

## PETITIONER

### RALPH WENDELL KIMBLE

Notice is given that **Ralph Wendell Kimble**, P64054, has filed a petition for reinstatement in the Supreme Court of the state of Michigan and with the Attorney Grievance Commission seeking reinstatement as a member of the bar of this state and restoration of his license to practice law.

Based on the petitioner's admissions, plea of no contest, and the stipulation of the parties, Kalamazoo County Hearing Panel #4 found that the petitioner committed professional misconduct when he engaged in conduct that violated a criminal law, MCL 750.520e (fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct), in violation of MCR 9.104(5); engaged in conduct that exposed the legal profession or the courts to obloquy, contempt, censure, or reproach, in violation of MCR 9.104(2); engaged in conduct that was contrary to justice, ethics, honesty, or good morals, in violation of MCR 9.104(3); engaged in conduct that involved a violation of the criminal law where such conduct reflected adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer, in violation of MRPC 8.4(b); and failed to treat with courtesy and respect all persons involved in the legal process and failed to take particular care to avoid treating such persons discourteously because of a person's race, gender, or other protected personal characteristic, in violation of MRPC 6.5(a).

The panel ordered that the petitioner's license to practice law in Michigan be suspended for 180 days, effective January 8, 2019, and until further order of the Supreme Court, the Attorney Discipline Board, or a hearing panel, and until the petitioner complies with the requirements of MCR 9.123(B) and MCR 9.124.

The petitioner filed a petition for review, and, upon review, the Attorney Discipline Board issued an order affirming the hearing panel's order of suspension with condition.

Effective January 9, 2019, a Final Notice of Suspension With Condition (By Consent) was issued by the hearing panel of the Attorney Discipline Board which ordered that the petitioner's license to practice law be suspended for 180 days with condition that

the petitioner resign as the Branch County prosecutor effective January 1, 2019.

A hearing is scheduled for May 11, 2021, commencing at 10 a.m. before Calhoun County Hearing Panel #1. The matter will proceed as a virtual hearing via Zoom conferencing.

Any interested person may appear at such hearing and be heard in support of or in opposition to said 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 by clear and convincing evidence the following:

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. That 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; and,

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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