

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
DAVID ANDREW EDELSTEIN**

VSB DOCKET NO. 26-000-136999

**AGREED DISPOSITION MEMORANDUM ORDER
REVOCATION**

On January 8, 2026, this matter was heard, telephonically, by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (the “Board”) upon the joint request of the parties for the Board to accept the Agreed Disposition signed by the parties and offered to the Board as provided by Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The panel consisted of Jennifer D. Royer, Chair (the “Chair”); Dawn E. Boyce; Melanie A. Friend; Carolyn V. Grady; and Samuel Massenber, Jr., Lay Member. The Virginia State Bar was represented by Joseph M. Caturano, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel. David Andrew Edelstein (the “Respondent”) was present and appeared *pro se*. The Chair polled the members of the Board as to whether any of them were aware of any personal or financial interest or bias which would preclude any of them from fairly hearing this matter to which each member responded in the negative. Jennifer Thomas, court reporter, Chandler and Halasz, P.O. Box 9349, Richmond, Virginia 23227, telephone (804) 730-1222, after being duly sworn, reported the hearing and transcribed the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, upon consideration of the Agreed Disposition, the Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing, and the Respondent’s Disciplinary Record, the arguments of the parties, and after due deliberation,

It is **ORDERED** that the Board accepts the Agreed Disposition and the Respondent shall receive a Revocation, as set forth in the Agreed Disposition, which is attached and incorporated

in this Memorandum Order.

It is further **ORDERED** that the sanction is effective January 8, 2026.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Respondent must comply with the requirements of Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Respondent shall forthwith give notice by certified mail of the Revocation of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to all clients for whom he is currently handling matters and to all opposing Attorneys and presiding Judges in pending litigation. The Respondent shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his clients. The Respondent shall give such notice immediately and in no event later than fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the Revocation, and make such arrangements as are required herein as soon as is practicable and in no event later than forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the Revocation. The Respondent shall also furnish proof to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System of the Virginia State Bar within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Revocation that such notices have been timely given, and such arrangements have been made for the disposition of matters.


It is further **ORDERED** that if the Respondent is not handling any client matters on the effective date of the Revocation, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Revocation to the Clerk at the Virginia State Bar. The Board shall decide all issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required herein. The burden of proof shall be on the Respondent to show compliance.

It is further **ORDERED** that pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-9.E, of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk shall assess all costs against the Respondent.

It is further **ORDERED** that an attested copy of this Order be mailed by the Clerk to the

Respondent by electronic, first-class and certified mail, return receipt requested, to his Virginia State Bar address of record, at Government Accountability Office, 441 G Street, NW Washington, DC 20548, and a copy by electronic mail to Joseph M. Caturano, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS **8th** DAY OF JANUARY, 2026
VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD



Jennifer D. Royer
Chair



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OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

IN THE MATTER OF
DAVID ANDREW EDELSTEIN

VS B Docket No. 26-000-136999

AGREED DISPOSITION
(REVOCATION)

Pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-6.H, the Virginia State Bar by Joseph M. Caturano, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel, and David Andrew Edelstein (“Respondent”), enter the following Agreed Disposition arising out of this matter now pending before the Disciplinary Board of the Virginia State Bar pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-24 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. Respondent was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 17, 2007, and licensed to practice law in the State of Maryland on December 14, 2015.
2. On July 6, 2023, Respondent was criminally charged in Montgomery County, Maryland, with possession of child pornography. Subsequently, in December 2023, Respondent pled guilty to two felony counts of child pornography.
3. On August 14, 2025, the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland and David Andrew Edelstein, by counsel, submitted a Joint Petition for Disbarment (“Joint Petition”) to the Supreme Court of Maryland to disbar the Respondent from the practice of law in the State of Maryland.

4. The Joint Petition stipulated that Respondent violated Maryland Attorney's Rules of Professional Conduct 19-308.4(a), 19-308.4(b), and 19-308.4(d) upon committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney; and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. Respondent consented, with the advice of counsel, to the disbarment in the State of Maryland.

5. By Order of August 18, 2025, the Supreme Court of Maryland granted the Joint Petition for Disbarment and ordered that Respondent be disbarred from the practice of law in the State of Maryland effective August 18, 2025, upon violations of Maryland Attorney's Rules of Professional Conduct 19-308.4(a), 19-308.4(b), and 19-308.4(d). A copy of the Order is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

6. Respondent stipulates and agrees that the Disciplinary Board of the Virginia State Bar should impose the same discipline, revocation of his law license, imposed by the Supreme Court of Maryland, pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-24 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

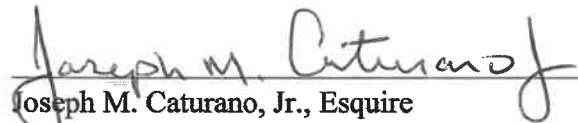
II. PROPOSED DISPOSITION

Accordingly, Joseph M. Caturano, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel, and David Andrew Edelstein, Respondent, tender to the Disciplinary Board of the Virginia State Bar for its review and approval this Agreed Disposition of a Revocation of Respondent's law license in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Bar Counsel and Respondent agree that the effective date for the sanction herein contained shall be the date of entry of the Disciplinary Board Order approving this Agreed Disposition.

If the Agreed Disposition is approved, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-9.E of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR


Joseph M. Caturano, Jr., Esquire
Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar


David Andrew Edelstein, *Pro Se*
Respondent

ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION OF MARYLAND	*	IN THE
	*	SUPREME COURT
v.	*	OF MARYLAND
DAVID ANDREW EDELSTEIN	*	AG No. 8
	*	September Term, 2025

ORDER

Upon consideration of the parties' Joint Petition for Disbarment filed in the above-captioned case on August 14, 2025, in which, pursuant to Rules 19-736 and 19-737, the parties jointly petition this Court to disbar the Respondent, David Andrew Edelstein, from the practice of law in the State of Maryland and advise that Respondent agrees that his conduct as described in the petition violated Maryland Attorneys' Rules of Professional Conduct 19-308.4(a), 19-308.4(b), and 19-308.4(d), and that Respondent consents to disbarment as the appropriate disposition, it is this 18th day of August 2025,

ORDERED, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, that the Joint Petition for Disbarment is GRANTED, and that, effective immediately, Respondent, David Andrew Edelstein, is disbarred from the practice law in the State of Maryland for violation of Rules 19-308.4(a), 19-308.4(b), and 19-308.4(d) of the Maryland Attorneys' Rules of Professional Conduct; and it is further

ORDERED, that the Clerk of this Court shall provide notice of this Order in accordance with Maryland Rule 19-761.





/s/ Shirley M. Watts
Senior Justice



Supreme Court of Maryland

Robert C. Murphy Courts of Appeal Building
361 Rowe Boulevard
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Gregory Hilton,
Clerk

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August 18, 2025

NOTICE

I, Gregory Hilton, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Maryland, give notice, pursuant to Maryland Rule 19-761(b), that, by the Supreme Court of Maryland's August 18, 2025, Order, **DAVID ANDREW EDELSTEIN** has been disbarred by consent, effective immediately, and his name has been stricken from the register of attorneys in this Court as of August 18, 2025.

David Andrew Edelstein attorney number is: **1512140004.**



/S/ Gregory Hilton
Clerk

SANCTIONS AND ACTIONS AFFECTING LICENSURE (FY 2026)

BRENT, Duncan Kenner – Temporary Suspension on July 25, 2025, in a reciprocal action from Virginia and the District of Columbia, pending further Order from the Supreme Court of Maryland.

EDELSTEIN, David Andrew – Disbarment by Consent on August 18, 2025, effective immediately, for committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney; and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. The Respondent pled guilty to two counts of possession of child pornography.

HAMLIN, Sonya Nicole – Indefinite Suspension by Consent on August 20, 2025, effective immediately, with reinstatement conditioned on the completion of certain continuing legal education courses, for failing to represent her client competently and diligently; failing to communicate to her client the scope of the representation and the basis or rate of the fee and expenses for which her client would be responsible before or within a reasonable time after commencing the representation; failing to safekeep funds in an attorney trust account; failing to comply with attorney trust account record-keeping and monthly reconciliation requirements; failing to take steps to protect her client's interest upon termination of the representation; engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation; and using trust money for purposes other than the purpose for which the money is entrusted. The Respondent deposited unearned fees into her personal bank account and used unearned fees to pay her office rent and other expenses. The Respondent failed to keep any type of record of hours worked on her client's case and had no written agreement to define the agreed scope of representation or when any portion of the fee would be considered earned, both when the Respondent was initially retained and when the Respondent and her client decided to change the scope, goals, and total fee for the representation.

KING, Marnitta Lanette – Indefinite Suspension on July 18, 2025, effective August 17, 2025, with the right to petition for reinstatement after six months conditioned on the Respondent's agreement to a probationary period of not less than one year to include a practice monitor and other appropriate conditions, for failing to represent her clients competently and diligently, failing to adequately communicate with her clients, collecting unreasonable fees, failing to recognize a conflict of interest, failing to safekeep unearned fees in an attorney trust account, failing to withdraw from representing her client when continued representation would result in violation of the Maryland Attorneys' Rules of Professional Conduct, knowingly failing to respond to Bar Counsel, and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. The Respondent failed to keep her clients reasonably informed about the status of their cases; failed to perform meaningful legal services in furtherance of their cases; improperly collected a flat fee; failed to recognize a conflict of interest and contributed to that conflict by filing suit against a client; and failed to comply with Bar Counsel's investigations.

McCOLLUM, James E., Jr. – Disbarment by Consent on July 31, 2025, effective immediately, for committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on his honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as an attorney; engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation; and engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice. In the U.S. District Court

for District of Maryland, the Respondent pled guilty to one count of willful failure to pay taxes in violation of Title 26, U.S. Code, Section 7202. Over the course of twenty-four years, the Respondent failed to timely pay over two million dollars in employment taxes withheld from the employees of his law firm. The Respondent also failed to timely file his own individual income tax returns for 2020 through 2023 and failed to pay the federal government over \$220,515.00 owed for 2020 through 2022.

RADDATZ, Mark R. – Commission Reprimand on August 27, 2025, in a reciprocal action from the District of Columbia, for violating the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct in communicating about the subject of representation with a person known to be represented by counsel and engaging in conduct that seriously interferes with the administration of justice. The Respondent received an informal admonition in the District of Columbia for communicating with a represented party without the party's counsel's consent and for filing an amended settlement agreement without proper notice. Thereafter, the Respondent failed to report the discipline to Bar Counsel.

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Case Detail

Case Information

Court System: **Supreme Court of Maryland**
Case Number: **SCM-AG-0008-2025**
Title: **Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland v. David Andrew Edelstein**
Case Type: **Attorney Grievance - Commission**
Filing Date: **08/14/2025**
Case Status: **Closed**
Authoring Judge:
Tracking Number(s):

Involved Parties Information

Petitioner

Name: **Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland**
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Appearance Date: **08/14/2025**
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Address Line 2: **200 Harry S Truman Parkway**
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City: **Annapolis** State: **MD** Zip Code: **21409**

Respondent

Name: **Edelstein, David Andrew**
Address: **7622 Winterberry Place**
City: **20817** State: **MD** Zip Code: **20817**

Attorney(s) for the Respondent

Name: **MAHAFFEY, JR, GEORGE SAMUEL**
 Appearance Date: **08/14/2025**
 Address Line 1: **Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP**
 Address Line 2: **One South Street, 20th Floor**
 City: **Baltimore** State: **MD** Zip Code: **21202**

Judgment Information

Judgment Event Type: **Disbarred by Consent**
 Judge Name: **Watts, Shirley Marie**
 Issue Date: **08/18/2025**
 Comment:

Document Information

File Date: **08/14/2025**
 Document Name: **Joint Petition for Disbarment by Consent**

File Date: **08/18/2025**
 Document Name: **Order for Disbarment**

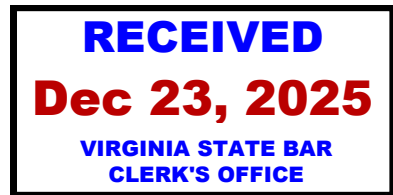
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December 23, 2025

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Re: In the Matter of David Andrew Edelstein
VSB Docket No. 26-000-136999

Dear Ms. Fronfelter:

Enclosed please find a fully endorsed Agreed Disposition (Revocation) for filing in the above-referenced matter.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Joseph M. Caturano Jr.
Assistant Bar Counsel

JMC/mm
Enclosure

cc: David A. Edelstein, Respondent