

In the
Indiana Supreme Court



In the Matter of:)
Michael J. SMITH,) Supreme Court Cause No.
Respondent.) 85S00-0804-DI-181

PUBLISHED ORDER CONVERTING SUSPENSION FOR NONCOOPERATION
WITH THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS TO INDEFINITE SUSPENSION

On August 28, 2008, pursuant to Indiana Admission and Discipline Rule 23(10)(f), this Court suspended Respondent from the practice of law in this State for failing to cooperate with the Disciplinary Commission concerning a grievance filed against Respondent. The Disciplinary Commission has now moved to convert Respondent's suspension to an indefinite suspension from the practice of law pursuant to Admission and Discipline Rule 23(10)(f)(4). Respondent has not responded to the Commission's motion to convert the current suspension.

The Court finds that more than six months have passed since Respondent was suspended due to noncooperation with the disciplinary process. Accordingly, the Court concludes that Respondent's suspension should be converted to an indefinite suspension from the practice of law pursuant to Admission and Discipline Rule 23(10)(f)(4).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondent's current suspension from the practice of law for failure to cooperate with the disciplinary process is converted to an indefinite suspension, effective immediately. Respondent is ordered to fulfill the duties of a suspended attorney under Admission and Discipline Rule 23(26). To be readmitted to the practice of law in this State, Respondent must successfully petition this Court for reinstatement pursuant to Admission and Discipline Rule 23(4) and (18).

The Clerk of this Court is directed to forward notice of this order to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, at the address reflected in the Roll of Attorneys; to the Disciplinary Commission; and to all other entities entitled to notice under Admission and Discipline Rule 23(3)(d). The Clerk is further directed to post this order to the Court's website, and Thomson Reuters is directed to publish a copy of this order in the bound volumes of this Court's decisions.

DONE at Indianapolis, Indiana, this 23rd day of April, 2009.

/s/ Randall T. Shepard
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.