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LOUISIANA ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN RE: DONALD R. DOBBINS

DOCKET NO.: 24-DB-026

Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board

FILED by: *Kymberly Amato*

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**RULING ON PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT/READMISSION
PURSUANT TO
LOUISIANA SUPREME COURT RULE XIX, §24(H)(1)**

On May 13, 2021, Donald R. Dobbins (“Petitioner”) was suspended from the practice of law for three years, retroactive to the effective date of his suspension imposed in *In re Dobbins*, 19-1346 (La. 1/29/20), 340 So.3d 601. *In re Dobbins*, 2020-1403 (La. 5/13/21), 320 So.3d 1016. Petitioner now seeks to be reinstated to the practice of law. Petitioner filed his petition and application for reinstatement (“petition”) on October 22, 2024. On January 16, 2025, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel (“ODC”) filed a concurrence to the petition.¹ The matter was submitted for review by the Adjudicative Chair, and on January 17, 2025, the Chair signed a ruling approving the petition and recommending that it be granted.

The Board’s record was lodged with the Louisiana Supreme Court on January 31, 2025. By order issued on April 1, 2025, the Court remanded the matter back to the Board for further proceedings.² On April 9, 2025, the Board issued an order requesting, within thirty days, an updated response to the petition from ODC. On May 1, 2025, ODC filed its second concurrence to the petition.

¹ In the Board’s previous ruling signed on January 17, 2025, the date of the filing of ODC’s first concurrence was stated to be December 26, 2024. This date was erroneous, as the correct date is January 16, 2025.

² The Court’s remand order was issued in response to ODC’s “Request to Stay Consideration of Reinstatement Petition, Alternative Request to Remand to the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board,” which was filed with the Court on or about March 5, 2025.

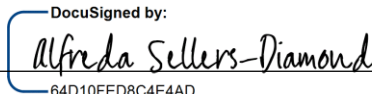
Accordingly, pursuant Rule XIX, §24(H)(1), this matter has been assigned to the Chair of the Adjudicative Committee for review.

Having reviewed the record in this matter, including the petition, along with the documents submitted therewith, and the second concurrence filed by the ODC;

The petition filed by Donald R. Dobbins is hereby **APPROVED** and it is recommended that the petition be **GRANTED**.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana this 8th day of May, 2025.

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