

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION
FOR REINSTATEMENT OF ATTORNEY
JOHN C. LANGE.

Administrative Order No. 20-AD-028

ORDER

This matter comes before the Court on the January 9, 2020 letter-petition filed by John C. Lange, Esq. (P39302) to reinstate his membership in the bar of this District pursuant to W.D.Mich. LGenR. 2.3(b)(v) (the "Petition"). Chief Judge Robert J. Jonker assigned this matter to the undersigned three-judge panel (the "Panel") for hearing and decision. *See* Administrative Order No. 20-AD-017.

At the Panel's request, Attorney Lange supplemented his Petition with voluminous and responsive material, including transcripts, other documents, and orders from several tribunals. After reviewing the original and supplemental materials, the Panel convened a hearing, by telephone,¹ at which Attorney Lange and his sponsor, Kurt A. Steinke, Esq., participated. After administering the oath, the Panel inquired into the circumstances leading to Attorney Lange's 2014 suspension from practicing law in this State. Mr. Lange responded candidly, taking full responsibility for his actions, offering an explanation, and describing his substantial and continuing

¹ The Panel conducted the hearing by telephone, rather than in person, to address concerns related to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

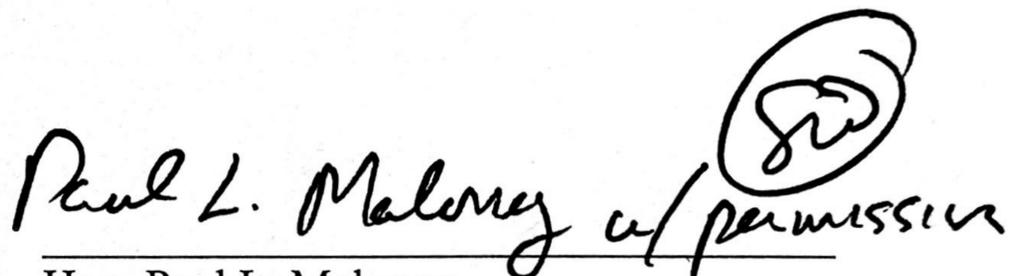
efforts to prevent relapse. He also offered his professional reasons for seeking reinstatement at this time, after a membership hiatus of several years.

The Panel finds his testimony credible and persuasive, and corroborated by the documents submitted in support of the Petition. After due deliberation, the Panel finds that Attorney Lange meets the requirements for eligibility for reinstatement to the bar of this Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Petition is GRANTED without condition.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 31, 2020



Hon. Paul L. Maloney
U.S. District Judge

Dated: March 31, 2020



Hon. Sally J. Berens
U.S. Magistrate Judge

Dated: March 31, 2020



Hon. Scott W. Dales
Chief U.S. Bankruptcy Judge