

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

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At a Regular Term of the Supreme Court of Appeals, continued Transmittal Date 04/20/23, Kanawha County, on April 20, 2023, the following order was made and entered:

Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel,  
Petitioner

vs.) No. 23-187

Keith L. Wheaton, a member of the  
West Virginia State Bar,  
Respondent

**RULE TO SHOW CAUSE**

On April 3, 2023, the petitioner Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, by Rachael L. Fletcher Cipoletti, Chief Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel, filed a petition for a rule to show cause to be directed against the respondent Keith L. Wheaton, to show cause as to why he should not be held in contempt and why the respondent should not be suspended immediately and indefinitely until he has demonstrated full compliance with this Court's orders.

Upon consideration, the Court is of the opinion that a rule to show cause in contempt should be awarded. It is ORDERED that a rule does issue directed against the respondent Keith L. Wheaton, returnable before this Court at its courtroom in the City of Charleston, County of Kanawha, on Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 2:00 o'clock p.m., commanding and directing him to show cause, if any he can, why he should not be held in contempt of this Court, and suspended from the practice of law in the State of West Virginia, unless sooner mooted. The rule to show cause for contempt may be mooted only by the respondent's *full compliance* with the auditing requirements set forth and required by the Court's June 14, 2021, mandate finalizing the Court's decision in *In re Petition for Reinstatement of Keith L. Wheaton*, 858 S.E.2d 662 (W.Va. 2021).

Service of an attested copy of this order constitutes sufficient notice of the contents.

A True Copy

Attest: /s/ Edythe Nash Gaiser  
Clerk of Court

