

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

In the Matter of:

JOHN GEORGE STECKEL,

Attorney-Movant,

No. 6271462.

Supreme Court No. M.R.

Commission No. 2021PR00038

MOTION PURSUANT TO SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a)

Movant, John George Steckel, respectfully represent to the Court that:

1. On May 4, 2000, Movant was licensed by this Court to practice law in Illinois.
2. Movant desires to have his name stricken from the Master Roll of Attorneys pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a), effective immediately.
3. Filed contemporaneously with this motion is a statement of charges prepared by the Administrator and Movant's affidavit in support of this motion.

WHEREFORE, Movant respectfully requests that the Court enter an order striking his name from the Master Roll of Attorneys.

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AFFIDAVIT

John George Steckel, being first duly sworn, on oath states:

1. Affiant has filed with this Court a motion to strike his name from the Master Roll of Attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois, pursuant to Rule 762(a).
2. Affiant has received and reviewed a copy of the Administrator's statement of charges which are pending against him. If the matter proceeded to a hearing, the judgment of convictions would be offered into evidence and would constitute conclusive evidence of his guilt of the crimes for which he was convicted, for purposes of this disciplinary proceeding.
3. Affiant's motion is freely and voluntarily made.
4. Affiant understands the nature and consequences of the motion.

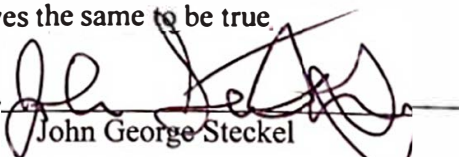
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CERTIFICATION

Under penalties as provide by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

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STATEMENT OF CHARGES

Jerome Larkin, Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, by his attorney, Peter L. Rotskoff, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a), states that on the date John George Steckel (hereinafter “Movant”) filed a motion requesting that his name be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys licensed to practice in Illinois, the Administrator was investigating the conduct that formed the basis for Movant’s pleas of guilty and convictions for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, and delivery of methamphetamine, both in Rock Island County. Had Movant’s conduct been the subject of a hearing, the Administrator would have introduced the evidence described below, and that evidence would have clearly and convincingly established the following conclusions of misconduct:

I. FACTUAL BASIS

Movant’s admissions and records from the Circuit Court of Rock Island County, including the judgments of conviction, would have established the following facts:

1. On February 3, 2017, Movant was charged in a two-count information with conspiracy to deliver a controlled substance (Adderall, a prescription stimulant) (Count I) and possession of a controlled substance (Count II) in the Circuit Court of Rock Island County. The case was docketed as *People v. John G. Steckel*, and assigned number 2017CF120.

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2. The charges resulted from Movant's agreement to represent a client in exchange for Adderall as payment. Movant was also charged with possession of less than 15 grams of Adderall.

3. On May 10, 2019, the prosecution in case 2017CF120 amended the charge in Count I to possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver, a Class 2 felony, and dismissed Count II of the information. Movant then plead guilty to the amended charge in Count I.

4. On November 19, 2019 a grand jury in Rock Island County, returned a two-count indictment against Movant, charging him with delivery of methamphetamine (Count I) and unlawful use of a property (allowing methamphetamine to be delivered in the property) (Count II). The case was docketed as *People v John G. Steckel*, and assigned number 2019CF1017.

5. The 2019 charges were based on a delivery of less than five grams of a substance containing methamphetamine to an undercover police officer, and allowing another person to deliver methamphetamine in a house within Movant's control.

6. On February 8, 2021, Movant plead guilty to delivery of methamphetamine, a Class 2 felony, as set forth in Count I of the indictment. Count II of the indictment was dismissed.

7. On April 6, 2021, the court sentenced Movant in both cases, 2017CF120 and 2019CF1017. In case 2017CF120, the court sentenced Movant to 30 months probation and 180 days in the Rock Island County Jail with 180 days credit for time served. In case 2019CF1017, the court sentenced Movant to an additional 30 months probation, to run consecutively to the probation imposed in case 2017CF120, with conditions including an alcohol and substance abuse evaluation.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF MISCONDUCT

8. As a result of the conduct described above, Movant has engaged in the following misconduct:

- a. committing criminal acts that reflect adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects by engaging in and pleading guilty to the criminal offenses described in paragraphs 3 and 6 above, in violation of Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

Respectfully submitted,

Jerome Larkin, Administrator
Illinois Attorney Registration and
Disciplinary Commission

/s/ Peter L. Rotskoff
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NOTICE OF FILING

TO: John George Steckel (jsteckel@yahoo.com)
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 2, 2021, electronic copies of John George Steckel's MOTION PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT RULE 762(a) and AFFIDAVIT, together with the ADMINISTRATOR'S STATEMENT OF CHARGES were submitted to the Clerk of the Supreme Court for filing. On that same date, a copy was served on Attorney-Movant, via email at jsteckel@yahoo.com , at or before 5:00 p.m.

Jerome Larkin, Administrator
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/s/Peter L. Rotskoff
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PROOF OF SERVICE

The undersigned, an attorney, hereby certifies, pursuant to Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, 735-ILCS-5/109, that the Administrator served copies of the this Notice of Filing and the attached Motion and Affidavit, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a), the Administrator's Statement of Charges, to the individual on the foregoing Notice of Filing, sent via email at jsteckel@yahoo.com on June 2, 2021 at or before 5:00 p.m.

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure, the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

/s/ Peter L. Rotskoff
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