

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2026

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD

M.R.032841 - In re: Joseph E. Denigan. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose reciprocal discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 763(a)(1). Allowed. Respondent Joseph E. Denigan, who has been disciplined in the State of Missouri, is suspended from the practice of law in the State of Illinois for six (6) months and until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.032871 - In re: Jason Lawrence Spangehl. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to impose discipline on consent pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(b). Allowed. Respondent Jason Lawrence Spangehl is suspended from the practice of law for six (6) months and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a two (2) year period of probation, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Respondent shall comply with the provisions of Article VII of the Illinois Supreme Court Rules on Admission and Discipline of Attorneys and the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct and shall timely cooperate with the Administrator in providing information regarding any investigations relating to his conduct;
- b. Respondent shall reimburse the Commission for the costs of this proceeding as defined in Supreme Court Rule 773 and shall reimburse the Commission for any further costs incurred during the period of probation;
- c. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within seven (7) days of any arrest or charge alleging his

violation of any criminal or quasi-criminal statute or ordinance;

- d. Respondent shall attend meetings as scheduled by the Commission probation officer. Respondent shall submit quarterly written reports to the Commission probation officer concerning the status of his employment;
- e. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of any change of address;
- f. Respondent shall, as required by the Administrator, submit to random substance testing by a qualified health professional or facility approved by the Administrator, within eight (8) hours of receiving notice by the Administrator that he shall submit to the testing. The results of the test shall be reported to the Administrator. Respondent shall pay any and all costs of such testing;
- g. Respondent shall continue in his course of psychotherapy with his current treating psychiatrist, or such other qualified mental health professional acceptable to the Administrator, and shall report to his current provider, or such other qualified mental health professional, not less than once per month, with the Administrator advised of any change in attendance deemed warranted by such professional;
- h. Respondent shall comply with all treatment recommendations of his treating psychiatrist or such other qualified mental health professional, including the taking of medications as prescribed;
- i. Respondent shall engage the services of a qualified mental health professional acceptable to the Administrator who can provide him with intensive psychotherapy, and shall participate in intensive psychotherapy with that qualified mental health professional, not less than once per month, with the Administrator advised of any change in attendance deemed warranted by such professional;

- j. Respondent shall provide to his current mental health provider(s) or such other qualified mental health professional, an appropriate release authorizing the treating professional to: (1) disclose to the Administrator on at least a quarterly basis information pertaining to the nature of respondent's compliance with any treatment plan established with respect to respondent's condition; (2) promptly report to the Administrator respondent's failure to comply with any part of an established treatment plan; and (3) respond to any inquiries by the Administrator regarding respondent's compliance with any established treatment plans;
- k. Respondent shall abstain from the usage of alcohol, marijuana, and any unprescribed controlled substances; and
- l. Probation shall be revoked if respondent is found to have violated any of the terms of probation. The six (6) month suspension shall commence from the date of the determination that any term of probation has been violated and shall continue until further order of the Court.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.032873 - In re: Paul Vernon Bishop, II. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by Paul Vernon Bishop, II to strike his name from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a). Allowed. Effective immediately.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.032874 - In re: Mark A. Shlifka. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Allowed. Respondent Mark A. Shlifka is suspended from the practice of law for three (3) years.

Suspension effective February 5, 2026.

Respondent Mark A. Shlifka shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct prior to the termination of the period of suspension.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.032887 - In re: Asha Vivian Mathai  
M.R.032858

(032887) Motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Hearing Board. Allowed. Respondent Asha Vivian Mathai is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year and until further order of the Court.

(032858) The rule to show cause issued to respondent Asha Vivian Mathai on October 22, 2025, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 774. Discharged.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.032888 - In re: Brian Thomas Dailey. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by the Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission to approve and confirm the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Allowed. Respondent Brian Thomas Dailey is disbarred.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.032889 - In re: Margaret Jean Lowery. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by respondent Margaret Jean Lowery for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Denied. Respondent Margaret Jean Lowery is disbarred, as recommended by the Review Board.

Motion by respondent Margaret Jean Lowery for stay pending Supreme Court review. Denied.

Motion by respondent Margaret Jean Lowery to direct accountability by ordering entry of determinative evidence into record. Denied.

Order entered by the Court.

Neville, C.J. took no part.  
Overstreet, J. took no part.

M.R.032915 - In re: Joseph Shun Mendoza Ravago. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by Joseph Shun Mendoza Ravago to strike his name from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Illinois pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 762(a). Allowed. Effective immediately.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.032922 - In re: Patricia Gail Miller. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by Patricia Gail Miller to be placed on permanent retirement status pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 756(a)(8). Allowed. Effective immediately.

Order entered by the Court.