

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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## CASE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

May 10, 2007

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### DISCIPLINARY CASES

#### **2005-0398. Disciplinary Counsel v. Watson.**

On December 7, 2005, this court permanently disbarred respondent, Michael Troy Watson. On April 3, 2006, relator, Disciplinary Counsel, filed a motion for an order to appear and show cause, requesting the court to issue an order directing respondent to appear and show cause why he should not be found in contempt for continuing to practice law in violation of the court's December 7, 2005 order. On May 11, 2006, this court granted that motion and ordered respondent to file a written response on or before May 31, 2006. Respondent did not file a response. The court then ordered respondent to appear before the court on August 8, 2006. Respondent appeared as ordered.

On August 21, 2006, the court issued an order remanding this case to the Board of Commissioners on Grievances and Discipline to appoint a master commissioner to hear the matter. On April 19, 2007, the board filed findings of fact with the court. Upon consideration thereof,

The court finds that respondent engaged in the practice of law after he was disbarred on December 7, 2005. The court further finds respondent in contempt of the court's order for engaging in this unauthorized practice of law after he was disbarred. It is ordered by the court that respondent is sentenced to 90 days in jail, with the jail time suspended on the condition that respondent commits no further contempt of the December 7, 2005, order of disbarment.

It is further ordered that respondent is fined \$10,000, with \$9,500 of that fine suspended on condition that respondent commit no further acts constituting the unauthorized practice of law. Respondent is ordered to pay the remaining \$500 of the fine by certified check or money order to the Clerk of this court on or before thirty days from the date of this order. If respondent fails to pay said fine on or

before thirty days from the date of this order, the matter will be referred to the Office of the Attorney General for collection.

**2007-0103. In re Resignation of Groen.**

On affidavit of resignation from the practice of law of Louis Harry Groen, Attorney Registration Number 0013406, and on report filed under seal by Disciplinary Counsel. Resignation accepted.

**2007-0302. In re Resignation of Greer.**

On affidavit of resignation from the practice of law of Gary Richard Greer, Attorney Registration Number 0006395, and on report filed under seal by Disciplinary Counsel. Resignation accepted with disciplinary action pending.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISMISSALS**

**2007-0500. State v. Imburgia.**

Cuyahoga App. No. 87917, 2007-Ohio-390. This cause is pending before the court as a discretionary appeal and claimed appeal of right. Upon consideration of appellant's application for dismissal,

It is ordered by the court that the application for dismissal is granted. Accordingly, this cause is dismissed.

**2007-0569. State v. Romans.**

Medina App. No. 06CA0058-M, 2007-Ohio-1215. This cause is pending before the court as a discretionary appeal and claimed appeal of right. Upon consideration of appellant's motion for stay of the court of appeals' judgment,

It is ordered by the court that the motion is denied.

It appears from the records of the court that the appellant has not filed a memorandum in support of jurisdiction, due May 3, 2007, in compliance with the Rules of Practice of the Supreme Court and therefore has failed to prosecute this cause with the requisite diligence. Upon consideration thereof,

It is ordered by the court that this cause is dismissed sua sponte.

**MISCELLANEOUS ORDERS**

**2007-0353. In re Application of Head.**

Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness, No. 337. This matter is pending before the court upon the filing of a report of the Board of Commissioners on Character and Fitness. On April 19, 2007, the applicant filed a motion to

expedite consideration and a motion to maintain the record under seal. Upon consideration thereof,

It is ordered by the court that the motions are granted. The record in this case, the report of the board, and all documents filed in this case shall be maintained permanently under seal.