

Bar Reinstatement

Reinstatement Proceedings

In the District of Columbia a disbarred attorney or an attorney subject to a suspension order requiring proof of rehabilitation may not resume the practice of law until reinstated by an order of the D.C. Court of Appeals. A disbarred attorney is not eligible for reinstatement for at least five years from the effective date of the disbarment and a suspended attorney is not eligible for reinstatement until after expiration of the period of suspension set forth in the court's order. If a reinstatement petition is denied, the attorney cannot submit a further petition for at least one year following the denial. Unlike initial admissions to the DC Bar, which are administered by the court along with the Committee on Admissions, admission by way of reinstatement is administered under the aegis of the disciplinary system. **How we can help**

Tully Rinckey PLLC can help suspended and disbarred lawyers establish to the court's satisfaction that they have:

Fully complied with the terms of the disciplinary order

Possess the requisite character and fitness to resume the practice of law

Tully Rinckey PLLC's Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics practice group can assist applicants in the reinstatement process by compiling the necessary information and documentation that will establish that the disciplined attorney has complied with the terms of the disciplinary order. This would include proof that the applicant:

Did not practice law during the period of suspension or disbarment

Clients, opposing parties, and courts were notified of the disciplinary action

Any underlying issues that gave rise to the discipline have been addressed, including:

Restitution

Successful treatment for drug, alcohol, and mental health problems

Safeguards have been put into place to insure that similar problems will not occur in the future

Tully Rinckey PLLC's Professional Responsibility and Legal Ethics practice group stands ready to assist attorneys who have been suspended or disbarred and are seeking reinstatement in the District of Columbia. Call today to schedule a consultation with one of our legal ethics and discipline attorneys at 202-787-1900 or e-mail info@1888law4life.com

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If you have an urgent legal matter after normal business hours, call 518-727-3593 to speak to an attorney 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The firm is responsive to the needs of current and prospective clients. We will respond to phone calls within normal business hours and e-mails within the next business day.