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STATE BAR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
HEARING DEPARTMENT – LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of) Case Nos.: **04-O-14456** (04-O-14909;
) 04-O-15387); 05-O-01313;
RONALD EDWARD FAULK,) 05-O-03005; 06-O-11029 (Cons.)
) **ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S**
Member No. 68325,) **PETITION TO BE RETURNED TO**
) **ACTIVE STATUS (Bus. & Prof. Code,**
A Member of the State Bar.) **§6233)**

On March 10, 2008, Respondent was ordered by this court to be enrolled inactive on August 15, 2008, pursuant to section 6233 of the Business & Professions Code. That order stated that the period of inactive enrollment under section 6233 would continue for a minimum of 30 months and until Respondent provided proof satisfactory to this court of his rehabilitation, present fitness to practice, and learning and ability in the general law, referring to standard 1.4(c)(ii).

On April 1, 2011, Respondent filed a petition to be restored to active practice.¹ Attached to that petition was a declaration from Respondent regarding his rehabilitation, his continued work in law-related matters while he was enrolled inactive, and his current present fitness to

¹ Respondent had previously filed a comparable petition, designating this petition as a "V" case. That matter was assigned to a different judge than the undersigned. When it was determined by that judge, however, that the petition should be heard by the undersigned, this court vacated its previously issued Decision; the "V" case was dismissed without prejudice; and an order was issued by the undersigned, creating a timetable for the filing of the parties' respective pleadings in this matter.

practice law.² Also attached to the petition were (a) declarations from numerous attorneys further corroborating Respondent's declaration regarding those issues; (b) documentary evidence regarding Respondent's recent educational activities; and (c) Respondent's certificate of successful completion of the Lawyer's Assistance Program.

On April 22, 2011, the State Bar filed its response to Respondent's petition. In its response, the State Bar objected to certain procedural aspects of this court's briefing schedule and to Respondent's references to this court's prior Decision (which had been vacated), but otherwise stated that it had no objection to the sufficiency of Respondent's showing that he should be restored to active status. Thereafter, on April 25, 2011, both sides indicated to this court that the matter could be submitted without a hearing.

The State Bar's objection to the expedited briefing schedules established by the court in this matter is denied. To the extent that objection is based on the procedures applicable to an actual "V" case (See Rules 5.400 et seq. of the Rules of Procedure of the State Bar of California), the briefing schedule ordered here complies with those rules. See Rules 5.400, subd. (B) ["Proceedings under these rules will be expedited."] and 5.403, subd. (A) ["Within 45 days after the petition is served, the Office of the Chief Trial Counsel must file and serve a response...."].


Having reviewed Respondent's declaration and the other evidence offered in support of his petition, this court concludes that Respondent has presented more than the requisite proof that he presently meets the standards set out in standard 1.4(c)(ii) and included in this court's prior order issued under section 6233.

² This declaration was a copy of a declaration previously filed with this court. Respondent's request that this court take judicial notice of that original declaration and its attachments is granted. The State Bar's request that the references be stricken to this court prior, and now vacated, Decision is denied. Those references only provided context for certain of Respondent's recent educational activities.

Accordingly, it is ordered that inactive enrollment of Respondent **RONALD FAULK**, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 6233, is hereby terminated and that Respondent is restored to active status as of the date this order is filed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 25, 2011


DONALD F. MILES
Judge of the State Bar Court

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

[Rules Proc. of State Bar; Rule 5.27(B); Code Civ. Proc., § 1013a(4)]

I am a Case Administrator of the State Bar Court of California. I am over the age of eighteen and not a party to the within proceeding. Pursuant to standard court practice, in the City and County of Los Angeles, on April 25, 2011, I deposited a true copy of the following document(s):

ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S PETITION TO BE RETURNED TO ACTIVE STATUS (Bus. & Prof. Code, §6233)

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- by interoffice mail through a facility regularly maintained by the State Bar of California addressed as follows:

CHARLES MURRAY, Enforcement, Los Angeles

I hereby certify that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed in Los Angeles, California, on April 25, 2011.



Tammy Cleaver
Case Administrator
State Bar Court