

## 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. This filing is entitled *In the Matter of the Reinstatement Petition of Ronald Thomas Bruce, Jr.*, ADB Case No. 18-18-RP.

The hearing panel entered an order staying the proceeding in ADB Case No. 18-18-RP during the pending of another case titled *Grievance Administrator v Ronald Thomas Bruce, Jr.*, ADB Case No. 18-115-GA. That case resulted in an order of consent discipline of a suspension of Ronald Bruce's law license for 90 days, effective November 30, 2018. The suspension in ADB Case No. 18-115-GA is concluded. On March 7, 2019, the stay on Ronald Bruce's petition for reinstatement was discontinued and this matter is now proceeding to a hearing to be conducted by the hearing panel on May 22, 2019.

Effective June 30, 2017, as alleged in the 10-count formal complaint in ADB Case No. 16-101-GA, the hearing panel in that matter found that the petitioner committed professional misconduct.

The panel in ADB Case No. 16-101-GA 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 through 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 through 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 in ADB Case No. 16-101-GA ordered that the petitioner's license to prac-

tice 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.

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 is 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:

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## 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.



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