

## PETITIONER

## RONALD THOMAS BRUCE JR.

Notice is given that **Ronald Thomas Bruce Jr.**, P62579, 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 June 30, 2017, as alleged in the 10-count formal complaint, and established by the petitioner's answer to the formal complaint, the evidence submitted, testimony submitted, and the admissions by the petitioner, the hearing panel found that the petitioner committed professional misconduct.

The panel found that the petitioner failed to refund an advance payment of fee that had not been earned, in violation of MRPC 1.16(d) (Counts One, Three, and Five); knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the rules of a tribunal, in violation of MRPC 3.4(c) (Count Two); failed to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority, in violation of MRPC 8.1(a)(2) (Counts One–Ten); failed to answer a request for investigation in conformity with MCR 9.113, in violation of MCR 9.104(7) (Counts One, Two, and Four–Ten); and failed or refused to appear or give evidence, and to be sworn or affirmed, after being commanded by a subpoena, in violation of MCR 9.112(D) (2); (Counts One, Three, Five, and Ten). The petitioner was also found to have violated MCR 9.104(1), (2), and (4); and MRPC 8.4(a) and (c).

The panel ordered that the petitioner's license to practice law be suspended for 18 months, effective June 30, 2017, that the petitioner pay restitution to three former clients in the aggregate amount of \$2,600, and that the petitioner attend the State Bar of Michigan "Tips and Tools for a Successful Practice" seminar. The petitioner filed a petition for review, requesting a reduction in discipline. Upon review, the Attorney Discipline Board reduced the hearing panel's order of an 18-month suspension to a suspension of 270 days, effective June 30, 2017, and otherwise affirmed the findings of misconduct and conditions imposed by the panel described above.

A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 16, 2018, beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the

office of the Attorney Discipline Board, 211 W. Fort St., Ste. 1410, Detroit, MI 48226.

In the interest of maintaining the high standards imposed on the legal profession as conditions for the privilege to practice law in this state, and of protecting the public, the judiciary, and the legal profession against conduct contrary to such standards, the petitioner will be required to establish his eligibility for reinstatement by clear and convincing evidence.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and request to 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:

**Stephen P. Vella**  
**Senior Associate Counsel**  
**Attorney Grievance Commission**  
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**(313) 961-6585**

## REQUIREMENTS OF THE PETITIONER

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 to practice law in this state.
2. The term of the suspension or revocation of his license, whichever is applicable, has elapsed.
3. He has not practiced or attempted to practice law contrary to the requirement of his suspension or revocation.
4. He has complied fully with the terms of the order of discipline.
5. His conduct since the order of 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. He 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 out of the practice of law 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.

## PETITIONER

## SAMEER DUA

Notice is given that **Sameer Dua**, P61249, 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 August 5, 2017, the petitioner's license to practice law in Michigan was suspended for 180 days and until further order of the Michigan Supreme Court, the Attorney Discipline Board, or a hearing panel.

The petitioner pled guilty to Structuring Transactions to Evade Reporting Requirements, in violation of 31 USC 5324(a)(3); 5324(d)(2); and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 18 USC 2, felonies, in *United States of America v Sameer Dua*, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan Southern Division Case No. 16-CR-20540-1.

In accordance with MCR 9.120(B)(1), the petitioner's license to practice law in Michigan was automatically suspended effective August 29, 2016, the date of the petitioner's felony convictions. Based on the petitioner's convictions, the panel found that he committed professional misconduct that violated criminal laws of this state, contrary to MCR 9.104(5).

The panel ordered that the petitioner's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days, along with the conditions that he attend the seminars offered by the State Bar of Michigan entitled "Tips and Tools for a Successful Practice" and "Lawyer Trust Accounts: Management Principles & Record Keeping Resources" and show successful completion of the probationary period ordered by the U.S. district judge in the underlying criminal matter.

A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, May 23, 2018, beginning at 10 a.m., at the State Bar of Michigan, 306 Townsend St., Room 3, Lansing, MI 48933, (800) 968-1442.

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:

**Charise L. Anderson**  
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## REQUIREMENTS OF THE PETITIONER

Pursuant to MCR 9.123(B) and in the interest of maintaining the high standards im-

posed 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 suspension or disbarment, 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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