

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,

RELATOR,

vs.

CASE NO. 2015-0354

JAMES CHRISTOPHER ZURY,

RESPONDENT.

**RESPONSE OF RESPONDENT, JAMES CHRISTOPHER ZURY, TO SHOW CAUSE ORDER**

Now come Respondent, James Christopher Zury, and hereby respectfully submits his Response to this Court's Show Cause Order of January 8, 2016 in reference to the above-captioned case herein.

At no time did Respondent receive a copy of this Court's Order of November 24, 2015. Respondent has reviewed the Court's Order of November 24, 2015 and wishes to state as follows in response to this Court's Show Cause Order of January 8, 2016. First, in October of 2014, Respondent was employed as an attorney with an insurance company in Columbus, Ohio. In late September into early October 2015, undersigned was hospitalized due to a medical condition. While hospitalized over a period of nearly two (2) weeks, Respondent was advised by his attending physicians (including a cardiologist) to seek employment in a field unrelated to the practice of law due to his physical condition. Upon advice of the physicians, and after consultation with Respondent's family, Respondent resigned his employment as an attorney on

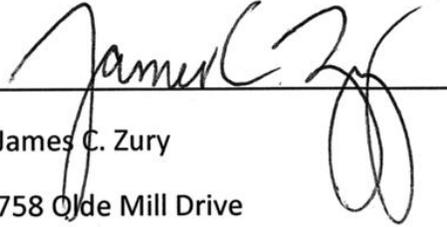
October 9, 2014, **well before the commencement of this matter**, and has not engaged in the practice of law since that time. At the time of resignation, Respondent had only one client: his employing insurance company. In response to undersigned's resignation, Substitutions of Counsel were filed in each of Respondent's pending cases by fellow Staff Attorneys and undersigned has had no contact with either his former employer nor any involvement with the pending cases since that time.

Respondent has not taken any Continuing Legal Education courses because there has been no indication as to the length of undersigned's suspension to date, thus Respondent does not yet know how many hours he would have to attend. Further, as of the date of this filing, there have been no awards made by the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection, and Respondent doubts that any such awards will be issued due to his last employment position being with a corporation. At the time of his resignation, Respondent did not have a Trust Account nor possessed any funds from clients. As such, no reimbursements were necessary.

Presently, based upon the diagnosis and prognosis of Respondent's attending physicians, it is questionable as to whether or not undersigned will seek to practice law again in the future. However, undersigned does wish to retain that slim possibility should his condition improve. Respondent asks this tribunal to keep these facts in mind during its consideration of the current case. There was no intent on the part of Respondent to ignore or disobey any Order issued by this Court. For the purposes of future communication, undersigned has confirmed during registration that this Court has his current mailing address, which is reiterated in the signature block appearing below.

WHEREFORE, Respondent, James Christopher Zury, hereby respectfully requests that this Court not find him in Contempt. Again, it appears unlikely at his time that Respondent will seek to practice law again but respectfully asks that this Court permit that possibility should his current circumstances change.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James C. Zury", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and includes a large, circular flourish at the end.

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Respondent

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Response was served upon the following this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2016, by ordinary United States mail service:

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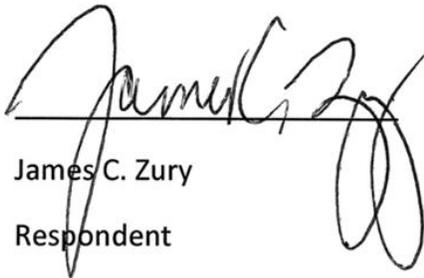
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Respondent