

**DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL v. SLAVENS.**

[Cite as *Disciplinary Counsel v. Slavens*, \_\_\_ Ohio St.3d \_\_\_, 2017-Ohio-8741.]

(No. 1991-1741—Submitted March 2, 2017—Decided December 1, 2017.)

ON PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT.

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{¶ 1} This cause came on for further consideration upon the filing on March 2, 2017, of a petition for reinstatement by respondent, William S. Slavens, Attorney Registration No. 0022455. In accordance with Gov.Bar R. V(25)(E), respondent's petition for reinstatement was referred to the Board of Professional Conduct. The board filed its final report in this court on October 9, 2017, recommending that respondent be reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio. No objections to said final report were filed, and this cause was considered by the court.

{¶ 2} Upon consideration thereof, it is ordered by this court that the petition for reinstatement of respondent is granted and that respondent, William S. Slavens, last known address in Jackson, Ohio, is reinstated to the practice of law in Ohio.

{¶ 3} It is further ordered by the court that respondent be taxed the costs of these proceedings in the amount of \$1,430.03, less the deposit of \$500.00, for a total balance due of \$930.03 payable, by cashier's check or money order, by respondent on or before 90 days from the date of this order. If costs are not paid on or before 90 days from the date of this order, interest at the rate of 10 percent per annum will accrue until costs are paid in full. It is further ordered that if costs are not paid in full on or before 90 days from the date of this order, the matter may be referred to the attorney general for collection and respondent may be found in contempt and suspended until all costs and accrued interest are paid in

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full. It is further ordered that respondent is liable for all collections costs pursuant to R.C. 131.02 if the debt is certified to the attorney general for collection.

{¶ 4} It is further ordered by the court that within 90 days of the date of this order respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded against respondent by the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered by the court that if after the date of this order the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection awards any amount against respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection within 90 days of the notice of such award.

{¶ 5} It is further ordered that the clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(17)(D)(1) and that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(17)(D)(2).

O'CONNOR, C.J., and O'DONNELL, KENNEDY, FRENCH, FISCHER, and DEWINE, JJ., concur.

O'NEILL, J., not participating.

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