

**Arizona Supreme Court
State Bar Reinstatement**

SB-26-0021-R

In the Matter of WILLIAM J. RITCHEY

Appellate Case Information

Case Filed: 6-Mar-2026
Case Closed: 5-May-2026

Dept/Composition

**Side 1. In the Matter of WILLIAM J. RITCHEY, Applicant
(Litigant Group) In the Matter of WILLIAM J. RITCHEY**

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CASE STATUS

May 5, 2026.....Case Closed

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PREDECESSOR CASE(S)	Cause/Charge/Class	Judgment/Sentence	Judge, Role <Comments>	Trial	Dispo
PDJ PDJ20259067			Lisa Ann Vandenberg, Hearing		

5 PROCEEDING ENTRIES

- 6-Mar-2026 FILED: Record - PDJ (Application for Reinstatement)

 (Applicant owes balance of \$451.76)
 (Applicant has zero balance 04/06/2026)
- 25-Mar-2026 FILED: Cost Statement; Certificate of Service; State Bar Statement of Costs and Expenses (State Bar of Arizona)
- 2-Apr-2026 On October 3, 2025, Applicant William J. Ritchey filed "Application for Reinstatement" with the Presiding Disciplinary Judge's Office. On March 6, 2026, the "Report and Recommendation" of the Hearing Panel and the record in this matter was filed in this Court. The record reflects that on March 25, 2026, the State Bar filed "State Bar Statement of Costs and Expenses" indicating that Applicant William J. Ritchey still owes costs in the amount of \$451.76 related to its investigation. Under Rule 65(a)(3)(A) of the Arizona Rules of the Supreme Court, "If the lawyer's payment is less than the actual cost of investigation and subsequent proceedings, the lawyer shall be required to satisfy such deficiency before the application is reviewed by the court." Accordingly,

 IT IS ORDERED that Applicant pay the balance of the costs and expenses incurred by the State Bar in its investigation by no later than 30 days after the date of this order.

 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Applicant fails to pay the costs and expenses balance as ordered, the matter will not be considered by the Court and the Clerk of Court will enter an order dismissing the Application for Reinstatement. (Hon. William G. Montgomery)
- 6-Apr-2026 FILED: Notice of Payment; Certificate of Service; Exhibit A to Notice (State Bar of Arizona)
- 5-May-2026 The Court en banc has considered the Application for Reinstatement filed by Willam Ritchey and the hearing panel's March 6, 2026 Report and Recommendation. Upon consideration,

 IT IS ORDERED WILLIAM J. RITCHEY is reinstated as an active member of the State Bar of Arizona as of the date of this order, subject to the two-year term of probation on the terms recommended by the Hearing Panel in its Report and Recommendation. (Hon. Ann A. Scott Timmer)