

STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

In re William Cobb, Esq.
PRB No. 2020-99 and 2020-103

AMENDED PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

NOW COMES William W. Cobb, by and through counsel, and hereby amends the Petition for Reinstatement before the Professional Responsibility Board and scheduled for a hearing on November 27, 2023. In further support of his request for reinstatement, Petitioner submits that, by stipulation, the parties agreed to waive the deadline for hearing and agreed to reschedule the hearing on the petition from September 15, 2023 through November 27, 2023. During that time, Mr. Cobb has undertaken additional efforts to show that he qualifies for reinstatement. Specifically, Mr. Cobb has completed the following:

1. Participated in counseling with Kristi Zola in Lyndonville, Vermont. Attachment 1.
2. Communicated via electronic mail with those individuals who provided letters of support to make sure they were aware of the nature of the Decision suspending Mr. Cobb from the practice of law and to give them the opportunity to inform the Board of any changes in their perspective relative to the letters previously submitted. Attachment 2.
3. Communicated via electronic mail with Shawn Tester, CEO of NVRH to make sure he was aware of the nature of the Decision suspending Mr. Cobb from the practice of law. Attachment 3.
4. Communicated via electronic mail with Pat Forster of NVRH regarding availability for weekend community service. Attachment 4.
5. Entered a reimbursement arrangement with MK to make restitution and began making payments to MK based on that arrangement. Attachment 5.
6. Obtained letters of support from two (2) New York clients. Attachment 6.
7. Communicated via electronic mail with prior disciplinary counsel Sarah Katz, providing her with an apology letter. Attachment 7.
8. Updated the New York State Ninth Judicial District, Grievance Committee Background Questionnaire, and provided them with updated documentation regarding the status of Mr. Cobb's reinstatement petition, reciprocal suspensions, and Stipulated Sanction prohibiting him from ever again serving as a judicial officer in the State of Vermont. Attachment 8.

Mr. Cobb respectfully submits that with the foregoing additional activities, at the reinstatement hearing he will prove by clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Cobb: (1) has the moral qualifications, competency and learning required for admission to practice law in the State of Vermont; (2) that the resumption of the practice of law by Mr. Cobb will neither be

detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice nor subversive of the public interest; and (3) that Mr. Cobb has been rehabilitated. Rule 26(D).

WHEREFORE, the Panel is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing and attached information at the November 27, 2023 reinstatement hearing, and after conducting such hearing to find that Mr. Cobb shall be reinstated as a licensed attorney in the State of Vermont.

DATED at Stowe, Vermont on November 15, 2023.

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ATTACHMENTS 1-8

1. Counseling – Kristi Zola, Lyndon, VT.
2. Emails to individuals who provided letters of support re: any changes to letters previously submitted.
3. Emails to and from Shawn Tester, CEO, of NVRH.
4. Emails to and from Pat Forster re: weekend community service.
5. Payment to MK and texts re restitution to MK
6. Letters of support from New York clients (2)
7. Emails to and from Sarah Katz
8. New York update letter.

