

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

**IN THE MATTER OF:
ARICA L. UNDERWOOD
Ohio Atty. Reg. No. 0067664
RESPONDENT**

**Case No. 2:26-mc-012
Chief Judge Sarah D. Morrison**

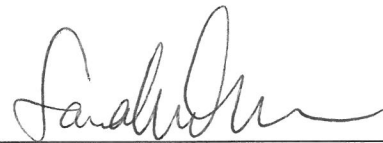
ORDER

IT APPEARING TO THE COURT that on February 17, 2026, the Supreme Court of Ohio has entered a suspension from the practice of law in Ohio for a period of eighteen months 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 Arica L. Underwood, 1831 W. Galbraith Road, Cincinnati, OH 45239-4848 and to be published on this Court's official website.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



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

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The Supreme Court of Ohio

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Disciplinary Counsel,
Relator,
v.
Arica Lynn Underwood,
Respondent.

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

ORDER

The Board of Professional Conduct filed a final report in the office of the clerk of this court pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(16), in which it accepted the agreement entered into by relator, disciplinary counsel, and respondent, Arica Lynn Underwood. The agreement set forth the misconduct and the agreed, recommended sanction of an eighteen-month suspension, with the entire suspension stayed on conditions. The board recommended that the agreement be accepted. The court issued an order waiving the issuance of a show cause order and this matter was submitted to the court on the report and record filed by the board.

On consideration thereof, it is ordered and adjudged by this court that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(12)(A)(3), respondent, Arica Lynn Underwood, Attorney Registration No. 0067664, last known business address in Cincinnati, Ohio, is suspended from the practice of law in Ohio for a period of eighteen months, with the suspension stayed in its entirety on the conditions that respondent (1) commit no further acts of misconduct; (2) maintain mental health treatment as directed by her psychologist; (3) enter into and abide by the terms of an Ohio Lawyers Assistance Program contract; and (4) complete six hours of continuing legal education with a focus on IOLTA management. It is further ordered that if respondent fails to comply with any condition of the stay, the stay will be lifted and she will serve the full eighteen-month 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 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.

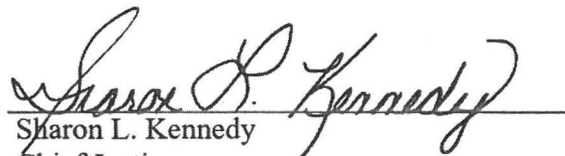
It is further ordered that respondent shall keep the clerk and disciplinary counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

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).

I HEREBY certify that this document is a true and accurate copy of the entry of the Supreme Court of Ohio filed 2-17-2026 in Supreme Court case number 2025-1634

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the Supreme Court of Ohio on this 17th day of FEB, 2026


Sharon L. Kennedy
Chief Justice

The official case announcement, and opinion if issued, can be found at <http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/ROD/docs/>

by , Deputy