

PETITIONER

SCOTT W. NEAL

Notice is given that **Scott W. Neal**, P77306, 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 May 15, 2017, the petitioner's license to practice law in Michigan was suspended for one year and until further order of the Michigan Supreme Court, the Attorney Discipline Board, or a hearing panel.

The petitioner and the grievance administrator filed a Stipulation for Consent Order of Discipline with Conditions, 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 petitioner's admission that he was convicted in a matter titled *People of the State of Michigan v Scott William Neal*, Macomb County Circuit Court, Case No. 2017-000943-FH, of assault with a dangerous weapon, a felony, in violation of MCL 750.82. Based on the petitioner's conviction and his admission in the stipulation, it has been established that the petitioner engaged in conduct that violated a criminal law of a state or of the United States, contrary to MCR 9.104(5).

The panel ordered that the petitioner's license to practice law be suspended for one

year, and the petitioner is subject to conditions relevant to the established misconduct.

A hearing is scheduled for Friday, August 21, 2020. 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 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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