Applying for reinstatement from Disbarment, or Suspension of more than 5 years; apply pursuant to Rule 64 AND Rule 65 Ariz. R. Sup. Ct.

Also note that if you have been out for longer than five years for suspension, disbarment, or disability inactive status, the additional requirements of Rule 64(c) apply.

In addition to payment of outstanding discipline fees and/or Client Protection Fund (CPF) fees, if any, there is a non-refundable $100.00 application fee and a $1,000.00 investigation fee that must be paid prior to filing an application. Any expenses incurred during the investigation will be deducted from the investigative fee. If the costs exceed $1,000.00, the balance will be due prior to reinstatement. If the costs are less than $1,000.00, any unused amount will be refunded.

There is not a mandated form or template to apply under Rule 65. Most applicants apply in pleading form. Reinstatement under this rule takes approximately 6-7 months and requires a hearing in Phoenix. The Reinstatement Checklist may assist you in gathering your records. Note that you will need three Affidavits. The Affidavit for payment of the application and investigative fees and the Affidavit for any discipline fees owed will be obtained from the Records Department, lawyerinfo@staff.azbar.org. The CPF Affidavit will be obtained from Karen Oshmann, karen.oschmann@staff.azbar.org.

All payments are made payable to the State Bar of Arizona, and sent to the State Bar of Arizona, Attn. Lawyer Regulation PO Box 53099, Phoenix, Arizona, 85072-3099.

Rule 65 applications are filed with the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, 1501 W. Washington, Suite 102, Phoenix, AZ 85007; and a copy of the application needs to be sent to the State Bar, Lawyer Regulation Department, 4201 N. 24th St., Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85016.

Disbarred members shall remain disbarred until an order is entered by the court reinstating the member to the active practice of law.

For additional information you may contact the Records Department by email at lawyerinfo@staff.azbar.org or call 602-340-7384.