

PETITIONER

ISSAM A. ABBAS

Notice is given that **Issam A. Abbas**, P64657, 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.

Effective January 30, 2015, in *Grievance Administrator v Issam A. Abbas*, ADB Case No. 14-90-GA, the petitioner was suspended from the practice of law for a period of three years based on the following:

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. Based on the petitioner's admissions and the stipulation of the parties, the panel found that the petitioner, in the course of his representation of a plaintiff in a personal injury matter, failed to promptly pay or deliver any funds or other property that the client was entitled to receive, in violation of MRPC 1.15(B)(3); failed to hold property of clients or third persons in connection with a representation separate from his own property, in violation of MRPC 1.15(d); violated or attempted to violate the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct, contrary to MRPC 8.4(a); engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); engaged in conduct that exposes the legal profession or the

courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); engaged in conduct that is contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3); and engaged in conduct that violates the standards or rules of professional conduct adopted by the Supreme Court, contrary to MCR 9.104(4).

A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2018, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the office of hearing panel member Barry J. Goodman, 17000 Ten Mile Rd., 2nd Floor, Southfield, MI 48075.

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.

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 which led to the 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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