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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2005-17

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

IN RE:)	
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OHIO STATE SUPREME COURT)	ORDER NO. 2005-17
SUSPENSION OF ATTORNEYS)	
FOR FAILURE TO PAY)	
REGISTRATION FEES)	

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio has become aware, through newspaper articles, that the Ohio State Supreme Court has suspended about 2,500 attorneys for failure to pay registration fees, and removed over 11,000 other attorneys from its active roles because they are thought to be dead or no longer practicing in the state. Some of those attorneys may be admitted to practice before this Court pursuant to Local Rule 83.5 and Local Criminal Rule 57.5 which require that attorneys be admitted to practice in the highest Court in their state in order to practice in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

In order to avoid inconvenience to this Court, and to minimize the risk that someone who remains eligible to continue practicing before this Court may be misidentified as no longer being eligible, this Court will suspend taking action against those attorneys who may "technically" be ineligible to practice in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio until the Court receives official notification from the Ohio Supreme Court and this Court has the opportunity to review this matter.

In conclusion, until further notice is provided by this Court, those attorneys admitted to practice before this Court who are subject to the Ohio Supreme Court suspension for failure to pay registration fees will remain in active status with the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio. Those attorneys are strongly encouraged to take whatever steps are necessary to be restored to active status before

the Ohio Supreme Court as quickly as possible and to provide this Court with proof that they have been restored to active status so that this Court can avoid suspending them from practice in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio.

This Order shall remain in effect until February 5, 2006, at which time it will be reviewed at the regular bi-monthly Judges' Meeting scheduled for that date.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

For the Court

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James G. Carr", written over a horizontal line.

James G. Carr
Chief Judge
United States District Court