

PETITIONER**DERRICK N. OKONMAH**

Notice is given that **Derrick N. Okonmah**, P68221, has filed a petition in the Michigan Supreme Court and with the Attorney Grievance Commission seeking reinstatement as a member of the State Bar and restoration of his license to practice law.

The petitioner and the grievance administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The stipulation contained the petitioner's admission to the allegations of misconduct contained in the grievance administrator's notice of filing of judgment of conviction, filed in accordance with MCR 9.120(B)(3), showing that the petitioner was convicted of operating while intoxicated, 3rd offense, a felony; driving while license suspended, 2nd offense, a misdemeanor; and disorderly person, a misdemeanor, in violation of MCR 9.104(5).

In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the hearing panel ordered that the petitioner's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days, effective November 3, 2015, the date of the respondent's automatic interim suspension. The panel further ordered that the petitioner file an assessment prepared by Step Forward, or other approved entity, dated within 60

days before the date the petition for reinstatement is filed.

A hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2017, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the office of Chairperson Thomas G. Kienbaum, 280 N. Old Woodward Ave., Ste. 400, Birmingham, MI 48009.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and be heard in support of or in opposition to the petition for reinstatement. Any person having information bearing on the petitioner's eligibility for reinstatement should contact:

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REQUIREMENTS OF THE PETITIONER

Pursuant to MCR 9.123(B) and in the interest of maintaining the high standards imposed on the legal profession as conditions for the privilege of practicing law in this state, and of protecting the public, the judiciary, and the legal profession against conduct contrary to such standards, the petitioner is required to establish the following by clear and convincing evidence:

1. He desires in good faith to be restored to the privilege of practicing law in this state.

2. The term of the suspension ordered has elapsed or five years have elapsed since disbarment or resignation.

3. He has not practiced or attempted to practice law contrary to the requirement of his suspension or disbarment.

4. He has complied fully with the terms of the order of discipline.

5. His conduct since the discipline has been exemplary and above reproach.

6. He has a proper understanding of and attitude toward the standards that are imposed on members of the Bar and will conduct himself in conformity with those standards.

7. Taking into account all of the attorney's past conduct, including the nature of the misconduct that led to the disbarment or suspension, he nevertheless can safely be recommended to the public, the courts, and the legal profession as a person fit to be consulted by others and to represent them and otherwise act in matters of trust and confidence, and, in general, to aid in the administration of justice as a member of the Bar and as an officer of the court.

8. If he has been suspended for three years or more, he has been recertified by the Board of Law Examiners.

9. He has reimbursed or has agreed to reimburse the Client Protection Fund any money paid from the fund as a result of his conduct. Failure to fully reimburse as agreed is grounds for revocation of a reinstatement.

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