

## NOTICE OF THE PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT OF PETITIONER

On March 11, 2024, Steven D. Johnson filed a petition for reinstatement of his license to practice law in Wisconsin. The Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) will investigate the eligibility of the Steven D. Johnson for reinstatement of his license and has assigned OLR Matter No. 2024MA401 to its investigation.

Steven D. Johnson's license to practice law was suspended on November 2, 2023, the suspension was based on misconduct, including failing to refrain from an offensive personality; failing to adequately supervise and train his nonlawyer staff; failing to disclose while testifying in a small claims matter in which he was the plaintiff that he had been reimbursed by his insurance company for the loss he had incurred; failing to discuss a waiver of preliminary examination form with his client prior to having his client sign it; and filing with the court a waiver of preliminary examination form, on which he falsely attested that he had discussed the form with his client. *Disciplinary Proceedings Against Johnson*, 2023 WI 73.

Steven D. Johnson has the burden of demonstrating by clear, satisfactory, and convincing evidence that he has the moral character to practice law in Wisconsin; that his resumption of the practice of law will not be detrimental to the administration of justice or subversive of the public interest; that the representations made in his petition are substantiated; and that he has complied fully with the terms of the order of his suspension and with the requirements of SCR 22.26 regarding an attorney's activities following suspension or revocation.

Interested parties may submit written comments regarding Steven D. Johnson and his petition to OLR, Attn: Kori Anderson, PO Box 1648, Madison, WI 53701-1648. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted via e-mail to [Kori.anderson@wicourts.gov](mailto:Kori.anderson@wicourts.gov). Comments must be submitted by **60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF FILING OF PETITION**. All comments will be forwarded to the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. If a referee is assigned to conduct a hearing in this matter, all comments will also be forwarded to the referee. Individuals who submit comments may be contacted by OLR for more information.

Upon completion of the investigation of Steven D. Johnson's petition, OLR will file a response with the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. If OLR does not oppose reinstatement, OLR will enter into a stipulation for reinstatement with Steven D. Johnson for direct consideration by the Supreme Court of Wisconsin. If OLR opposes reinstatement, a referee will be appointed and a reinstatement hearing scheduled.

Notice of any hearing on Steven D. Johnson's petition will be sent to those requesting such notice. A request for notice of hearing must include the address to which the notice is to be sent, and should be directed to OLR at either the post office box or e-mail address above.

Information regarding the status of Steven D. Johnson's petition and any hearing can be obtained from OLR and is available at:

<https://www.wicourts.gov/services/public/lawyerreg/statuspetition.htm>.

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