



BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL A

IN RE: STEPHEN ANTHONY SHOPTAW
ARKANSAS BAR No. 2012145
CPC Docket No. 2017-013

ORDER

On this 12th day of May 2021, Panel A of the Committee on Professional Conduct is presented with information concerning the conditions of probation placed on the license of Arkansas attorney Stephen Anthony Shoptaw. Having reviewed the information, the Panel finds:

1. On April 25, 2019, Stephen Anthony Shoptaw was placed on probation for a period of twenty-four (24) months by this Panel with certain conditions. Among the conditions imposed were:

- a. Mr. Shoptaw was ordered to provide the name of an Arkansas attorney to supervise, monitor, and assist him in compliance with the conditions imposed.
- b. Mr. Shoptaw was ordered to participate in the Arkansas Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, who shall provide the Office of Professional Conduct with monthly reports of his compliance
- c. Mr. Shoptaw was ordered to not violate any federal, state, or local law while on probation and notify his supervising lawyer and the Office of Professional Conduct within seventy-two (72) hours of his arrest or questioning by law enforcement.
- d. Mr. Shoptaw was ordered to abstain from alcohol and controlled substances, not be present where the sale of alcoholic beverages is the establishment's primary source of revenue and to stay away from places where a reasonable person would believe drugs are sold illegally or that other illegal activities are being conducted.

- e. Mr. Shoptaw was ordered to provide the Office of Professional Conduct with a current address and telephone number and notify the Office of Professional Conduct with any change of address or telephone number.
 - f. Mr. Shoptaw was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of Seven Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (\$7,260.73) by paying One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) within two weeks of the April 25, 2019, Order, and the remainder at the rate of Two Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Twenty-One Cents (\$272.21) on or before the twentieth day of each month thereafter until the total amount is paid in full.
 - g. Mr. Shoptaw was ordered to inform all clients employed during the probationary period that he is on probation with the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, that he has a supervising lawyer and providing the name, address, and telephone number of the supervising lawyer.
- 2. Stephen Anthony Shoptaw selected Brian Butler as his supervising attorney. Mr. Butler provided the Office of Professional Conduct with monthly reports demonstrating Mr. Shoptaw's compliance with the April 25, 2019, conditions of probation, including the notice required to be provided to Shoptaw's clients.
 - 3. Stephen Anthony Shoptaw completed his Health Monitoring Contract with the Arkansas Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program.
 - 4. Stephen Anthony Shoptaw completed payment of all restitution ordered on April 25, 2019.

WHEREFORE, having complied and completed all conditions of probation imposed on him by the April 25, 2019, Order of Probation, all conditions of probation imposed upon Stephen Anthony Shoptaw's license to practice law, Arkansas Bar No. 2012145 are hereby removed.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 12th day of May 2021.


Mark L. Martin
Panel A Chair