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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF
JONATHAN H. GENEUS

Disciplinary Action No. 23-DP-12

ORDER GRANTING RELIEF FROM THE RULE OF GOOD STANDING

Before the Disciplinary Panel is the “Application for Relief from the Rule of Good Standing, Pursuant to D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(d)(1)” filed by Petitioner Jonathan H. Geneus. On November 15, 2023, Mr. Geneus petitioned the Court for relief from the Rule of Good Standing so that he might seek admission to the bar of this Court. Under D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(a), an applicant for admission to the bar must be “in good standing in all courts and jurisdictions where the applicant has been admitted.” Under D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(c), good standing is defined as “not suspended or disbarred by any court for any reason.” The State Bar of Montana listed Mr. Geneus’s bar status as “Suspended” for nonpayment of fees. Therefore, pursuant to D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(a) and 3(c), Mr. Geneus is ineligible for membership in the bar of this Court.

A recent change to D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(d)(1) allows an attorney applying to become a member of this Court’s bar to seek relief from the Rule of Good Standing. Before this amendment, only a member of the bar of this Court could seek such relief.

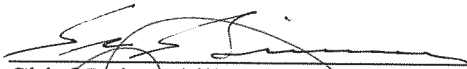
After filing his petition, Mr. Geneus contacted the State Bar of Montana and successfully moved to have his bar status changed from “Suspended” to “Resigned.” Whether he purged his suspension by paying past fees or was simply permitted to change his bar status without payment is unknown.

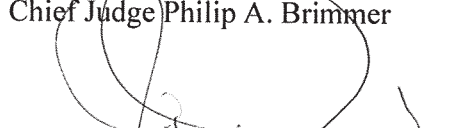
The Committee on Conduct unanimously recommends that the Disciplinary Panel grant Mr. Geneus's Petition for Relief from the Rule of Good Standing and allow him to become a member of the bar of this Court. The Disciplinary Panel concurs with the Committee's recommendation.

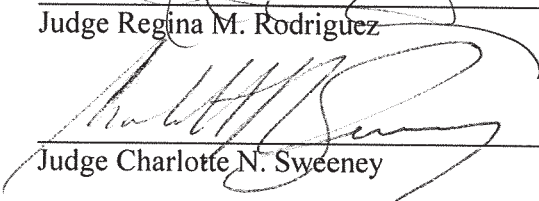
Wherefore, it is ORDERED that JONATHAN H. GENEUS is granted relief from the Rule of Good Standing under D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(d)(1) and may apply to the bar of the Court and become a member of this Court's bar if he meets all other requirements for admission under D.C.COLO.LAttyR 3(a).

Dated at Denver, Colorado this 17th day of January, 2024.

BY THE DISCIPLINARY PANEL OF THE COURT:



Chief Judge Philip A. Brimmer

Judge Regina M. Rodriguez

Judge Charlotte N. Sweeney