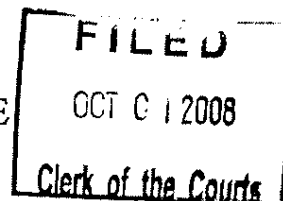


IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE



WALTER E. SLOAN, BPR #011682
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Davidson County)

B.O.P.R. Docket No. R-152-5-LC
No. M2008-02209-SC-RPO-RP

ORDER

This matter is before the Court upon a Petition for Reinstatement filed by Petitioner, Walter E. Sloan. Petitioner was temporarily suspended from the practice of law by this Court on April 16, 1990, pursuant to Rule 9, Section 4.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court upon the Court's finding that Petitioner failed to respond to a complaint of misconduct and posed a substantial threat of irreparable harm to the public by abandoning his law practice. Petitioner was transferred to disability inactive status by Agreed Order on August 1, 1990.

On September 7, 2005, a hearing on the petition was held before a Hearing Committee of the Board of Professional Responsibility ("Board"). In its Judgment filed on January 10, 2006, the Hearing Committee found that Petitioner demonstrated by clear and convincing evidence that: (1) Petitioner's disability has been removed; (2) Petitioner is fit to resume the practice of law conditioned upon Petitioner retaking and passing the Tennessee bar examination, making restitution to Mr. Philip Forde in the amount of \$1,001.68, and meeting certain other conditions as set forth in the Judgment; and (3) Petitioner has the moral qualifications required for admission to practice law in this state and that Petitioner's resumption of the practice of law within the state will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice, or subversive to the public interest.

Neither the Board nor Petitioner appealed the Judgment of the Hearing Panel. Petitioner successfully completed the February, 2008, Tennessee bar examination, and has made restitution to Mr. Phillip Forde in the amount of \$1,001.68.

Based upon the foregoing, the Court finds that Petitioner's disability should be removed and that Petitioner should be reinstated to the practice of law.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** by the Court that:

1. Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 21.6 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, Petitioner's disability is hereby removed.

2. Pursuant to Rule 9, Sections 21.6 and 19.7 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, Petitioner is reinstated to the practice of law.

3. Petitioner shall remain in compliance with the Tennessee Lawyer Assistance Program monitoring agreement Petitioner entered into on July 2, 2004.

4. Petitioner shall practice for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of the entry of this Order in a group practice setting, defined as the practice of law within a governmental or corporate law office, a law firm, a PC or PLLC, or in an office practice with two or more attorneys to whom Petitioner shall be accountable for all financial and economic-related aspects of law practice, including, but not limited to, fee arrangements, billings and collections, trust account activities, and settlements.

5. Petitioner shall engage a practice monitor/mentor, acceptable to the Board, for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of the entry of this Order, with whom Petitioner has regular conference and reporting requirements (not less frequently than every two (2) weeks) who shall monitor, at Petitioner's expense, Petitioner's practice activities and practice management skills.

6. Petitioner shall for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of the entry of this Order obtain a written fee agreement/engagement letter in each case in which Petitioner agrees to undertake the representation of any client or clients.

7. Petitioner shall complete 13.75 general hours of approved continuing legal education before December 31, 2008, which the Tennessee Commission on Continuing Legal Education and Specialization ("CLE") indicates will meet Petitioner's outstanding CLE requirements.

8. Pursuant to Rule 9, Section 24.3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, Petitioner shall pay to the Board the expenses and costs of this matter in the amount of \$2,334.00, and in addition shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the costs incurred herein, for all of which execution may issue, if necessary.

FOR THE COURT:

Cornelia A. Clark
CORNELIA A. CLARK, JUSTICE