

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

NO. 14-OB-0195

IN RE: SCOTT M. HAWKINS

ON APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE BAR

Clark, J., dissenting.

I would deny reinstatement.

Petitioner was charged with two felony crimes against persons, simple rape and second degree battery. Petitioner pled guilty to an amended charge of simple battery, a misdemeanor, in the battery case. Petitioner then pled guilty to an amended charge of second degree battery, a felony, in the rape case, acknowledging that he “did commit a battery by sexual conduct upon [his victim, an employee of his firm].”

A license to practice law in Louisiana is a privilege, not a right, and petitioner has shown by his abhorrent conduct that he is not entitled to that privilege. Further, the Court is reinstating to the Bar a person who has admitted to committing two crimes of violence, one of a sexual nature, conduct we likely would not accept in a new applicant for admission.

By reinstating petitioner to the Louisiana Bar, the Court is lowering the standards demanded of members of the Bar.