

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:
MARK C. EPPLEY
Ohio Atty. Reg. No. 0079218
RESPONDENT**

**Case No. 2:26-mc-010
Chief Judge Sarah D. Morrison**

ORDER

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that on January 22, 2026, the Supreme Court of Ohio has entered a suspension from the practice of law in Ohio for two years with the suspension stayed in its entirety on conditions, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(12)(A)(3) 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 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 to Mark C. Eppley, Eppley Legal Group, PO Box 54446, Cincinnati, OH 45254 and to be published to this Court's official website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Sarah D. Morrison, Chief Judge
United States District Court
Southern District of Ohio

The Supreme Court of Ohio

Case No. 2025-0788

Cincinnati Bar Association,
Relator,
v.
Mark Carter Eppley,
Respondent.

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 13, 2025, recommending that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(12)(A)(3), respondent, Mark Carter Eppley, be suspended from the practice of law in Ohio for a period of one year with the entire suspension stayed on conditions. The parties filed a joint waiver of objections, 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)(3) and consistent with the opinion rendered herein, respondent, Mark Carter Eppley, Attorney Registration No. 0079218, last known business address in Cincinnati, Ohio, is suspended from the practice of law in Ohio for two years with the suspension stayed in its entirety on the conditions that respondent (1) refrain from further misconduct, (2) serve a two-year term of monitored probation pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(21), (3) participate in monthly meetings with his monitoring attorney for the entirety of his stayed suspension, (4) provide the monitoring attorney with complete access to his client-trust-account and business-account records, including all records required to be maintained under Prof.Cond.R. 1.15, and (5) complete three hours of continuing legal education ("CLE") focused on law-office management and three hours focused on client-trust-account management in addition to the requirements of Gov.Bar R. X. It is further ordered that if respondent fails to comply with the conditions of the stay, the stay will be lifted and he will be required to serve the full two-year suspension.

It is further ordered that the Office of Attorney Services shall not issue a certificate of good standing to respondent during any period of suspension, including any stayed period of suspension.

It is further ordered that on or before 30 days from the date of this order, relator shall file the name of an attorney who will monitor respondent during the probation. It is further ordered that at the end of the probationary period, relator shall file a report with this court indicating whether respondent has complied with the terms of probation including monitoring.

It is further ordered that respondent be taxed the costs of these proceedings in the amount of \$1,317.06, which costs shall be payable to this court by cashier's check or money order on or before 90 days from the date of this order. It is further ordered that if these costs are not paid in full on or before 90 days from the date of this order, interest at the rate of 10% per annum shall accrue as of 90 days from the date of this order and the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for collection. It is further ordered that respondent is liable for all collection costs pursuant to R.C. 131.02 if the debt is certified to the Attorney General for collection.

Respondent may be held in contempt and suspended until costs and all accrued interest are paid in full.

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 such award.

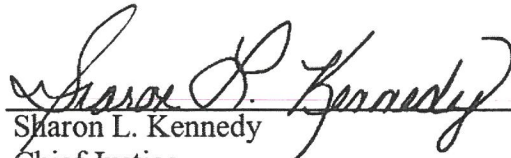
It is further ordered that at the end of the probationary period respondent may apply for termination of probation. It is further ordered that respondent's probation will not be terminated until (1) respondent files an application for termination of probation in accordance with Gov.Bar R. V(21)(D), (2) relator files a report with the clerk of the Supreme Court indicating that respondent has complied with the terms and conditions of probation during the probationary period, (3) respondent complies with this order and all other orders issued by this court, (4) respondent complies with the Rules for the Government of the Bar of Ohio, and (5) this court issues an order terminating respondent's probation.

It is further ordered that respondent shall keep the clerk, the Cincinnati Bar Association, 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).

I, CERTIFY that this document is a true and accurate copy of the judgement entry of the Supreme Court of Ohio filed on 1-22-2026 in Case No. 2025-0788 and constitutes the mandate of the Court pursuant to Rule 18.04.


Sharon L. Kennedy
Chief Justice

In witness, I have subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Supreme Court of Ohio on this 22ND day of JAN, 2026.

Clerk of Court
By  , Deputy Clerk