

Notice of Hearing on Petition for Reinstatement 65

PETITIONER

RONALD J. VARGA

Notice is given that **Ronald J. Varga**, P34361, has filed a petition in the Michigan Supreme Court seeking reinstatement as a member of the State Bar and restoration of his license to practice law.

Effective April 1, 2017, the petitioner was suspended for 180 days from the practice of law based on the following:

The petitioner committed professional misconduct during his representation of a client in a civil action in the Chippewa County Circuit Court. Specifically, the panel found that the petitioner failed to deposit a legal fee paid in advance of services rendered into a client trust account and withdraw the fee only when earned, in violation of MRPC 1.15(g); failed to hold property of clients or third persons in connection with a representation separate from his own property and failed to deposit all client or third-person funds into an IOLTA or non-IOLTA account, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); upon termination of the representation, failed to refund any advance payment of a fee that had not been earned, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d); and failed to reply promptly with reasonable requests for information from the client, in violation of MRPC 1.4(a). The petitioner was also found to have violated MRPC 8.4(a).

The Attorney Discipline Board has scheduled a hearing for Tuesday, December 26,

2017, beginning at 10 a.m., at the office of James T. Ramer, 100 S. Spring St., Harbor Springs, MI 49740.

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 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.

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