

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Butler County Bar Association,]	Case No. 2009-2284
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Relator,]	
]	
-vs-]	
]	
William E. Minamyier,]	
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Respondent.]	

MONITORING ATTORNEYS' PROBATION REPORT

Attached is the probation report from the attorneys that monitored Respondent's 1-year term of probation. The report is offered in response to Respondent's request to terminate probation, and this court's order from 30 June 2014 that imposed probation as the sanction.

To the court, the instant Report is

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true copy of the foregoing was sent via electronic mail through the ECF system on the date of filing to Eric Minamyier @ 6745 Adena Circle, Mainville, OH 45039.

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VIA EMAIL AND REGULAR US MAIL

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Re: Report from the Monitors of William Eric Minamyser

Dear Chris:

On September 25, 2014 I received notice from Mary Lou Kusel that I, along with two other members of Frost Brown Todd LLC, Tom Swope and Tom Allen, were appointed to be the monitors of Eric Minamyser pursuant to the Order of the Ohio Supreme Court in the matter of *Butler County Bar Association v. William Eric Minamyser*, Ohio Supreme Court Case No. 2009-2284. My understanding is that the appointment was made pursuant to an Order of Reinstatement dated June 30, 2014, wherein the Court directed that the "respondent shall serve one year of probation to be supervised by a monitor appointed by relator in accordance with Gov. Bar R. V(9)."

The monitors met with Mr. Minamyser on January 22, 2015. He was cooperative and forthcoming. He explained that the brain trauma injury he suffered made it difficult for him to remember details, especially dates. As a veteran he was being treated at the VA Hospital and was utilizing his wife as a legal assistant to manage his calendar. He explained that the vast majority of his time was spent working for a discovery out-sourcing firm called United Lex. He indicated in that role he does not see or interact with clients. His time is spent doing document review. He also indicated that he was handling a small probate matter for his mother in Summit County and a commercial litigation case in Kannakee County, Illinois. After our review, the monitors suggested to Mr. Minamyser that it might be advisable for him to disassociate with the Illinois client since the he was unresponsive and was not paying Mr. Minamyser. As a result of the client not responding to correspondence from Mr. Minamyser a default judgment was entered against the client. The file we reviewed indicated that the default judgment was the fault of the client being unresponsive. We also suggested that he resign as statutory agent for this client. He promptly followed that advice. Mr. Minamyser produced engagement letters for these two matters that provided he does not carry malpractice insurance. He further indicated that he is not holding any client funds and therefore does not have an IOLTA account. We requested that he contact us if he was retained by any new clients.

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The undersigned had several email communications with Mr. Minamyer during the winter and early spring of 2015. During that time he reported that nothing new had taken place.

On June 17, 2015 the monitors met again with Mr. Minamyer. Again, he was cooperative and forthcoming. He reported that the probate matter for his mother is completed. He also reported that he had no further activity in the Illinois case. He has been retained in Hamilton County to represent Allen Epperson in a probate matter and by Christy Hernandez in a small divorce case. He reported that with both matters he is obtaining assistance from experienced lawyers. Later this year, he will be eligible to go on social security and will then limit his hours to only 750 per year at Lex United. We discussed that he does not have the ability or infrastructure to take on any matters that are complicated or to have more than several matters at one time. He indicated that he understood and agreed. The monitors believe that he is winding down his career and wants to handle only a few, simple matters at a time.

Mr. Minamyer's involvement in the legal profession is very limited at this time, and he indicated that he does not intend for it to become more active. The monitors believe that Mr. Minamyer is capable of performing as a lawyer, as long as he continues to only take a few, simple cases at a time and continues to utilize his wife as a legal assistant. He indicates that he understands the seriousness of the suspension, he was very engaged in our conversations, appears to be teachable and eager to receive assistance when he needs it. He also reported that he successfully completed treatment from the VA, has assistance from his wife in managing his professional life and appears earnest about not being subjected to further disciplinary actions.

Please advise if you need additional information or clarification from us.

Very truly yours,

FROST BROWN TODD LLC



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