

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

No. 119,012

In the Matter of JEFFERY A. MASON,  
*Petitioner.*

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

The court has twice suspended Jeffery A. Mason from the practice of law. On December 23, 2016, the court suspended Mason's license for six months followed by three years' probation. *In re Mason*, 305 Kan. 662, 673, 385 P.3d 523 (2016). On September 28, 2018, the court indefinitely suspended Mason's license. The court further ordered that Mason be subject to a reinstatement hearing before his suspension could be lifted. See *In re Mason*, 308 Kan. 1105, 427 P.3d 40 (2018); see also Supreme Court Rule 232(e) (2022 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 293) (formerly Rule 219) (procedure for reinstatement after suspension).

Now before the court is Mason's petition for reinstatement filed on October 13, 2021. Upon finding sufficient time had passed for reconsideration of the suspension, the court remanded the matter for further investigation by the Disciplinary Administrator and a reinstatement hearing. On July 27, 2022, Mason appeared before the hearing panel for a reinstatement hearing. On September 6, 2022, the court received the hearing panel's Reinstatement Final Hearing Report outlining its findings. The panel summarized its findings and recommendation to the court as follows:

"Based on the evidence presented in this case, the hearing panel concludes that [Mason] presented clear and convincing evidence to support his petition for reinstatement and the factors in Rule 232(e)(4) (2022 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 293) weigh in favor of reinstatement. The hearing panel recommends that the Supreme Court reinstate [Mason]'s license to practice law. The hearing panel further recommends that the Supreme Court place [Mason] on probation for three years, under the terms and conditions included in the revised proposed probation plan filed by the parties on July 29, 2022, adding to the plan

the requirement that [Mason] sign a release allowing [his providers] to discuss the progress of [Mason]'s therapy and medical treatment with [his] probation supervisor[.]"

After careful consideration of the record, the court accepts and adopts the findings and recommendations of the hearing panel.

The court grants Mason's petition for reinstatement, orders Mason's license to practice law in Kansas reinstated, and orders him to serve a term of three years of supervised probation according to the conditions set out in the final hearing report. Mason's probation will continue until this court specifically discharges him. See Supreme Court Rule 227(g), (h) (2022 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 284) (procedure for discharge upon successful completion of probation).

The court further orders Mason to pay all required reinstatement and registration fees to the Office of Judicial Administration (OJA) and to complete all continuing legal education requirements. See Supreme Court Rule 812 (2022 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 618), as amended effective July 1, 2022 (outlining CLE requirements following reinstatement). The court directs that once OJA receives proof of Mason's completion of these conditions, it add Mason's name to the roster of attorneys actively engaged in the practice of law in Kansas.

Finally, the court orders the publication of this order in the official Kansas Reports and the assessment of all costs herein to Mason.

Dated this 24th day of October 2022.

LUCKERT, C.J., not participating.