

The Supreme Court of Ohio

CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 5, 2008

[Cite as *02/05/2008 Case Announcements, 2008-Ohio-357.*]

MERIT DECISIONS WITH OPINIONS

2008-0059. State ex rel. Stoll v. Logan Cty. Bd. of Elections, Slip Opinion No. 2008-Ohio-333.

In Prohibition. Writ granted.

Moyer, C.J., and Lundberg Stratton, O'Connor, O'Donnell, Lanzinger, and Cupp, JJ., concur.

Pfeifer, J., dissents.

DISCIPLINARY CASES

On February 1, 2008, the Supreme Court of Ohio issued orders revoking the corporate registration of six attorneys for noncompliance with Gov.Bar R. VI, which requires attorneys to file a Certificate of Registration and pay applicable fees on or before September 1, 2007. The text of the entry imposing the revocation is reproduced below. This is followed by a list of the attorneys whose corporate registration was revoked.

Because an attorney whose corporate registration was revoked pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VI can be reinstated upon application, an attorney whose name appears below may have been reinstated prior to publication of this notice. Please contact the Office of Attorney Services at 614/387-9320 to determine the current status of an attorney whose name appears below.

In re Attorney Registration Suspension	:	ORDER OF
[Attorney Name],	:	SUSPENSION
Respondent.	:	[Registration Number]

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Gov.Bar R. VI(3)(A) requires attorneys registered for corporate status to file a Certificate of Registration and pay the registration fee as required by Gov.Bar R. VI(1). Section 5(A) establishes that an attorney who fails to file the Certificate of Registration and pay the fee required by Gov.Bar R. VI, but pays within ninety days of the deadline, shall be assessed a late fee. Section 5(B) provides that an attorney who fails to file a Certificate of Registration and pay the fees either timely or within the late registration period shall be notified of noncompliance, and that if the attorney fails to file evidence of compliance with Gov.Bar R. VI or to come into compliance within ninety days of the deadline, the attorney will be suspended from the practice of law.

Respondent has not registered for the 2007/2009 attorney registration biennium as required by Gov.Bar R. VI(1) and has not filed evidence of compliance with Gov.Bar R. VI or come into compliance with this rule within ninety days of the deadline.

Upon consideration thereof and in accordance with Gov.Bar R. VI(5)(B), respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law in Ohio, effective as of the date of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent immediately cease and desist from the practice of law in any form and is hereby forbidden to appear on behalf of another before any court, judge, commission, board, administrative agency, or other public authority.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that effective immediately, respondent be forbidden to counsel or advise or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform legal services for others.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall not practice law in Ohio, hold himself or herself out as authorized to practice law in Ohio, hold nonfederal judicial office in Ohio, occupy a nonfederal position in this state in which the attorney is called upon to give legal advice or counsel or to examine the law or pass upon the legal effect of any act, document, or law, be employed in the Ohio judicial system in a position required to be held by an attorney, or practice before any nonfederal court or agency in this state on behalf of any person except himself or herself.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if respondent fails to comply with this order, respondent may be referred for investigation of the unauthorized practice of law under Gov.Bar R. VII(3).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is hereby divested of each, any, and all rights, privileges, and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the legal profession in Ohio.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that notwithstanding respondent's suspension under Gov.Bar R. VI, respondent shall comply with Gov.Bar R. X ("Attorney Continuing Legal Education").

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall not be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio until (1) respondent files Certificates of Registration for all biennia for which respondent has not registered, (2) respondent pays all applicable registration fees, (3) respondent pays a \$300 reinstatement fee, (4) respondent files an Application for Reinstatement on a form provided by the Office of Attorney Services, (5) and the Office of Attorney Services reinstates respondent to the practice of law.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondent shall keep the Office of Attorney Services advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this matter, by certified mail to the most recent address respondent has provided to the Office of Attorney Services.

The following attorneys were mailed the above suspension order pursuant to Gov. Bar R. VI.

Attorney Name	Attorney Reg. Number	City, State
Corrine M. Garnhart	0080093	Cincinnati, OH
Diego A. Gomez	0077203	Cincinnati, OH
Mark S. Antonvich	0079022	Columbus, OH
Donald R. Loving	0081511	Columbus, OH
Joseph Ira Hitter	0012583	Dayton, OH
Lynn Kumari Landman	0074824	Dayton, OH

MISCELLANEOUS DISMISSALS

2008-0147. State ex rel. Coughlin v. Summit Cty. Bd. of Elections.

In Mandamus and Prohibition. This cause originated in this court on the filing of a complaint for a writ of mandamus/prohibition involving an expedited election matter. Upon consideration of relators' application for dismissal,

It is ordered by the court that the application for dismissal is granted. Accordingly, this cause is dismissed.

MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS

2007-1818. In re Application of Creighton

It is ordered by the court, sua sponte, that Exhibit 8, contained in the record of the proceedings before the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness, shall be maintained permanently under seal.

In re Report of the Commission
on Continuing Legal Education.



O R D E R

This matter originated in this court on the filing of a report by the Commission on Continuing Legal Education (the “commission”) pursuant to Gov.Bar R. X(6)(A)(1)(b) and (A)(2)(d). The commission recommended the imposition of sanctions against certain attorneys and judges, the respondents herein, for failure to comply with the provisions of Gov.Bar R. X and Gov.Jud.R. IV, Continuing Legal Education, for the 2005-2006 reporting period.

On January 25, 2008, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. X(6)(B)(1), this court issued to each respondent an order to show cause on or before February 25, 2008, why the commission’s recommendation should not be adopted. Pursuant to Gov.Bar R. X(6)(B)(2), the commission may file an answer brief to any objections within fifteen days of the filing of the objections.

It is ordered by the court, sua sponte, that the commission may consolidate its responses to the respondents’ objections in a single answer brief that shall be filed no later than April 8, 2008.

It is further ordered by the court, sua sponte, that the notice and service requirements of Gov.Bar R. X(6)(C) shall not apply to this order that and announcement and publication of this order in the Ohio Official Reports and the Ohio State Bar Association Report shall constitute notice to the respondents.