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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Disciplinary Counsel

Case No 2015-0293

v.

Orlando Joseph Williams

FILED  
JUN 21 2016  
CLERK OF COURT  
SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Motion to Purge Contempt

Now comes respondent and hereby requests this Court to purge the contempt order issued against him in the instant case on June 6, 2016. Respondent submitted an affidavit showing his compliance with the Courts order and surrendered any and all Attorney registration cards in his possession to the Court on or about April 12, 2016; however, for some inexplicable reason the certified letter respondent sent was stamped return to sender on May 9, 2016. The reason for the non- delivery indicated that no such street ( South Front Street ) existed. Respondent admits that he submitted the information a few days late however he had trouble locating his attorney registration cards and there was a weekend that intervened. (The envelope that contained these materials is attached to this Motion) Respondent did accurately address the letter and as ordered by this Court sent it by certified mail. How the post office could fail to deliver it, claim that no such Street exists in Columbus, Ohio and not timely return this important correspondence to the sender is inexplicable.

Based upon these circumstances respondent attempted to file an affidavit with this court explaining these facts however respondent neglected to place a certificate of service on the affidavit and the Court correctly refused to file it. However respondent had included the return to sender letter with his second affidavit this envelope was opened by the clerk's office marked received (on May 23 2016 ) but the envelope and its contents was returned to respondent. Respondent's attorney registration cards were among the contents.

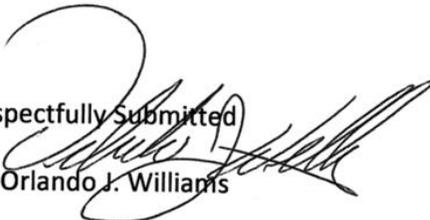
Upon receiving the package from the Court respondent attempted to file a Brief in Opposition to the Motion to Show Cause but this Motion was rejected as not timely. Respondent's attorney registration cards were accepted at that time however.

Respondent hereby attaches and incorporates by reference his two affidavits the first showing his compliance with the requirements of his suspension and the second showing how he attempted to comply with the show cause Motions respondent request that this court order his contempt cured.

For all the foregoing reasons respondent respectfully requests that the court order his contempt cured..

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Respectfully Submitted

  
Orlando J. Williams

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that I have served a copy of this brief opposing the Motion to Show cause on Joseph Caligiuri Office of the Disciplinary Counsel at 250 Civic Center Drive suite 325 Columbus, Oh. By regular mail On May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016.



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*P.O. Box 181002*  
*Fairfield, OH 45018*

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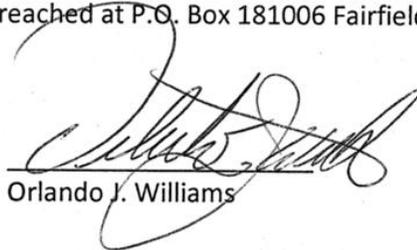
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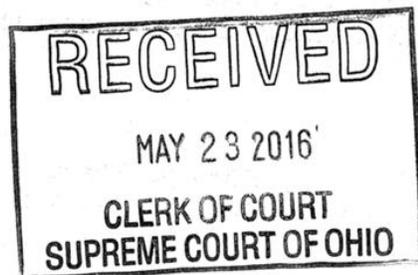
Office of the Disciplinary Counsel  
Joseph M. Caligiuri  
250 Civic Center Drive  
Suite 325  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

Re: Disciplinary Council v. Orlando Joseph Williams  
Case no. 2015-0293

I have enclosed with this correspondence an affidavit regarding the actions I have undertaken since my suspension from the practice of law. Further I have enclosed my attorney registration card for the 2015/2017 biennium. I may be reached at P.O. Box 181006 Fairfield, Ohio 45018 should you have questions or concerns.



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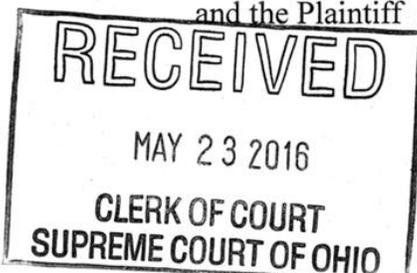
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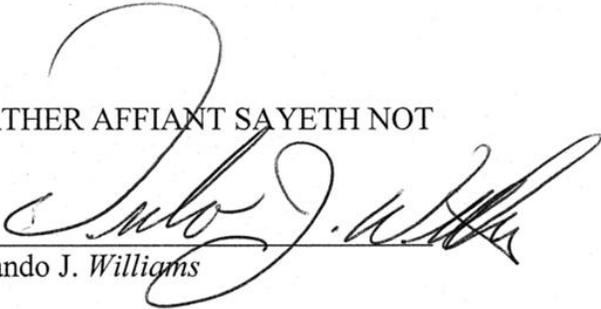
AFFIDAVIT OF ORLANDO WILLIAMS

1. My name is Orlando J. Williams attorney registration number 0033558 and I have personal knowledge of the information contained in the within affidavit.
2. I have ceased and refrained from the practice of law since March 8, 2016, the date of the order from the Ohio Supreme Court.
3. I have personally contacted opposing counsel in the single active case that I was listed as counsel in, Perry V. Collins Case No. A13036 in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas and advised her of my suspension from the active practice of law and my disqualification to further serve as counsel in that pending matter.
4. I have personally contacted my client, and advised her of my suspension from the practice of law and my inability to further serve as her counsel in the above referenced case. I provided her with file materials in the case. I further offered to assist her in obtaining substitute counsel; however she declined.
5. I sent notice by certified mail to my former client and opposing counsel of my suspension and provided in the notice the address of P.O. Box 181006 Fairfield, Ohio 45018 where they may contact me.
6. In the case of Smith v. Washington I did provide opposing counsel with authority to sign my name to a dismissal entry on March 9, 2016. I was one of four lawyers in this case which was settled in principal on November 4, 2015. I provided my approval to a settlement entry on February 18, 2016 as did several other attorneys in the case. Due to technical issues involving a separate settlement with the Ohio Department of Medicaid and the Plaintiff apparently the entry was not actually filed until after March 8, 2016.



7. I have not advised, counseled or prepared legal instruments for anyone nor have I performed any manner of legal service for anyone since my Order of suspension was issued on March 8, 2016.
8. I am not now working for any attorney or law firm but if I would be fortunate enough to obtain this type of an offer, I will verify that they have complied with the registration requirements of the Gov.Bar R. (23) (C).
9. I do not have any fees or expenses which were paid in advance. I do not have any trust money or possessions in my care.
10. I filed a notice of disqualification with the Court in Perry V. Collins and am enclosing my attorney registration card for the 2015/2017 biennium with the within affidavit.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

  
Orlando J. Williams

I hereby certify that on April 11, 2016 Orlando J. Williams, having been duly sworn, did swear as to the accuracy of the foregoing affidavit and subscribe as indicated above.



  
**BRADLEY W. THOMAS**  
Attorney at Law  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Has No Expiration  
Date. Section 147.03 O.R.C.

*My commission has no expiration*

Office of the Clerk  
Supreme Court of Ohio  
65 South Front Street, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-3431

May 18, 2016

Re: Disciplinary Counsel v. Orlando Joseph Williams Case No. 2015-0293

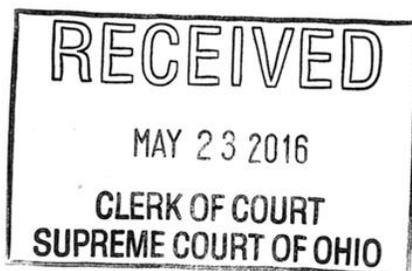
Dear Clerk:

I have enclosed with this letter for your information and filing the second affidavit of attorney Orlando Williams and a sealed letter containing the first affidavit of attorney Williams, his Ohio bar registration cards and supporting materials documenting service on his client and the Common Pleas Court of the Notice of his Suspension and Disqualification.

These materials were sent to the Court on April 12, 2016 however they were returned as undeliverable when the 8<sup>th</sup> floor notation was inadvertently left off of the Supreme Court Clerk's Office's address. Please insure that the Court is made aware of this situation.

Respectfully,

  
Orlando J. Williams



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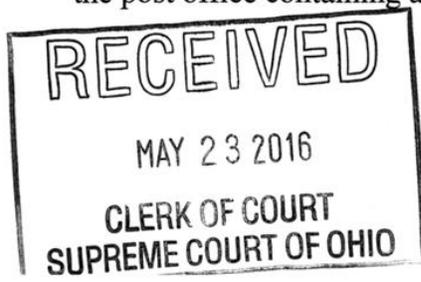
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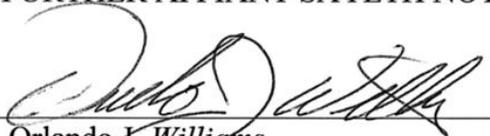
AFFIDAVIT OF ORLANDO WILLIAMS

1. My name is Orlando J. Williams attorney registration number 0033558 and I have personal knowledge of the information contained in the within affidavit.
2. I was a day late having my original affidavit of compliance completed and notarized due to the pressures I faced in trying to find replacement employment from a paralegal position I lost as a result of my suspension .
3. I was also under personal pressure trying to find housing since I have been living with relatives since I left Akron Ohio in late 2013. I had just been called back to work at the paralegal job when my suspension came down and the HR. department literally called me on the morning I was to report to work and told me that due to my suspension I was ineligible to return to work.
4. Coupled with the pressures I faced I became a little depressed and was late completing the affidavit and having it notarized. It wasn't until I got to the post office to mail my packet to the Court, that I realized that I couldn't locate my current 2015/2017 biennium attorney's registration card. The card in my wallet was for the prior registration period. I mailed off my affidavit to the disciplinary counsel's office, but I did not mail my packet to the court. After contacting my counsel, I mailed off all the registration cards I could find along with my affidavit and the supporting materials the very next day.
5. Unfortunately I mailed the Court materials to an incorrect address. My certified letter addressed to the Clerk of the Ohio Supreme Court came back on May 9, 2016, despite the fact that I mailed it April 12, 2016. I am ashamed and embarrassed to admit that I somehow sent this vitally important correspondence to the wrong address.
6. I have enclosed with this affidavit and letter the unopened returned letter I received from the post office containing all of the materials I intended for the Court to receive in April.



7. I still am unable to locate my current registration card. To be brutally honest the only times in 30 years of practice I can recall using the cards was to gain admittance to a prison or an out of town jail to visit a client. Even then I have never seen anyone look on the rear of the card to determine if it was current. Therefore I just assumed the card contained in my wallet was the current one until I checked the back before sticking it in the envelope to send to the Court.
8. I have forwarded every attorney registration card in my possession to the court and my prior affidavit explains that I have complied with all of the other measures outlined by the Court.
9. I apologize for the delay in sending my affidavit and supporting materials to the Court and for my error in thereafter sending the documents to the wrong address. I beg the Courts' pardon and ask that I not be sanctioned for these mistakes.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT

  
Orlando J. Williams

I hereby certify that on May 20, 2016 Orlando J. Williams, having been duly sworn, did swear as to the accuracy of the foregoing affidavit and subscribe as indicated above.



Evelina L. Conner  
Notary Public, State of Ohio  
My Commission Expires 06-21-2016



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