

PETITIONER

EDWARD W. FISHER

Notice is given that **Edward W. Fisher** 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.

The petitioner was convicted of conspiracy to commit tax fraud, a felony, in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, Southern Division. In accordance with MCR 9.120(8)(1), the petitioner's license to practice law in Michigan was automatically suspended on July 3, 2008, the date of his felony conviction.

The petitioner and grievance administrator filed a stipulation for a consent order of discipline, in accordance with MCR 9.115(F)(5), which was approved by the Attorney Grievance Commission and accepted by the hearing panel. The panel found that, based on his felony conviction, the petitioner had committed professional misconduct, in violation of MCR 9.104(A)(5). In accordance with the stipulation of the parties, the panel ordered that the petitioner's license to practice law in Michigan be revoked, effective July 3, 2008. Costs were assessed in the amount of \$1,029.71.

A hearing is scheduled for October 15, 2014, at 9:30 am, at the office of Chairperson Craig S. Schoenherr Sr., 12900 Hall Rd., Ste. 350, Sterling Heights, MI 48313.

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:

Cynthia C. Bullington
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Attorney Grievance Commission
535 Griswold, Ste. 1700
Detroit, MI 48226
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REQUIREMENTS OF THE PETITIONER

Pursuant to MCR 9.123, 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 Michigan.

2. The term of the suspension ordered has elapsed or five years have elapsed since his 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 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. Taking into account all of the attorney's past conduct, including the nature of

the misconduct that led to the revocation or suspension, 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 the Client Protection Fund or has agreed to an arrangement satisfactory to the fund to reimburse any money paid from the fund as a result of his conduct.



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MONEY JUDGMENT INTEREST RATE

MCL 600.6013 governs how to calculate the interest on a money judgment in a Michigan state court. Interest is calculated at six-month intervals on January and July of each year, from when the complaint was filed, and is compounded annually.

For a complaint filed after December 31, 1986, the rate as of July 1, 2014 is 2.622 percent. This rate includes the statutory 1 percent.

But a different rule applies for a complaint filed after June 30, 2002 that is based on a written instrument with its own specified interest rate. The rate is the lesser of:

- (1) 13 percent a year, compounded annually; or
- (2) the specified rate, if it is fixed—or if it is variable, the variable rate when the complaint was filed if that rate was legal.

For past rates, see <http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/Resources/Documents/other/interest.pdf>.

As the application of MCL 600.6013 varies depending on the circumstances, you should review the statute carefully.