

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING FORM DB-36-A
(SPECIAL REINSTATEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE)**

1. This Form is intended for use by attorneys petitioning for reinstatement from inactive status. Disbarred, Suspended, or attorneys inactive due to Disability **must** use Form DB-36 (Reinstatement Questionnaire).
2. You must attach a Certificate of Good Standing (or certification of current status, if not active) and a letter of ethical conduct (disciplinary history) for every jurisdiction where you are currently admitted to practice outside of PA. See Question 4.
3. You must attach a letter from the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security indicating that no restitution is owed to the Fund. You may request this letter by either calling 1-800-962-4618 or faxing your request to (717) 691-9005. See Question 7.
4. You must attach at least three (3) letters of reference relating to your moral qualifications, competency and/or learning in the law. See Question 11.
5. If you have any unsatisfied judgments against you, you are required to attach a copy of each judgment. See Question 13.
6. You must attach proof of attendance for **all** courses listed in response to Question 15(d). You may obtain a copy of your PA Attorney Credit's Report by either calling the PA Continuing Legal Education Board at 1-800-497-2253 or faxing your request to (717) 795-2120.
7. Attorneys seeking reinstatement must complete 36 hours of accredited PA CLE courses, 12 of which must be in the area of Ethics, within one year preceding the filing of the petition for reinstatement. If you have not yet completed all of the courses listed in response to Question 15(d), you must attach proof of registration for those courses. Note: The hearing on your petition cannot be held until **all** courses are completed.
8. If you have taken courses in another jurisdiction, those course credits may be eligible for credit in PA. You may want to contact the PA CLE Board to learn what steps must be taken to have those courses added to your record or visit their Website at www.pacle.org.
9. If you are required to take mandatory continuing legal education in any other jurisdiction, you must attach proof of compliance with that jurisdiction's CLE requirements. See Question 15(f).
10. You are required to file four (4) notarized original Waiver of Confidentiality forms, four (4) signed copies of the Special Reinstatement Questionnaire and one (1) original Petition for reinstatement from inactive status.
11. There is no filing fee for reinstatement. However, the Board will recommend to the Supreme Court that the costs incurred in processing the Petition for reinstatement be paid by the petitioner at the end of the proceeding. These costs average between \$150 - \$275.
12. After the Petition for reinstatement is filed, it will be referred to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and that Office has 60 days to file a response and will serve a copy on you. Upon receipt of the response, the Office of the Secretary shall refer the Petition and Response to a Hearing Committee Member and schedule the matter for hearing.

THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
First Floor, Two Lemoyne Drive, Lemoyne, Pennsylvania 17043
(717) 731-7073

In Re: PETITION OF :
: FOR REINSTATEMENT
: FROM INACTIVE TO ACTIVE STATUS
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SPECIAL REINSTATEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE
ANSWERS MUST BE TYPEWRITTEN
(To be filed in quadruplicate)

Petitioner must answer all Questionnaire items fully and precisely. Use "none" or "not applicable" where no information is necessary to answer a Questionnaire item. Petitioner must submit four copies of this Questionnaire. All copies must be subscribed and sworn to by the Petitioner and filed with the Disciplinary Board. Use additional sheets as necessary to provide complete answers.

1. (a)	Full name:	
(b)	PA Attorney I.D. No.:	
(c)	Current home address:	
	Telephone No.:	Fax No.
(d)	Current business address:	
	Telephone No.:	Fax No.
(e)	Date and place of birth:	

(f) Have you ever used another name? Yes No

Has your name ever been legally changed by court order or marriage?

Yes No

If "Yes" to either of the above, complete the following:

Name	Name Change	Reason	When

If current name is different than Attorney Registration records indicate, attach a copy of the order, certificate or decree by which the name change was made.

2. State all schools (above high school) you have attended, the dates of attendance, the degrees received or to be received, and the dates conferred.

School/College	Address	From (Mo.&Yr.)	To (Mo.&Yr.)	Degree	Date

Law School	Address	From (Mo.&Yr.)	To (Mo.&Yr.)	Degree	Date

3. (a) Date and place of initial admission to the Bar of Pennsylvania:
- (b) When did you go on "Inactive" status? (Give other dates if different periods of inactive status were involved since admission.)
- (c) Reason for going on inactive status:

4. Other Admission information: (Give dates, places, and current status of any other jurisdictions before whom you are [or were] admitted to practice, including any federal courts or administrative agencies, other than Pennsylvania.)

Date of Admission	Place of Admission	Jurisdiction Admitted	Current Status

Attach a Certificate of Good Standing (or certification of current status if not active) and a Letter of Ethical Conduct (disciplinary history) from each jurisdiction listed above

5. Detail where, how long and under what circumstances you had been employed, prior to your inactive status (listing all employers, full-time, part-time and temporary, whether with or without compensation) by a lawyer or law firm, were self-employed or employed by any agency or business entity; the nature of employment; position held and the reason for termination of each position. If you were in partnership with another lawyer or with a law firm, list the name of the firm, the names of other partners and dates of association.

Name of Employer	Number & Street	From (Mo.&Yr.)	Compensation Yes/No
Name of Immediate Supervisor	City & State & Zip Code	To Position (Mo.&Yr.)	Reason for Held Termination

6. (a) Have you ever been disbarred, suspended from practice, reprimanded, censured, or otherwise disciplined or disqualified (including the revocation of a pro hac vice admission, or a disability or administrative suspension) by a licensing agency, court or professional organization for conduct as an attorney? Give date discipline imposed, jurisdiction, nature of disciplinary action taken and name/address of person or body with possession of the record. For suspension or disbarment give length of suspension and citation of case if reported.

Yes No

If Yes, attach copies of all reports or decisions relating to such discipline or disqualification, including the order of discipline or disqualification.

- (b) If conversion, withholding, or neglect to pay money on demand of clients was involved in any discipline, provide the names and addresses of persons injured, amounts withheld and the uses of the money:

- (c) If any information is submitted in answer to item 6(b) above, to what extent, if any, has restitution been made? (Give particulars including dates and amounts of restitution made; also did a surety make payment of any part of it?)

7. Has the Pennsylvania Lawyers Fund for Client Security made any disbursements to your former clients?

Yes No

Attach copy of a letter from the PA Lawyers Fund indicating that either full restitution has been made to the Fund or that no restitution is owed to the Fund. You may request this letter by either calling 1-800 962-4618 or faxing your request to (717) 691-9005.

8. (a) Are you currently the subject of any investigation by any law enforcement agency? If so, give details including name of agency, nature of investigation and court involved.

Yes No

(b) Are you currently the subject of any disciplinary complaint filed with any disciplinary agency? If so, give name of complainant and nature of allegations.

Yes No

9. Have any legal services been performed for clients with or without fee during the period of inactive status? If so, give particulars.

Yes No

10. Have you ever been investigated, arrested or prosecuted for any crime(s)? If yes, provide the following information:

Yes No

Name and location of the tribunal:

Date, case number and citation or other reference:

Nature of the crime and Disposition:

Location of the record relating to the proceeding:

11. References offered as to character, conduct or reputation during the period of my inactive status: (Give at least three.)

Name	Address	Telephone Number	Relationship To Applicant

Attach letters from all references listed above relating to your moral qualifications, competency and learning in the law.

12. (a) Employment during the period of inactive status:

Name & Address of Employer, Partner, Associate or Supervising Attorney	Position Held	From (Mo. & Yr.) To (Mo. & Yr.)

12. (b) If any of the employment listed above involved law-related activity, did you and your supervising attorney file a notice of employment with the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(5)?

Yes No

If Yes, attach proof of compliance.

(c) If such law-related activity has terminated, did you and your supervising attorney file a notice with the Disciplinary Board pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 217(j)(5)?

Yes No

If Yes, attach proof of compliance.

If No, to either "12(b) or (c)" above, explain.

13. (a) Are there any unsatisfied judgments against you? Yes No

(b) Do you have any debts which are 90 days past due? Yes No

If the answer is Yes to (a) or (b), provide the names and addresses of creditors, amounts due, dates and nature of debts or judgments, and the reason for nonpayment. **Attach a copy of each judgment entered against you.**

14. Since your admission to the Pennsylvania Bar, have you timely filed state and federal tax returns for each and every year?

Yes No

If No, provide the year, taxing authority, and the current status of the delinquency for each year in which you did not timely file a tax return.

15. Action taken to maintain currency, competency and learning in the law:

(a) What legal periodicals, official reporters, or advance sheets, if any, have you subscribed to or read during the period of your inactive status? Give details.

(b) As to the purchase of any law books during the period of your inactive status, provide the following information:

Title	Publisher	Date of Purchase

(c) What legal research, if any, have you performed during the period of your inactive status? If such research has been performed, provide details in the space below.

Person for Whom Research Performed	Topic	Date on Which Completed	Amount Paid

15. (d) List specifically the courses and lectures meeting the requirements of the current schedule of Continuing Legal Education courses published by the Disciplinary Board, **which you have taken within the one year preceding the filing of your special reinstatement questionnaire** (or in which you currently are enrolled and which you will complete prior to the hearing on your reinstatement petition) which will satisfy the requirements of Disciplinary Board Rule §89.279(a).¹

Course Title	Location	Date	No. of Credit Hours	Ethics *
Total Credit Hours:				

*[X] the Ethics Column to indicate courses taken to meet the minimum **12** hours in the area of Ethics required in the Current Schedule.

Attach proof of attendance for all courses listed above.

¹ The Note to §89.275(a)(15) provides that for purposes of allowing the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to begin its investigation of the petition for reinstatement, the Office of the Secretary will accept a preliminary questionnaire that lists courses or lectures that the inactive attorney is registered to take in the future if proof of that registration, such as receipted bills or canceled checks, is attached to the questionnaire. The questionnaire, however, will not be considered completed and properly filed for purposes of commencing the running of the time periods in §89.273 until the inactive attorney has actually attended those courses or lectures.

15. (e) If waiver of the requirements of subsection (a) of Section 89.279 is requested, attach Motion for Waiver setting forth the reasons on which the Motion is based. If you have complied with the continuing legal education requirements of another jurisdiction, a transcript or other official record of your compliance should be attached to the Motion for Waiver. If you have practiced law in another jurisdiction while on inactive status in Pennsylvania, a description of that practice, including a description of the areas of law in which you practiced, a description of law studies or continuing legal education courses in which you have participated and a description of the amount of time that you dedicated to such law practice should be included in the Motion for Waiver. The Chair of the Board will rule on the Motion prior to referring the matter to a hearing committee.

Motion Attached.

- (f) What other continuing legal education courses including law school courses, if any, have you attended during the period of your inactive status? Give details in space provided below, including course title, location of course, date and number of credits received.

If you are required to take mandatory continuing legal education in any other jurisdiction in which you are admitted to practice, attach proof of compliance with that jurisdiction's requirements.

16. Since your admission to the Pennsylvania Bar, list every application (whether pursued or subsequently withdrawn) for admission you submitted to any bar, attorney licensing agency, or court, including pro hac vice applications and applications for reinstatement. For each application, provide the following information:

Date of Application	Name & Address of Court or Licensing Authority	Disposition of Application & Reasons	Date of Disposition or Admission

17. If reinstated to “active” status, do you intend to practice law? If so, in what location (give city, county and courts) and with whom (if any associates or partners)? What area(s) of specialization or concentration of practice is contemplated? If you don’t intend to actively practice law, what will be the nature of your employment? With whom, where and nature?

18. State concisely any other additional facts or matters you desire to have considered relating to your current inactive status (other than those appearing on record). Include any information having a bearing upon your character or fitness for readmission to the bar.
19. State concisely those fact upon which you rely to justify your reinstatement to the Bar of this Commonwealth, relating such facts to the requirements of Rule 218(c) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement:

I certify that the foregoing answers are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. Further, I acknowledge that I am aware that said answers will become a part of the record of my reinstatement proceeding and false statements made herein are subject to the criminal penalties of 18 Pa. C.S. §4904(b).

Date

Signature of Petitioner