

THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

JAMES W. THOMAS, JR., :
 :
 Respondent, : **Case No. 2015-1001**
 :
 DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, :
 : **RESPONSE TO JUNE 3, 2016**
 Relator. : **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE**

Comes now James William Thomas, Jr., by and through counsel, and herewith responds to this Court's June 3, 2016 Order to Show Cause.

On April 20, 2016, this Court issued a decision indefinitely suspending Mr. Thomas from the practice of law. *Disciplinary Counsel v. Thomas*, 2016-Ohio-1582. On the same day, this Court issued an Order instructing Mr. Thomas to file an affidavit with this Court affirming that he had complied with the Order. Mr. Thomas did not receive that Order until June 6, when he received the pending Order to Show Cause. (Affidavit of James W. Thomas, attached as Exhibit A.)

Mr. Thomas respectfully requests this Court excuse his previous non-compliance with the April 20, 2016 Order and accept and consider his June 17, 2016 Affidavit, the original of which has been separately filed contemporaneous with this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I served a copy of the foregoing by e-mail and First-Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, upon the following on this 23rd day of June, 2016:

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5. Since the surrender of my law license, I have not counseled, advised, prepared legal instruments, or in any other manner performed legal services since then, and I will continue to refrain from the practice of law.
6. I have paid the costs of the proceedings of the above-captioned action in the amount of \$22.51.
7. I did not represent any clients in any pending matters at the time of this Court's April 20, 2016 Order.

Further, Affiant sayeth naught.



James W. Thomas, Jr.
Respondent

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 17th day of June, 2016.



Courtney L. Dean
Notary Public, State of Ohio
Commission Expires 01/03/2021



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