

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

FRANK J. LAWRENCE, JR.,)	
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Plaintiff,)	Case No. 1:09-cv-95
)	
v.)	Honorable Paul L. Maloney
)	
LINDA PARKER, et al.,)	
)	<u>ORDER OF STAY</u>
Defendants.)	
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This is a civil rights action brought by an applicant for membership in the State Bar of Michigan. Plaintiff's third application for admission to the State Bar of Michigan is presently pending, and plaintiff has initiated this lawsuit as a protective action. Plaintiff has moved for a stay of this proceeding, indicating that he has no intention to interfere with the orderly adjudication of his licensing application before State administrative and judicial authorities. Plaintiff also agrees that defendants should not be put to the expense of answering the complaint, until such time as the stay is lifted. Upon review of plaintiff's motion, as well as the record of proceedings in related cases previously pending in this court, the court concludes that plaintiff's request for stay is reasonable and should be granted. Accordingly:

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to stay proceedings (docket # 2) be and hereby is GRANTED. All proceedings in this matter are STAYED until further order of the court. Defendants are relieved of any obligation to respond to the complaint, unless and until directed to do so by the court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any party may move to lift the stay at any time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter is administratively closed. The matter will be reinstated to the court's active docket upon the filing of a motion to lift stay by any party.

DONE AND ORDERED this 17th day of February, 2009.

/s/ Joseph G. Scoville
United States Magistrate Judge