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United States District Court
Northern District of Ohio
General Order

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2026-05

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

IN THE MATTER OF ATTORNEY)	
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS)	
INDEFINITE SUSPENSION FROM)	ORDER NO. 2026-05
PRACTICE FOR FAILURE TO PAY)	
REGISTRATION FEES TO THE)	
SUPREME COURT OF OHIO)	
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On November 3, 2025, The Supreme Court of Ohio suspended 288 attorneys from the practice of law for failure to pay registration fees pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VI, which requires attorneys admitted to the practice of law in Ohio to register and pay applicable fees for the 2025/2027 attorney-registration biennium on or before September 1, 2025.¹

This Court having provided more than an additional ninety days from the issuance of The Supreme Court of Ohio’s order for the attorneys to rectify their registration status, this Court hereby indefinitely suspends the attorneys listed in “Attachment A” from practicing before this Court.

Readmission to practice before this Court requires the filing of an Application for Reinstatement pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.7(i) and Local Criminal Rule 57.7(i) with Christian M. Capece, Clerk of Court, Carl B. Stokes U.S. Court House, 801 West Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44113-1830, ATTN: Committee on Complaints and Policy Compliance. The application should include an affidavit stating that the jurisdiction which entered the order of discipline on which this Court based its discipline has reinstated the attorney along with a Certificate of Good Standing.

¹ Gov.Bar R. VI(2)(A) requires attorneys admitted to the practice of law in Ohio to register for the 2025/2027 attorney registration biennium on or before September 1, 2025. Section 10(A) establishes that an attorney who fails to register and pay the registration fee on or before September 1, 2025, but registers and pays within 60 days of the deadline, shall be assessed a late fee. Section 10(B) provides that an attorney who fails to register and pay the required fees shall be notified of apparent noncompliance and suspended from the practice of law if the attorney fails to file evidence of compliance or come into compliance on or before the date set forth in the notice.

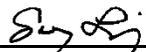
Upon receipt of the application, the Clerk shall refer the application to the Committee on Complaints and Policy Compliance, which shall schedule a hearing. At the hearing, the attorney shall have the burden of demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that he/she has the moral qualifications, competency and learning in the law required for admission to practice law before this Court and that his/her resumption of the practice of law will not be detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or to the administration of justice, or subversive of the public interest. Should the Court find the attorney is found unfit to resume practice before this Court, the application shall be dismissed. No application for reinstatement shall be filed within one year following an adverse judgment upon an application for reinstatement filed by or on behalf of the same attorney. If the attorney is found fit to resume practice before this Court, the judgment shall reinstate him/her, provided that, if the attorney has been suspended for two years or more, reinstatement is conditioned upon the attendance of the attorney at a Federal Court Practice Seminar. A copy of the Certificate of Training for successfully completing the Federal Court Practice Seminar should accompany the Application for Reinstatement. Registration in the Court's CM/ECF system will also be required.

All attorneys admitted to practice in this Court are required to submit a written notice of a change of business address and/or email address to the Clerk upon the change in address, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.5(l) and Local Criminal Rule 57.5(l). Any attorney admitted to practice before this Court who fails to comply with Local Civil Rule 83.5(l) and Local Criminal Rule 57.5(l), makes the Clerk of Court his or her agent for the service of any notice provided in any disciplinary matter proceeding before this Court, pursuant to Local Civil Rule 83.7(k) and Local Criminal Rule 57.7(k).

If the attorney has been suspended for five years or more, reinstatement may also be conditioned upon furnishing proof of competency and learning in the law, which proof may include certification by the bar examiners of a state or other jurisdiction of the attorney's successful completion of an examination for admission to practice subsequent to the date of suspension.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT



Sara Lior
Chief Judge

Attachment A

	Last Name	First Name	Middle	Bar ID No.	Status
1	Badger	Richard	J.	0005119	Active
2	Balendran	Athavan		0102568	Active
3	Bauders	Robert	S.	0034427	Active
4	Berk	Robert	J.	0001031	Active
5	Best	Louis	Mitchell	0039072	Active
6	Brocklehurst	Terry	Michael	0032520	Active
7	Brown	Brandon	Earl	0097013	Active
8	Campbell	Robert	Paul	0008713	Active
9	Celebrezze Jr.	Frank	D.	0011344	Active
10	Christopher	S.	Paige	0066081	Active
11	Cook	Francis	X.	0000341	Active
12	Coticchia	Joseph	L.	0018414	Active
13	Crawford	G.	Ian	0019243	Active
14	Culbertson	Mary	M.	0065586	Active
15	Currie	Matthew	N.	0078656	Active
16	Denkewalter	J.	Kurt	0047282	Active
17	Denney	James	Allen	0028205	Active
18	Fay	Terrence	M.	0022935	Active
19	Figetakis	Frances	Lee	0039109	Active
20	Fischbein-Cohen	Ruth		0041968	Active
21	Flowers	Phyllis	D.	0073281	Active
22	Fowler	Robert	M	0025123	Active
23	Froelich Jr.	Raymond	R.	0022265	Active
24	Gayetsky-Ghadiri	Marie	Therese	0052112	Active
25	Geneva	M.	Jayne	0039956	Active
26	George	Nicholas	T.	0011382	Active
27	Greenwald	Gary	D.	0024480	Active
28	Griffith	Terry	R.	0039756	Active
29	Grocki	Dale	M.	0056058	Active
30	Haffey	Timothy	P.	0041438	Active
31	Heffter	Sarah	Louise	0064791	Active
32	Herbers	Keith	M.	0008365	Active
33	Hinkle	Steven	D.	0014264	Active
34	Hlavka	John	R.	0019527	Active
35	Hochberg	D.	Peter	0001558	Active
36	Horejs Jr.	Edward	R.	0006786	Active
37	Ingleson II	Harry		0061035	Active
38	Jalbert	Michael	J.	0018972	Active

	Last Name	First Name	Middle	Bar ID No.	Status
39	Kainski	Dale	F.	0007306	Active
40	Kalbrunner	Roger	J.	0024040	Active
41	Karberg	Bruce	Kent	0007464	Active
42	Keenan	J.	Sean	0019228	Active
43	Keenon	Una	Harris	0018504	Active
44	Kestner	Robert	Steven	0025733	Active
45	Kruger	Gary	Iver	0008970	Active
46	Kuhn	Jeffrey	Craig	0017202	Active
47	Lampone	Kevin	S.	0092884	Active
48	Lewis	Martin	Harris	0010441	Active
49	Lindberg	Mark	S.	0039758	Active
50	Long	Richard	Stanley	0012005	Active
51	Malone	Michael	J.	0003277	Active
52	McClung	Megan	C.	0096833	Active
53	McLeskey	Waymon	B.	0022951	Active
54	McNamara	Walter	J.	0074570	Active
55	Meissner	Joseph	P.	0022366	Active
56	Menella	Stephen	A.	0065008	Active
57	Morris	Daniel	G.	0040449	Active
58	Neil	Paul	Frederick	0033788	Active
59	Nicodemo	John	Lawrence	0025632	Active
60	O'Brien	James	A.	0006932	Active
61	Ochu	Anne	Marie	0016008	Active
62	Piepho	Scott	R.	0062874	Active
63	Pluma	Rick	S.	0058421	Active
64	Porzio	Barbara	Burns	0003203	Active
65	Putman	Timothy	J.	0016298	Active
66	Savalan	Thomas	Leonard	0044113	Active
67	Stavick	Margaret	Ann	0031406	Active
68	Stearns	Roger	S.	0038183	Active
69	Stueber II	Frederick	G.	0005320	Active
70	Teitelbaum	Michael	J.	0038779	Active
71	Thompson	Rebecca	A.	0071619	Active
72	Valentine	Sara	M.	0098685	Active
73	Vanderwist	James	Charles	0010953	Active
74	Webster	Jaren	B.	0096619	Active
75	Weisman	Mitchell	A.	0003107	Active
76	White	Sara	N.	0093037	Active
77	Whitney	Richard	B.	0008004	Active