

HHD-CV-16-6072340-S : SUPERIOR COURT
OFFICE OF CHIEF : JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF HARTFORD
DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL :
V. :
COREY BRINSON : March 22, 2024

ORDER REMANDING SECOND APPLICATION FOR REINSTATEMENT TO THE WINDHAM COUNTY STANDING COMMITTEE

Before this court is the second application of Corey Brinson (“applicant”) for reinstatement to the bar (“application”). For the reasons set forth below, the application is remanded to the Windham County Standing Committee on Recommendations for Admission to the Bar (“Windham Standing Committee”) for further factual findings and supplementation of its report.

PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

On April 6, 2023, the applicant filed this second application for reinstatement. On April 17, 2023, the application was referred to the Windham Standing Committee. On August 23, 2023, the Windham Standing Committee held a public evidentiary hearing. On October 12, 2023, the Windham Standing Committee issued its written decision unanimously recommending that the second application for reinstatement be granted without conditions.

On October 24, 2023, the Chief Court Administrator, pursuant to Section 2-53(I) of the Practice Book, designated the undersigned judges as the three-judge panel to determine whether the second application should be granted.

This three-judge panel originally set a hearing date for December 4, 2023. On November 29, 2023, applicant’s counsel filed a motion for continuance noting the “petitioner received a grievance last week. The parties are discussing ways to efficiently address the grievance, which may include resolving it before proceeding before the court.” (Doc. 148). On the same day, the court granted the continuance noting the “hearing on the application for reinstatement is continued indefinitely at the request of the parties. Should the parties wish to have the matter heard by the three-judge panel they should file a caseflow request . . . “ (Doc. 148.86).

On January 12, 2024, applicant’s counsel filed a caseflow request indicating the “[g]rievance has concluded” and requesting a hearing before the three-judge panel. The court set the hearing for March 21, 2024.

On March 21, 2024, the three-judge panel began the hearing. In attendance were: (1) Attorney Jeremy Donnelly appearing on behalf of the applicant; (2) the applicant; (3) Attorney Brian Staines, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and (4) Attorney Kerry Patton, Statewide Grievance Committee.

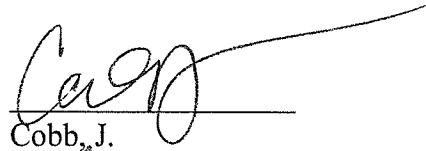
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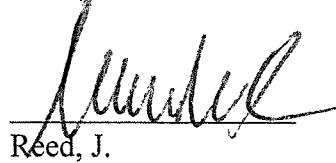
At the beginning of the hearing, the court inquired as to the status of the grievance referenced in the motion for continuance. Attorney Donnelly indicated that the applicant had represented himself in the grievance. The grievance and related documentation were offered by the applicant to the court. The court determined that the grievance was relevant to the reinstatement proceedings and requested the documents concerning the grievance. The applicant provided three copies of the grievance documents. The grievance documents were entered as a full exhibit without objection. *See* Defense Exhibit A.

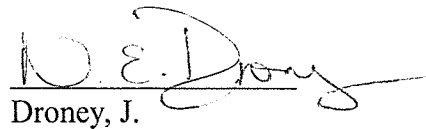
ORDER

This panel concludes that the grievance was filed after this second application for reinstatement was filed and the materials contained in Defense Exhibit A constitute new information relevant to these proceedings and not considered by the Windham Standing Committee. This three-judge panel is not a fact-finding body. *See Statewide Grievance Committee v. Ganim*, 311 Conn. 430, 450-51, 87 A.3d 1078 (2014). Therefore, this panel remands the matter back to the Windham Standing Committee for further fact-finding and supplementation of its written decision with respect to the newly disclosed grievance.

SO ORDERED this 22nd day of March, 2024 at Hartford, Connecticut.


Cobb, J.


Reed, J.


Droney, J.