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You are hereby notified that the Court has entered the following order:

No. 2022AP11-D

Office of Lawyer Regulation v. Steven D. Johnson

On November 2, 2023, this court suspended Attorney Steven D. Johnson's license to practice law in Wisconsin for six months. See Matter of Disciplinary Proc. Against Johnson, 2023 WI 73, ___ Wis. 2d ___, 996 N.W.2d 517. On March 11, 2024, Attorney Johnson filed a petition for reinstatement. On May 24, 2024, the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) filed a response to the petition for reinstatement pursuant to SCR 22.30(4). On May 30, 2024, the OLR filed a stipulation for reinstatement and a memorandum in support of the stipulation under SCR 22.30(5)(a).

Pursuant to SCR 22.30(5)(b), the petition for reinstatement and stipulation have been submitted for the court's consideration without the appointment of a referee. The court may approve the stipulation and reinstate Attorney Johnson's law license; reject the stipulation and refer the petition to a referee for a hearing; or direct the parties to consider modifications to the stipulation. Id. If the court rejects the stipulation, SCR 22.30(5)(d) provides that the stipulation has no evidentiary value and is without prejudice to Attorney Johnson's prosecution of the petition for reinstatement or the OLR director's response to the petition.

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This court rejects the stipulation filed by the parties and directs that the matter proceed before a referee to be appointed by this court. See SCR 22.30(5)(b).

Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the stipulation of the parties filed in this proceeding is rejected; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a referee shall be appointed for this matter and the matter shall proceed pursuant to SCR 22.30(6).

Sheila T. Reiff
Clerk of Supreme Court