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

No. 2018AP1832-D Office of Lawyer Regulation v. James C. Ritland

Attorney James C. Ritland filed an appeal from Referee L. Michael Tobin's November 14, 2023 report recommending that we deny Attorney Ritland's petition for reinstatement of his license to practice law in Wisconsin, following his two-year suspension in 2021. In re Disciplinary Proceedings Against Ritland, 2021 WI 36, 396 Wis. 2d 509, 957 N.W.2d 540. Today this court issued an order denying Attorney Ritland's petition for reinstatement. In re Disciplinary Proceedings Against Ritland, 2024 WI 38.

On July 29, 2024, the Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) filed a Motion to Enforce Disciplinary Order. The motion alleges that during the period of his suspension, Attorney Ritland engaged in activities that constitute the practice of law, contrary to Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 22.26(2) and this court's order suspending Attorney Ritland's Wisconsin law license. On August 8, 2024, Attorney Ritland filed a reply to the motion. He asserts that his activities did not constitute the practice of law and were not prohibited by SCR 22.26(2).

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IT IS ORDERED that the motion is denied. Attorney Ritland disputes the allegations in OLR's motion. There is no basis in the record for this court to make a determination on OLR's allegations. In the event OLR believes that Attorney Ritland violated one or more Supreme Court Rules, OLR's remedy is to commence a new disciplinary proceeding so that a referee may make findings of fact, conclusions of law, and a recommendation on the appropriate sanction, if any.

Samuel A. Christensen
Clerk of Supreme Court