

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

WAKE COUNTY



BEFORE THE
DISCIPLINARY HEARING COMMISSION
OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA STATE BAR
24 BCR 4

IN RE:
PETITION FOR
REINSTATEMENT OF THE LAW
LICENSE OF
MATTHEW RAGALLER

ORDER DISMISSING PETITION
FOR REINSTATEMENT

This matter was considered by a Hearing Panel of the Disciplinary Hearing Commission consisting of DeWitt F. McCarley, Chair, Jaye P. Meyer, attorney member, and Mark D. Jerrell, public member, upon the motion of the North Carolina State Bar to dismiss the petition for reinstatement after disbarment filed by Matthew Ragaller. Mr. Ragaller appeared pro se. The State Bar was represented by Katherine E. Jean.

26 N.C Admin. Code § 1B .0129, Reinstatement, provides in pertinent part:

(a) After disbarment.

(1) Reinstatement Procedure and Costs - A person who has been disbarred may have his or her license restored upon a verified petition for reinstatement, a hearing before a hearing panel of the commission, and entry of an order of reinstatement by the council as provided herein. The hearing will commence only if security for the costs of such hearing has been deposited by the petitioner with the secretary in an amount not to exceed \$500.00.

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(6) Petition, Service, and Hearing - The petitioner shall file a verified petition for reinstatement with the secretary and shall contemporaneously serve a copy upon the counsel. The petition must identify each requirement for reinstatement and state how the petitioner has met each requirement. The petitioner shall attach supporting documentation establishing satisfaction of each requirement. Upon receipt of the petition, the secretary will transmit the petition to the chairperson of the commission. The chairperson will within 14 days appoint a hearing panel as

provided in Rule .0108(a)(2) of this Subchapter and schedule a time and place for a hearing to take place within 60 to 90 days after the filing of the petition with the secretary. The chairperson will notify the counsel and the petitioner of the composition of the hearing panel and the time and place of the hearing, which will be conducted pursuant to the procedures set out in Rules .0114 to .0118 of this subchapter. The secretary shall transmit to the counsel and to the petitioner any notices in opposition to or concurrence with the petition filed with the secretary pursuant to .0129(a)(3)(A) or (B).

Rule .0129(a)(3) enumerates the sixteen requirements referenced in Rule .0129(a)(6).

After reviewing the petition for reinstatement filed by Mr. Ragaller, the State Bar's motion to dismiss, and the provisions of 27 N.C. Admin. Code 1B §.0129(a), the Hearing Panel makes the following findings of fact:

1. The following is the entire substance of Mr. Ragaller's petition:

PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

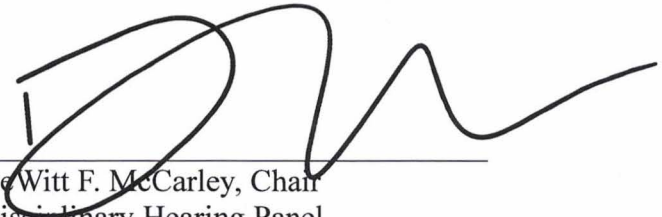
I, Matthew Ragaller, meet the requirements of 27 N.C.A.C. Chapter 1B-Section .0129. I respectfully request that my license to practice law in North Carolina be restored and that I be granted a hearing on the same.

2. A true and accurate copy of the envelope in which Mr. Ragaller delivered the petition to the State Bar was attached to the State Bar's motion to dismiss as Exhibit A. Exhibit A reflects that the petition was addressed to the State Bar Membership Department.
3. Mr. Ragaller did not file the petition with the secretary.
4. Mr. Ragaller did not serve the petition upon the counsel.
5. Mr. Ragaller did not post security for the costs of a hearing.
6. The petition does not identify any of the requirements set forth in Rule .0129(a)(3).
7. The petition does not state how Mr. Ragaller met each requirement set forth in Rule .0129(a)(3).
8. The petition does not attach supporting documentation establishing satisfaction of each requirement of Rule .0129(a)(3).

The Hearing Panel concludes as a matter of law that Mr. Ragaller has not complied with the minimum requirements set forth in Rule .0129 and that the petition should, therefore, be dismissed.

Therefore, the petition of Matthew Ragaller for reinstatement after disbarment is DISMISSED.

Signed by the Chair with the consent of the other Hearing Panel members, this the 7th day of December, 2024.



DeWitt F. McCarley, Chair
Disciplinary Hearing Panel