

SUPREME COURT OF ILLINOIS

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

THE COURT MADE THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS:

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD

M.R.032991 - In re: Fredric Robert Gumbinner. 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 Fredric Robert Gumbinner, who has been disciplined in the District of Columbia, is disbarred in the State of Illinois.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.032999 - In re: Scott Jeffrey Sinton. 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 Scott Jeffrey Sinton is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year and until further order of the Court, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a (2) year period of probation, subject to the following conditions:

- a. Respondent shall abstain from the usage of alcohol and any non-prescribed controlled substances;
- b. 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 practice of law and the nature and extent of his compliance with the conditions of his supervision;
- c. Respondent shall continue in his course of treatment with the Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program, or such other qualified mental health professional acceptable to the Administrator, with the Administrator advised of any change in attendance deemed warranted by such professional;

- d. Respondent shall provide to the Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program, 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 mental or emotional state or compliance with any established treatment plans;
- e. Respondent shall, upon request by the Administrator, submit to random substance testing by a mental health professional within eight (8) hours of receiving notice that he shall submit to the testing. The results of the tests shall be reported to the Administrator. Respondent shall pay any and all costs of such testing;
- f. Respondent shall participate in Alcoholics Anonymous and/or the Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program by attending at least four (4) meetings per week. Respondent shall maintain a log of his attendance at the meetings and submit them to the Administrator with his quarterly reports;
- g. Respondent shall maintain an Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor or a peer mentor in the Illinois Lawyers' Assistance Program and shall provide the name, address, and telephone number of the sponsor/mentor to the Administrator. Respondent shall request that the sponsor/mentor communicate with the Administrator in writing every three (3) months regarding respondent's participation and progress in the AA/LAP program and report any lapses in sobriety or usage of controlled substances to the Administrator within seventy-two (72) hours of his/her knowledge of that usage;
- h. Respondent shall report to the Administrator any lapse in his sobriety or usage of any non-prescribed

controlled substances within seventy-two (72) hours of that usage;

- i. 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;
- j. 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;
- k. 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;
- l. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of any change of address; and
- m. Probation shall be revoked if respondent is found to have violated any of the terms of probation. The remaining of the two (2) year period of suspension shall commence from the date of the determination that any term of probation has been violated and continue until further order of the Court.

Respondent Scott Jeffrey Sinton 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/probation.

Order entered by the Court.

Rochford, J. took no part.

M.R.033006 - In re: Hassan Ali Abbas. Disciplinary Commission.

Motion by Hassan Ali Abbas 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.033007 - In re: Sari Ellen Karson. 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 Sari Ellen Karson who has been disciplined in the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia, is disbarred in the State of Illinois.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.033016 - In re: Philip Chow. 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 Philip Chow is suspended from the practice of law for one (1) year.

Suspension effective June 9, 2026.

Respondent Philip Chow 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.033034 - In re: Warren A. Zimmerman. 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 Warren A. Zimmerman, who has been disciplined in the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, is reprimanded in the State of Illinois and suspended until he is reinstated to practice before the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Suspension effective June 9, 2026.

Order entered by the Court.

M.R.033046 - In re: Kevin Brian Duckworth. Disciplinary Commission.

Petition by respondent Kevin Brian Duckworth for leave to file exceptions to the report and recommendation of the Review Board. Denied. Respondent Kevin Brian Duckworth is placed on disability inactive status until further order of the Court pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 758, as recommended by the Review Board.

Order entered by the Court.

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

M.R.033048 - In re: Tod Herbert Rottman, Jr. 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 Tod Herbert Rottman, Jr. is suspended from the practice of law for thirty (30) days, with the suspension stayed in its entirety by a one (1) 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 conducted into 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 continue in his course of mental health treatment with his current therapist, or such other qualified mental health professional acceptable to the Administrator, and shall meet with his current therapist, or such other qualified mental health professional, and such treatment should include addressing and monitoring the conditions underlying his misconduct, with the Administrator advised of any change in attendance deemed warranted by such professional;
- g. Respondent shall comply with all treatment recommendations of his primary care physician or such other qualified mental health professional, including the taking of medications as prescribed. Additionally, any medications for the treatment of mental health condition should be prescribed and monitored by a psychiatrist;
- h. Respondent shall provide to each treating professional from whom he receives treatment an appropriate release authorizing and directing 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;

- i. Respondent shall notify the Administrator within fourteen (14) days of any change in the treating professional(s);
- j. At least thirty (30) days prior to the termination of the period of probation, respondent shall reimburse the Client Protection Program Trust Fund for any Client Protection payments arising from his conduct; and
- k. If respondent is found to have violated any of the conditions, the stay of the thirty (30) day suspension shall be revoked. The thirty (30) day period of suspension shall commence from the date of the determination that any condition of probation has been violated.

Order entered by the Court.