Notice of Hearing on Petition for Reinstatement

PETITIONER

COURTNEY WYLIE

Notice is given that Courtney Wylie, P75748, 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 her license to practice law.

In a reciprocal discipline proceeding under MCR 9.120(C), the grievance administrator filed a certified copy of a consent order suspending the petitioner's license to practice law for six months, entered by the State of Illinois Supreme Court, on January 13, 2017, effective February 3, 2017, In re: Courtney Olivia Wylie. 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 parties' agreement to adopt the analysis and findings in the consent discipline between the petitioner and the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission (ARDC). The parties stipulated that the comparable rules violated in Michigan would be MRPC 3.3(a)(1) (a lawyer shall not knowingly make a false statement of material fact or law to a tribunal or fail to correct a false statement of material fact or law previously made to the tribunal by the lawyer); MRPC 8.1 (a)(1) (a lawyer shall not knowingly make a false statement of material fact in connection with a disciplinary matter); MRPC 8.4(b) (it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or violation of the criminal law, where such conduct reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer); and MRPC 8.4(c) (it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice). The parties agreed that comparable discipline in Michigan for the misconduct the petitioner engaged in is a suspension of her license to practice law in Michigan for eight months.

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 eight months, effective June 24, 2017.

A hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 10 a.m., at the office of O'Brien & Bails, 141 E. Michigan Ave., Ste. 206, Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

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:

> Alan M. Gershel **Grievance Administrator Attorney Grievance Commission** 535 Griswold, Ste. 1700 Detroit, MI 48226 (313) 961-6585

REQUIREMENTS OF THE PETITIONER

Pursuant to MCR 9.123(B), the petitioner is required to establish the following by clear and convincing evidence:

- 1. She desires in good faith to be restored to the privilege of practicing law in Michigan.
- 2. The term of the suspension ordered has elapsed or five years have elapsed since her disbarment or resignation.
- 3. She has not practiced or attempted to practice law contrary to the requirement of her suspension or disbarment.
- 4. She has complied fully with the order of discipline.
- 5. Her conduct since the order of discipline has been exemplary and above
- 6. She has a proper understanding of and attitude toward the standards that are imposed on members of the Bar and will conduct herself 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 revocation or suspension, she 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 she has been suspended for three years or more, she has been recertified by the Board of Law Examiners.
- 9. She has reimbursed the Client Protection Fund of the State Bar of Michigan or has agreed to an arrangement satisfactory to reimburse the fund for any money paid as a result of her conduct.

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