

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Disciplinary Counsel
Relator

Case No. 2015-0286

-vs-

Stephen John Ball
(0087242)

Respondent

**RESPONDENT ANSWER TO
COURT ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Stephen John Ball, Respondent in the above caption case, and in response to the Ohio Supreme Court's sua sponte Order to Show Cause states the following arguments as to why he should not be found in contempt for failure to fully comply with this Court's March 3rd, 2016 Order:

1. Respondent has worked diligently to comply with all terms of the initial Order but has had difficulty locating and serving notice upon two clients.
2. Respondent has been waiting for two additional clients to facilitate the return of their files and all legal documents.
3. Otherwise, Respondent has complied with all other terms of the Order at this time while working diligently to transition the few clients with pending matters at the time of transition to new representation.
4. Respondent was able to locate the remaining clients as of the week of May 2nd and will be able to file those notices along with a sufficient Affidavit of Compliance the week of May 23rd, 2016.

Respondent respectfully requests that this Court decline contempt of Court proceedings and allow for complete compliance the week of May 23rd, 2016.

Stephen Ball

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Certificate of Service

On May 23, 2016, the following parties were served copies of the Respondent's Answer to Court Order to Show Cause by United States Mail:

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