

Supreme Court of Louisiana

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FROM: CLERK OF SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

The Opinions handed down on the 14th day of December, 2017, are as follows:

PER CURIAM:

2017-BA-0065

IN RE: COMMITTEE ON BAR ADMISSIONS CFN 852981

Considering the commissioner's recommendation and the entire record of this proceeding, we conclude petitioner is eligible to be admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana.

ADMISSION GRANTED.

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BAR ADMISSIONS PROCEEDING

PER CURIAM

Petitioner successfully passed the Louisiana Bar Examination. However, the Committee on Bar Admissions (“Committee”) advised petitioner that it was unable to certify him for admission to the bar on character and fitness grounds. Specifically, the Committee cited petitioner’s record of criminal offenses, as well as his failure to fully disclose his criminal history when he applied to law school.

Petitioner then applied to this court for admission to the practice of law. We remanded the matter to the Committee on Bar Admissions Panel on Character and Fitness to conduct an investigation and appointed a commissioner to take character and fitness evidence.

Following the proceedings, the commissioner filed his report with this court, recommending petitioner be admitted to the practice of law. The commissioner noted that petitioner’s criminal offenses were committed from 2005 to 2008, when he was a teenager. No similar occurrences appear in his history since that time. Further, regarding petitioner’s failure to disclose his criminal history on his law school application in response to a question seeking disclosure of offenses resolved through deferred adjudication, the commissioner found that petitioner’s explanation for the omission was credible, resulting from his lack of understanding of the law governing dismissal of his charges.

The Committee filed an objection to the commissioner's recommendation, and oral argument was conducted before this court pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XVII, § 9(D)(11).

Considering the commissioner's recommendation and the entire record of this proceeding, we conclude petitioner is eligible to be admitted to the practice of law in Louisiana.

ADMISSION GRANTED.