

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
DENNIS LEE ADAMS  
Ohio Atty. Reg. No. 0068481  
RESPONDENT**

**Case No. 2:22-mc-43  
Chief Judge Algenon L. Marbley**

**ORDER**

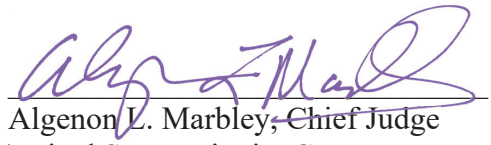
**IT APPEARING TO THE COURT** that on February 20, 2024, the Supreme Court of Ohio has entered an order permanently disbarring Respondent from the practice of law in Ohio, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(12)(A)(1) of the Supreme Court Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, and in accordance with Rule II of the Model Federal Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement, adopted by this court on February 1, 1979,

**IT IS ORDERED** that Respondent shall show cause, if any has, within thirty (30) days after service of this order, of any claim under the grounds set forth in Section (D) of said Rule II, why this court should not impose the identical discipline on Respondent heretofore imposed by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Said Respondent is admonished that his failure to show cause within 30 days by a pleading filed with the Clerk of this Court shall be deemed a waiver of his rights in the premises and constitute grounds for this court to enter the order prescribed herein.

**IT FURTHER APPEARING** to the Court that Respondent has been forbidden by the Supreme Court of Ohio to appear on behalf of another before any court, judge, commission, board, administrative agency, or other public authority, the said Respondent, until final resolution of the matter in this court, shall not represent or continue to represent any person in this court.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk of this court shall cause a copy of this order to be served on said Respondent, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to Dennis Lee Adams, Law Office of Dennis L. Adams, LLC, 246 High Street, Hamilton, OH 45011 and to be published to this Court's official website.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "Algenon L. Marbley", is written over a horizontal line.

Algenon L. Marbley, Chief Judge  
United States District Court  
Southern District of Ohio

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

Disciplinary Counsel,  
Relator,  
v.  
Dennis Lee Adams,  
Respondent.

Case No. 2022-1256

ON CERTIFIED REPORT BY THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL  
CONDUCT OF THE SUPREME COURT

## ORDER

The Board of Professional Conduct filed its final report in this court on June 9, 2023, recommending that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(12)(A)(1), respondent, Dennis Lee Adams, be permanently disbarred from the practice of law and ordered to make restitution. No objections to said final report were filed, and this cause was considered by the court.

On consideration thereof, it is ordered and adjudged by this court that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(12)(A)(1) and consistent with the opinion rendered herein, respondent, Dennis Lee Adams, Attorney Registration No. 0068481, last known business address in Hamilton, Ohio, is permanently disbarred from the practice of law in Ohio. It is further ordered that respondent is to pay \$542.69 to the Preble County Court of Common Pleas for costs incurred in case No. 20CV032045 and to make restitution in the amounts of \$12,971.74 to Teresa and Jerry McAdams, \$3,836 to R.R. and/or Kevin Connell, \$5,300 to FedEx Custom Critical, Inc., and \$3,287 to Eileen Weske.

It is further ordered that respondent immediately cease and desist from the practice of law in any form and respondent is forbidden to appear on behalf of another before any court, judge, commission, board, administrative agency, or other public authority.

It is further ordered that respondent is forbidden to counsel, advise, or prepare legal instruments for others or in any manner perform legal services for others.

It is further ordered that respondent is hereby divested of each, any, and all of the rights, privileges, and prerogatives customarily accorded to a member in good standing of the legal profession of Ohio.

It is further ordered that before entering into an employment, contractual, or consulting relationship with any attorney or law firm, respondent shall verify that the attorney or law firm has complied with the registration requirements of Gov.Bar R. V(23)(C). If employed pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(23), respondent shall refrain from direct client contact except as provided in Gov.Bar R. V(23)(A)(1) and from receiving, disbursing, or otherwise handling any client trust funds or property.

It is further ordered that respondent shall not enter into an employment, contractual, or consulting relationship with any attorney or law firm with which respondent was associated as a partner, shareholder, member, or employee at the time respondent engaged in the misconduct that resulted in this disbarment.

It is further ordered that respondent surrender respondent's certificate of admission to practice to the clerk of the court on or before 30 days from the date of this order and that respondent's name be stricken from the roll of attorneys maintained by this court.

It is further ordered by the court that within 90 days of the date of this order, respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded against respondent by the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered by the court that if after the date of this order the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection awards any amount against respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection within 90 days of the notice of that award.

It is further ordered that on or before 30 days from the date of this order, respondent shall do the following:

1. Notify all clients being represented in pending matters and any co-counsel of respondent's disbarment and consequent disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order and, in the absence of co-counsel, also notify the clients to seek legal services elsewhere, calling attention to any urgency in seeking the substitution of another attorney in respondent's place;
2. Regardless of any fees or expenses due, deliver to all clients being represented in pending matters any papers or other property pertaining to the client or notify the clients or co-counsel, if any, of a suitable time and place where the papers or other property may be obtained, calling attention to any urgency for obtaining such papers or other property;
3. Refund any part of any fees or expenses paid in advance that are unearned or not paid and account for any trust money or property in respondent's possession or control;
4. Notify opposing counsel or, in the absence of counsel, the adverse parties in pending litigation of respondent's disqualification to act as an attorney after the effective date of this order and file a notice of disqualification of respondent with the court or agency before which the litigation is pending for inclusion in the respective file or files;
5. Send all notices required by this order by certified mail with a return address where communications may thereafter be directed to respondent;
6. File with the clerk of this court and disciplinary counsel of the Supreme Court an affidavit showing compliance with this order, showing proof of service of the notices required herein, and setting forth the address where respondent may receive communications; and
7. Retain and maintain a record of the various steps taken by respondent pursuant to this order.

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It is further ordered that until such time as respondent fully complies with this order, respondent shall keep the clerk and disciplinary counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

It is further ordered that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, to respondent's last known address.

It is further ordered that the clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(17)(E)(1) and that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(17)(E)(2).

  
Sharon L. Kennedy  
Chief Justice

I HEREBY CERTIFY that this document  
is a true and accurate copy of the  
entry of the Supreme Court of Ohio  
filed Feb 20, 2024 in Supreme  
Court case number 2022-1256

In witness whereof I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and affixed the  
seal of the Supreme Court of Ohio  
on this 20 day of Feb, 20 24

by  CLERK OF COURT  
Deputy