

PETITIONER

WADE HARPER MCCREE

Notice is given that **Wade Harper McCree**, P37626, has filed a petition with the Michigan Supreme Court, the Attorney Discipline Board, and the Attorney Grievance Commission seeking reinstatement as a member of the State Bar and restoration of his license to practice law in accordance with MCR 9.124(A). *In the Matter of the Reinstatement Petition of Wade Harper McCree (P37626)*, ADB Case No. 19-63-RP.

Effective January 22, 2016, the petitioner was suspended for three years. On March 26, 2014, the Supreme Court issued an order removing the petitioner from his office as judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court and that he be conditionally suspended without pay for six years beginning on January 1, 2015, with the suspension becoming effective only if the petitioner was re-elected to judicial office in November 2014. As a result of his removal, the AGC filed a formal complaint on June 6, 2014. The hearing panel found that the petitioner, during his tenure as a judge, engaged in an extramarital affair with a litigant in a child support case assigned to him, communicated with the litigant while presiding over various aspects of the case during the course of the affair, and failed to recuse himself from the case for several months. The petitioner also presided over a case involving a relative of the litigant with whom the petitioner was having an affair and that he conferred with the litigant before issuing a bond reduction in the matter. Lastly, the petitioner made various false and misleading statements and representations to the Wayne County Prosecutor and to the Judicial Tenure Commission. The hearing panel found that the petitioner's conduct was prejudicial to the proper administration of justice, in violation of MCR 9.104(1); exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); was contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3); violated the standards or rules of professional conduct, contrary to MCR 9.104(4); violated or attempted to violate the rules of professional conduct, contrary to MRPC 8.4(c); engaged in conduct

involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); and engaged in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, in violation of MRPC 8.4(c).

The hearing panel imposed a suspension of two years. Following petitions for review, the Attorney Discipline Board increased the suspension to three years.

The Attorney Discipline Board has assigned the reinstatement petition to Tri-County Hearing Panel #6. A hearing is scheduled for Friday, September 20, 2019, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the office of the Attorney Discipline Board, 333 West Fort Street, Ste. 1700, 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:

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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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