

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN

IN RE: SUSPENSION OF ATTORNEYS
SOLELY FOR NON-PAYMENT OF
STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN DUES

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

NO. 21-AD-008

On February 18, 2021, the State Bar of Michigan published notice of a large number of attorneys suspended from practice solely for non-payment of dues. Attorneys who cure their dues delinquency (including payment of a separate reinstatement fee) will be automatically reinstated by the State Bar to good standing. Under Local General Rule 2.3(b)(ii), our Court imposes reciprocal discipline “[u]nless otherwise ordered by the Court.”

A suspension solely for non-payment of State Bar dues does not amount to professional misconduct, or otherwise suggest an inability to meet the standard of practice established for persons admitted to practice before this Court. Accordingly, in my capacity as Chief Judge of the District, and after consultation with and the unanimous consent of the other Judicial Officers of the District, I determine under Local General Rule 2.3(b)(ii) that reciprocal suspension from the Bar of this Court for any of the attorneys suspended by the State Bar of Michigan on February 18, 2021, solely for non-payment of their State Bar dues is not warranted and will not be imposed by this Court. Nothing in this Order limits the power of an authorized Judicial Officer, or panel of Judges, from imposing appropriate discipline on an attorney who fails, without good cause, to cure a dues delinquency to the State Bar of Michigan.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

FOR THE COURT:



Dated: February 19, 2021

ROBERT J. JONKER
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE