

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

**Disciplinary Counsel,**

**Relator,**

**v.**

**Angela Rochelle Stokes,**

**Respondent.**

**Case No. 14-1905**

**MATTER RELATED TO THE PRACTICE OF  
LAW AUTHORIZED BY S.C.T. PRAC.R.  
SECTION 13**

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**RESPONDENT'S APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT**

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Respondent hereby requests reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to Gov. Bar. R. V(24)(B). The Interim Remedial Suspension to which this application relates was ordered on December 18, 2014 (attached hereto as Ex. A). Thereafter, Respondent filed her Notice of Compliance with December 18, 2014 Order (Exhibit B). The Interim Remedial Suspension Order was dissolved by this Honorable Court's Order of March 16, 2016 (attached hereto as Exhibit C).

Accompanying this application is an affidavit executed by Respondent which conforms to the requirements of Gov. Bar R. V(24)(B) (attached hereto as Ex. D).

Accordingly, Respondent respectfully requests that she be reinstated to the practice of law since:

1. All costs of the proceedings as ordered by the Supreme Court have been paid;
2. Respondent has complied with the aforementioned Order of Suspension;
3. Respondent has complied with the continuing legal education requirements of Gov. Bar. R. X;
4. No formal disciplinary proceedings are pending against the Respondent; and
5. Respondent was not required to complete a term of probation, community control, intervention in lieu of conviction or any sanction imposed as part of a sentence for a felony conviction, as the discipline proceeding under Case No. 2013-057 was dismissed on January 6, 2016. (Exhibit E).

Thus, under Gov. Bar R. V(24)(C) Respondent should be reinstated to the practice of law.

Respectfully submitted,



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ORDER

On November 4, 2014, and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5a)(A)(1)(b), relator, disciplinary counsel, filed with this court a motion for immediate interim remedial suspension pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5a), alleging that respondent, Angela Rochelle Stokes, has engaged in conduct that violates the Ohio Rules of Professional Conduct, the Ohio Code of Professional Responsibility, and the Ohio Code of Judicial Conduct and poses a substantial threat of serious harm to the public and the administration of justice. Respondent filed a response, and this matter was considered by the court.

Upon consideration thereof and pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(5a)(B), it is ordered and decreed that an interim remedial suspension is immediately entered against Angela Rochelle Stokes, Attorney Registration No. 00025650, last known business address in Cleveland, Ohio, and that the suspension be effective as of the date of this entry, pending final disposition of disciplinary proceedings predicated on the conduct threatening the serious harm. It is further ordered that the underlying disciplinary case in this matter is to proceed expeditiously.

It is further ordered that respondent immediately cease and desist from the practice of law in any form and that respondent is hereby forbidden to appear on behalf of another before any court, judge, commission, board, administrative agency, or other public authority.

It is further ordered that effective immediately, respondent is forbidden to counsel, advise, or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform legal services for others.

It is further ordered that respondent is hereby divested of each, any, and all of the rights, privileges, and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the legal profession of Ohio.

It is further ordered that pursuant to Gov.Jud.R. III(7)(A), respondent is immediately suspended from judicial office without pay for the term of the suspension, pending further proceedings pursuant to law.

It is further ordered that before entering into an employment, contractual, or consulting relationship with any attorney or law firm, respondent shall verify that the attorney or law firm has complied with the registration requirements of Gov.Bar R. V(8)(G)(3). If employed pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(8)(G), respondent shall refrain from direct client contact except as provided in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(G)(1) and from receiving, disbursing, or otherwise handling any client trust funds or property.

Exhibit A

It is further ordered that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. X(13), respondent shall complete one credit hour of continuing legal education for each month, or portion of a month, of the suspension. As part of the total credit hours of continuing legal education required by Gov.Bar R. X(13), respondent shall complete one credit hour of instruction related to professional conduct required by Gov.Bar R. X(3)(B) for each six months, or portion of six months, of the suspension.

It is further ordered that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent complies with the requirements for reinstatement set forth in the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, (2) respondent complies with this and all other orders issued by this court, (3) respondent complies with the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, and (4) this court orders respondent reinstated.

It is further ordered by the court that within 90 days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded by the Clients' Security Fund pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered by the court that if after the date of this order the Clients' Security Fund awards any amount against respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Clients' Security Fund within 90 days of the notice of that award.

It is further ordered that on or before 30 days from the date of this order, respondent shall do the following:

1. Notify all clients being represented in pending matters and any co-counsel of respondent's suspension and consequent disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order and, in the absence of co-counsel, also notify the clients to seek legal service elsewhere, calling attention to any urgency in seeking the substitution of another attorney in respondent's place;
2. Regardless of any fees or expenses due, deliver to all clients being represented in pending matters any papers or other property pertaining to the client or notify the clients or co-counsel, if any, of a suitable time and place where the papers or other property may be obtained, calling attention to any urgency for obtaining such papers or other property;
3. Refund any part of any fees or expenses paid in advance that are unearned or not paid and account for any trust money or property in his possession or control;
4. Notify opposing counsel or, in the absence of counsel, the adverse parties in pending litigation of his disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order and file a notice of disqualification of respondent with the court or agency before which the litigation is pending for inclusion in the respective file or files;
5. Send all notices required by this order by certified mail with a return address where communications may thereafter be directed to respondent;

6. File with the clerk of this court and disciplinary counsel of the Supreme Court an affidavit showing compliance with this order, showing proof of service of the notices required herein, and setting forth the address where respondent may receive communications; and
7. Retain and maintain a record of the various steps taken by respondent pursuant to this order.

It is further ordered that respondent shall keep the clerk and disciplinary counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

It is further ordered that all documents filed with this court in this case shall meet the filing requirements set forth in the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court of Ohio, including requirements as to form, number, and timeliness of filings. All case documents are subject to Sup.R. 44 through 47, which govern access to court records.

It is further ordered that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has given to the Office of Attorney Services.

It is further ordered that the clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(1), that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(8)(D)(2), and that respondent bear the costs of publication.



Maureen O'Connor  
Chief Justice

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NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH DECEMBER 18, 2014 ORDER

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Exhibit B



**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

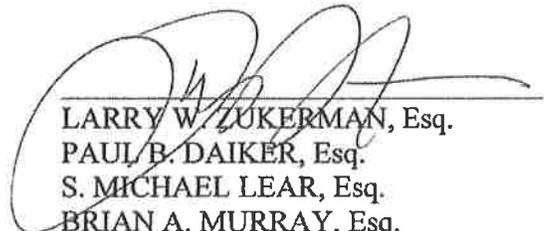
A copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF COMPLIANCE WITH DECEMBER 18, 2014 ORDER** has been filed via e-filing with the Supreme Court of Ohio and a service copy emailed this 20th day of January 2015 to the following:

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COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA )

SS: AFFIDAVIT

I, Angela Rochelle Stokes, being first duly sworn according to law depose and say the following:

1. The December 18, 2014 Order filed by Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor of the Ohio Supreme Court requires that I complete one credit hour of Continuing Legal Education for each month or portion of a month, of the immediate interim remedial suspension, and that I complete one credit hour of instruction related to professional conduct for each six months, or portion of six months, of the suspension. The Order further requires that I set forth the address where I may receive correspondence.
2. Please be advised that, on January 15, 2015, I completed via streaming technology the Annual 2014 Professional Conduct Seminar for three (3) total hours of Continuing Legal Education, (CLE) approved by the Ohio Supreme Court which includes three (3) hours of Professional Conduct approved by Ohio Supreme Court. (Please see a copy of the Ohio Metropolitan Bar Association Consortium Certificate of Completion attached hereto as Exhibit A). (Please see a copy of the Ohio Metropolitan Bar Association Consortium Verification Sheet attached hereto as Exhibit B).
3. Please be advised that I may receive correspondence at 38 Oakshore Drive, Bratenahl, Ohio 44108.

*Affiant further sayeth naught.*



ADAM BROWN  
Attorney At Law  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
STATE OF OHIO  
My Commission Has  
No Expiration Date  
Section 147.03 O.R.C.

*Angela Rochelle Stokes*  
ANGELA ROCHELLE STOKES

20<sup>th</sup>  
day of January 2015.

*Adam Brown*  
NOTARY PUBLIC

# Ohio Metropolitan Bar Association Consortium

## *Certificate of Completion*

**Angela Stokes**

38 Oakshore Drive  
Bralenahl, OH 44108  
License#: 0025650

has successfully completed the course:

### **Annual 2014 Professional Conduct Seminar**

Annual 2014 Professional Conduct Seminar: Full Seminar  
Date of Seminar: September 26, 2014  
Sponsored By: Ohio Metropolitan Bar Association Consortium

Certified Completion on January 15, 2015 6:47 AM Eastern Time using Streaming technology

3.00 hour(s) of Total CLE Hours from Ohio Supreme Court  
including 3.00 hour(s) of Professional Conduct from Ohio Supreme Court

Supreme Court Activity Code: 290111



# Ohio Metropolitan Bar Association Consortium

verifies that

**Angela Stokes**

38 Oakshore Drive  
Bratenahl, OH 44108

has successfully completed the following course:

## Annual 2014 Professional Conduct Seminar

Annual 2014 Professional Conduct Seminar: Full Seminar

Date of Seminar: September 26, 2014

Sponsored By: Ohio Metropolitan Bar Association Consortium

Certified Completion on January 15, 2015 6:47 AM Eastern Time using Streaming technology

This course was pre-approved for the following credit:

Ohio Supreme Court: 3.00 hours of Total CLE Hours, 3.00 hours of Including Professional Conduct



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ORDER

This cause came on for further consideration upon the filing by respondent, Angela Rochelle Stokes, of a motion for dissolution of interim remedial suspension. Relator filed a response to the motion, and this matter was considered by the court.

Upon consideration thereof, it is ordered by this court that respondent's motion for dissolution of interim remedial suspension is granted. It is further ordered that respondent shall file an application for reinstatement pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(24) in order to be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio.



Maureen O'Connor  
Chief Justice

Exhibit C



August 12, 2015	Bridges Workshop United Way of Summit County	5.25	
April 7, 2016	Race and Families, The Cradle to the Grave Akron Bar Association	6.75	
June 8, 2016	The Code of Kryptonite: Ethical Limitations on Lawyers' Superpowers Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association		2.50
June 16, 2016	Jury Selection in the Social Media Era Akron Bar Association	4.75	2.50
June 23, 2016	Advanced Topics in Probate Law Akron Bar Association	3.75	
	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>	<b>20.50</b>	<b>8</b>

5. My interim remedial suspension began on December 18, 2014 and was dissolved on March 16, 2016. Accordingly, it existed for sixteen (16) months. As a result, I was required to complete three (3) professional conduct hours and thirteen (13) continuing legal education/judicial college hours. I have exceeded those requirements as para. 4, above demonstrates.

**FURTHER, AFFIANT SAYETH NAUGHT.**

  
 Angela Rochelle Stokes

Sworn to and subscribed before me and in my presence this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June,

2016.

  
 Notary Public

**RICHARD C. ALKIRE, ATTY.**  
**NOTARY PUBLIC • STATE OF OHIO**  
 My Commission Has No Expiration Date  
 Section 147.03 O.R.C.

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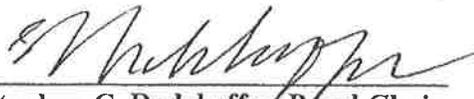
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Relator

ORDER

This matter comes before the panel chair upon consideration of Relator's December 22, 2015 motion to dismiss its first amended complaint filed in this matter. The panel chair, *sua sponte*, considers Relator's motion as a motion for leave to voluntarily dismiss in accordance with Board Proc. Reg. 9.

Relator's motion is made in consideration of Respondent's agreement, as reflected by her affidavit attached to the Relator's motion, to immediately retire from the Cleveland Municipal Court and to refrain from seeking election or accepting appointment to any state court judicial position in Ohio. Upon consideration of the Relator's motion and Respondent's affidavit attached thereto, and after having conducted a hearing on the motion to dismiss on January 6, 2016, the panel chair grants leave to voluntarily dismiss, finds the motion dismiss to be well-taken and grants the motion, and hereby orders that this matter be dismissed. The director shall provide notice of the dismissal to the parties.

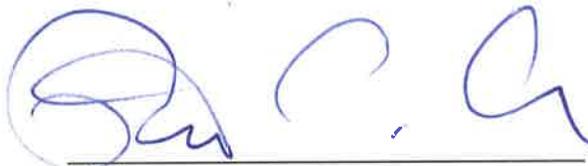
  
Stephen C. Rodeheffer, Panel Chair

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

A copy of **APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT** has been filed via e-filing with the Supreme Court of Ohio and a service copy e-mailed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016 to:

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