethical and legal manner as an attorney if reinstated to the practice of law. Petitioner will provide character witnesses, both verbal and written, who will attest that, in the event she is granted the privilege of returning to the practice of law, she will be an asset to the citizens of Ohio in that role.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner Carolyn Kaye Ranke prays that this Honorable Court refer this petition to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline for an evidentiary hearing where, after she is provided the opportunity to prove her requisite qualifications and she has met that burden, she again be granted the privilege of practicing law in the State of Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A copy of the foregoing has been served upon Scott J. Drexel, Esq., Disciplinary Counsel, Office of Disciplinary Counsel of the Supreme Court of Ohio, 250 Civic Center Drive, Suite 325, Columbus, OH 43215-7411, via regular U.S. mail this 12th day of January, 2015.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bryan L. Penrose", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval.

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COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA

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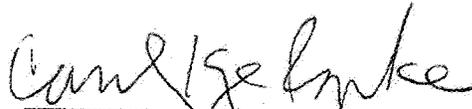
SS: AFFIDAVIT OF
CAROLYN KAYE RANKE

I, CAROLYN KAYE RANKE, being first duly sworn according to law, state as follows:

1. She is the Respondent in the matter styled *Disciplinary Counsel v. Ranke*, 130 Ohio St.3d 139 (2011), which carries case number 2011-0379 before the Supreme Court of Ohio.

2. Affiant further states she has read the Verified Petition for Reinstatement to the Practice of Law and that the statements and averments therein are true to the best of her knowledge and belief.

AFFIANT FURTHER SAYETH NAUGHT.



CAROLYN KAYE RANKE

SWORN TO BEFORE ME and subscribed in my presence this 12th day of January, 2015.



NOTARY PUBLIC

ROBERT L. MOULDER, Notary Public
My Commission Expires 12/31/15
Notary Public State of Ohio
11/12/15