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People are not persuaded by what we say but rather by what they understand.

April 2, 2026

State Bar of Michigan
306 Townsend Street
Lansing, MI 48933-2012

Re: John S. Paterson P-18693 (deceased)

Dear Staff:

Mr. Paterson died on March 18, 2026, and I was designated by John as his Interim Administrator.

The 24th Circuit Court appointed me as such pursuant to the enclosed Order dated April 2, 2026.

I am making service of the required documents upon the State Bar of Michigan.

Any questions, please let me know immediately.

Respectfully

A blue ink handwritten signature of Dennis W. Reid, written over the word "Respectfully".

Dennis W. Reid P-37363
denreid@att.net

24th STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT	NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR	CASE NO. and JUDGE 26-41291 -CZ Hon. Timothy Wrathell
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Court address 60 W. Sanilac Ave, Sandusky, MI 48471	Court telephone no. 810-648-3211
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In the matter of John S. Paterson P-18693
First, middle, and last name

1. On 04/02/26, Dennis W. Reid P-37363 was appointed
Date Interim Administrator

Interim Administrator to serve on behalf of:

John S. Paterson	P-18693
Affected Attorney name	Bar no.
35 S. Elk Street	
Address	
Sandusky, Michigan 48471	810-648-2414
City, state, zip	Telephone no.

04/02/26
Date of notice


Interim Administrator signature

Dennis W. Reid	P-37363
Name (type or print)	Bar no.
42 Lexington Street, PO Box 127	
Business address	
Sandusky, Michigan 48471	810-648-2311
City, state, zip	Telephone no.

Note: See MCR 9.305(C) for information on service of this notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN 24th CIRCUIT COURT	ORDER APPOINTING INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR	CASE NO. and JUDGE <u>26-41291</u> - CZ Hon. Timothy Wrathell
Court address 60 W. Sanilac Ave, Sandusky, Michigan 48471		Court telephone no. 810-648-3212

In the matter of John S. Paterson P-18693
First, middle, and last name

THE COURT FINDS:

1. A petition has been filed with this court for the appointment of an Interim Administrator.
2. It appears by a preponderance of the evidence that John S. Paterson P-18693 is an Affected Attorney as defined in MCR 9.301(A), and the appointment of an Interim Administrator is necessary to protect the interests of the Affected Attorney's clients or the interests of the Affected Attorney.

Affected Attorney name Bar no.
3. Good cause exists to appoint a different Interim Administrator than petitioner.
4. Good cause exists to appoint an additional Interim Administrator.

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IT IS ORDERED:

5. Dennis W. Reid P-37363 is appointed Interim Administrator to serve on behalf of the Affected Attorney.

Attorney name, Law Firm name, or State Bar of Michigan
6. _____ is appointed as an additional Interim Administrator to serve on behalf of the Affected Attorney.

Attorney name, Law Firm name, or State Bar of Michigan
7. The Interim Administrator is authorized to:
 - take custody of and act as signatory on any bank or investment accounts, safe deposit boxes, and other depositories maintained by the Affected Attorney in connection with the Law Firm, including all lawyer trust accounts, escrow accounts, payroll accounts, operating accounts, and special accounts;
 - disburse funds to clients of the Affected Attorney or others entitled thereto; and
 - take all appropriate actions with respect to the accounts.
8. This order takes effect upon entry. on _____.
9. The Interim Administrator must submit the following to the court:
 - Interim account annually. quarterly. monthly. other: _____
Specific date
 - final accounting by _____ Other _____
Specific date
 - report(s) as follows: _____

10. The petition is denied because _____

Judge signature and date JCW 4-2-26

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24th	STATE OF MICHIGAN CIRCUIT COURT	EX PARTE PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR	CASE NO. and JUDGE 20-41291 - CZ Hon. Timothy Wrathell
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Court address 60 W. Sanilac Ave, Sandusky, MI 48471	Court telephone no. 810-648-3212
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In the matter of John S. Paterson P-18693
First, middle, and last name

Petitioner's name, bar no., address and telephone no. Dennis W. Reid P-37363 42 Lexington Street, PO Box 127 Sandusky, Michigan 48471 810-648-2311 denreid@att.net

Affected Attorney's name, bar no., address, and telephone no. John S. Paterson P-18693 35 S. Elk Street Sandusky, Michigan 48471 810-648-2414

1. John S. Paterson P-18693 is temporarily permanently unable to practice law
Affected Attorney's name

- because the attorney has (Attach any supporting documents.)
- resigned.
 - been disbarred or suspended.
 - disappeared.
 - been imprisoned.
 - abandoned the practice of law.
 - become temporarily or permanently disabled or incapacitated.
 - been transferred to disability inactive status pursuant to MCR 9.121.
 - died.

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2. Dennis W. Reid P-37363 was designated by the Affected Attorney to manage their practice as
Attorney or Law Firm name
a Designated Interim Administrator if the attorney were to become unexpectedly unable to practice law as set forth
in MCR 9.301.

- _____ is listed in the State Bar of Michigan's list of attorneys willing to serve
Attorney name
as Interim Administrators and has been matched to serve as an Interim Administrator on behalf of the Affected Attorney.
- The State Bar of Michigan's staff has been identified to serve as Interim Administrator under attorney supervision on
behalf of the Affected Attorney.

3. The appointment of an Interim Administrator is necessary to protect the interests of the Affected Attorney's clients or
the interests of the Affected Attorney because:
Mr. Paterson's law firm had only one licensed attorney on staff and no other employees capable of carrying out the duties of
Interim Administrator. There is financial and other business of the firm the needs to be wrapped up forthwith to protect the client's
interest.

4. Dennis W. Reid P-37363 is qualified to serve as Interim Administrator under MCR 9.305 because:
Attorney name, Law Firm name, or State Bar of Michigan
Attorney, Dennis W. Reid P-37363, is a licensed attorney in the State of Michigan in good standing and was nominated as Interim
Administrator by Attorney John S. Paterson P-18693 years prior to his death.

5. Venue is proper in this county because the Affected Attorney lives, last lived, or maintains or last maintained an office for the practice of law in this county.

I REQUEST:
Appointment of Dennis W. Reid P-37363 as Interim Administrator to serve on behalf of the Affected Attorney.
Attorney name, Law Firm name, or State Bar of Michigan

April 2, 2026
Date

Dennis W. Reid P-37363
Petitioner signature 

Note: This petition must be accompanied by the verification below, or an affidavit or declaration under penalty of perjury of a person having personal knowledge of the facts.

VERIFICATION OF FACTS

I declare under the penalties of perjury that this ex parte petition for appointment of Interim Administrator has been examined by me and that its contents are true to the best of my information, knowledge, and belief.

April 2, 2026
Date

Dennis W. Reid P-37363
Petitioner signature 

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To: Dennis Reid >

Reply To: no_reply@michbar.org >

Courtesy Notice: Continuation of Your Acceptance as Interim Administrator



STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Dear Dennis W. Reid,

As a courtesy, we are notifying you that John S. Paterson has chosen to keep their interim administrator plan. State Bar of Michigan records show John S. Paterson's designated interim administrator as:

Dennis Reid

c/o Dennis W. Reid, P37363

42 Lexington St PO Box 127

Sandusky, MI 48471-1254

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