

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
JOHN SIMON LOPATTO, III**

VSb DOCKET NO. 26-000-138278

**AGREED DISPOSITION MEMORANDUM ORDER
REVOCATION**

On April 29, 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 Adam M. Carroll, 2nd Vice Chair (the “Chair”); Yvonne S. Gibney; Reiss F. Wilks; Alan S. Anderson; and Reba H. Davis, Lay Member. The Virginia State Bar was represented by Joseph M. Caturano, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel. John Simon Lopatto, III (the “Respondent”) was present and was represented by counsel, Dennis J. Quinn. 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. Beverly Horne, 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 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 April 29, 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.

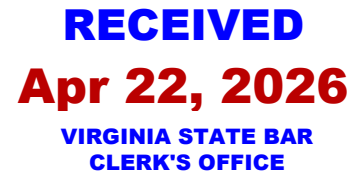
It is further **ORDERED** that pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-9.E, of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk shall assess all costs against the Respondent.

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 803 Gibbon Street Alexandria, VA 22314-4115, and a copy by electronic mail to Dennis J. Quinn, Respondent's Counsel and a copy by electronic mail to Joseph M. Caturano, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS 29th DAY OF APRIL, 2026
VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD


Adam M. Carroll
2nd Vice Chair



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BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

IN THE MATTER OF
JOHN SIMON LOPATTO, III

VS B Docket No. 26-000-138278

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; Dennis J. Quinn, Esquire, counsel for John Simon Lopatto, III; and John Simon Lopatto, III (“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 District of Columbia on November 17, 1978, and the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 30, 1992.

2. On December 4, 2025, Respondent consented to disbarment in the District of Columbia. (D.C. DDN: 2023-D111; D.C. Board Docket No. 25-BD-066). See: Exhibit A attached hereto. In the Consent to Disbarment, Respondent acknowledged that his consent was freely and voluntarily rendered, that he was not subject to coercion or duress, and that he was fully aware of the implications of consenting to disbarment. Respondent also acknowledged that he was aware of an investigation by the District of Columbia Bar into allegations of misconduct.

3. The alleged misconduct included violating Rule 1.15(a) of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct¹ by engaging in at least reckless misappropriation of entrusted funds. Respondent acknowledged the material facts upon which the allegations of misconduct on Rule 1.15(a) of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct were predicated are true. Respondent concluded in the Consent to Disbarment that if disciplinary proceedings on the alleged misconduct were brought, he could not successfully defend against the disciplinary proceedings.

4. On December 9, 2025, the Board on Professional Responsibility of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals issued a Report and Recommendation. See: Exhibit B attached hereto. In the Report and Recommendation, the Board acknowledged review of the Respondent's affidavit consenting to disbarment and found that it conformed to the requirements of D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12 and Board Rule 16.1. Accordingly, the Board recommended that the District of Columbia Court of Appeals enter an order disbarring Respondent on consent pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(b).

5. On January 8, 2026, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals entered an Order that disbarred Respondent by consent pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12. See: Exhibit C attached hereto.

6. On January 9, 2026, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel for the District of Columbia notified the Virginia State Bar of the Order of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals of January 8, 2026. See: Exhibit D attached hereto.

¹ A lawyer shall hold property of clients or third persons that is in the lawyer's possession in connection with a representation separate from the lawyer's own property. Funds of clients or third persons that are in the lawyer's possession (trust funds) shall be kept in one or more trust accounts maintained in accordance with paragraph (b). Other property shall be identified as such and appropriately safeguarded. Complete records of such account funds and other property shall be kept by the lawyer and shall be preserved for a period of five years after termination of the representation. Rule 1.15(a) of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct.

7. On February 25, 2026, Respondent, through counsel, executed a Consent to Disclose authorizing Disciplinary Counsel of the District of Columbia to disclose information and documents to the Virginia State Bar pertaining to his disbarment in the District of Columbia pursuant to D.C. Bar Rule XI, § 12(c) and D.C. Board on Professional Responsibility Rule 16.3. See: Exhibit E attached hereto.

8. 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 District of Columbia Court of Appeals, pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-24 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

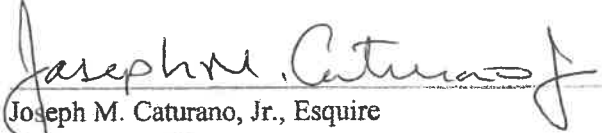
II. PROPOSED DISPOSITION

Accordingly, Joseph M. Caturano, Assistant Bar Counsel; Dennis J. Quinn, Esquire, counsel for John Simon Lopatto, III; and John Simon Lopatto, III; 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, counsel for Respondent 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



Dennis J. Quinn, Esquire
Counsel for Respondent



John Simon Lopatto, III
Respondent

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

In the Matter of	:	
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JOHN S. LOPATTO, ESQUIRE,	:	DDN: 2023-D111
	:	
Respondent,	:	
	:	
A Member of the Bar of the	:	
 District of Columbia Court of Appeals	:	
 Bar Number 965426	:	
 Date of Admission: November 17, 1978	:	

I, John S. Lopatto, affiant, pursuant to D.C. Bar Rule XI, § 12, and Board Rule 16.1(a), and in furtherance of my wish to consent to disbarment before this Court, declare as follows:

1. I hereby consent to disbarment. My consent is freely and voluntarily rendered, I am not being subjected to coercion or duress, and I am fully aware of the implications of consenting to disbarment.

2. I am aware that there is currently a pending investigation into allegations of misconduct. The misconduct alleged includes my violating Rule 1.15(a) by engaging in at least reckless misappropriation of entrusted funds. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the allegations of Rule 1.15(a) are predicated are true.



3. I submit this consent because I know that if disciplinary proceedings based on the alleged misconduct were brought, I could not successfully defend against them.



John S. Lopatto

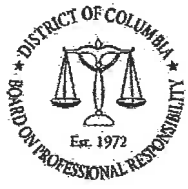
VERIFICATION

I verify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on December 4, 2025.



John S. Lopatto



Issued
December 9, 2025

THIS REPORT IS NOT A FINAL ORDER OF DISCIPLINE*

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

In the Matter of:	:	
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JOHN S. LOPATTO, III	:	
	:	Board Docket No. 25-BD-066
Respondent.	:	Disciplinary Docket No. 2023-D111
	:	
A Member of the Bar of the	:	
District of Columbia Court of Appeals	:	
(Bar Registration No. 965426)	:	

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

This matter is before the Board on Professional Responsibility (the “Board”) on Disciplinary Counsel’s Motion to Accept Respondent’s Consent to Disbarment pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(a) and Board Rule 16.1. Respondent’s affidavit consenting to disbarment, executed on December 4, 2025, is attached to Disciplinary Counsel’s motion.

The Board, acting through its Chair, and pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(b) and Board Rule 16.2, has reviewed Respondent’s affidavit consenting to disbarment and finds that it conforms to the requirements of D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(a). Accordingly, the Board recommends that the Court enter an order disbarring Respondent on consent pursuant to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(b).

* Consult the ‘Disciplinary Decisions’ tab on the Board on Professional Responsibility’s website (www.dcattorneydiscipline.org) to view any prior or subsequent decisions in this case.



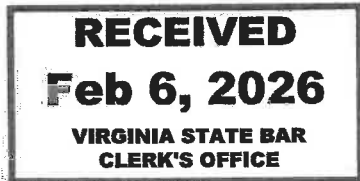
The Board further recommends that in the Court's order of disbarment, Respondent be reminded of the provisions of D.C. Bar R. XI, §§ 14 and 16, including the requirement to file the affidavit under D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14(g), and that the period of disbarment will not be deemed to run for purposes of reinstatement until a compliant affidavit is filed.¹ See D.C. Bar R. XI, § 16(a); *In re Slosberg*, 650 A.2d 1329, 1331-33 (D.C. 1994).

BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

By: 

Robert L. Walker
Chair

¹ Pursuant to Board Rule 9.8(a), Disciplinary Counsel's motion has provided Respondent with notice of Disciplinary Counsel's intent to present evidence of unadjudicated acts at any future reinstatement hearing



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

No. 25-BG-1129

IN RE JOHN S. LOPATTO, III, ESQUIRE,
Respondent.

A Member of the Bar of the District
of Columbia Court of Appeals
Bar Registration No. 965426

FILED 01/08/2026
District of Columbia
Court of Appeals
Julio A. Castillo
Julio Castillo
Clerk of Court

DDN: 2023-D111
BDN: 25-BD-066

BEFORE: Easterly and Deahl, Associate Judges, and Thompson, Senior Judge.

ORDER

(FILED—January 08, 2026)

On consideration of the affidavit of respondent John S. Lopatto, III, Esquire, wherein he consents to disbarment; the report and recommendation of the Board on Professional Responsibility; and the Board’s consent motion for leave to file under seal Disciplinary Counsel’s lodged motion to accept respondent’s consent to disbarment, which includes as an attachment his affidavit consenting to disbarment; it is

ORDERED that respondent John S. Lopatto, III, is hereby disbarred by consent. *See* D.C. Bar R. XI, § 12(a). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Board’s motion to file under seal is granted, and the Clerk shall file the lodged documents under seal. *See id.* § 12(c). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that respondent’s attention is drawn to the requirements relating to disbarred attorneys, including the filing of the required affidavit, and to the provisions relating to eligibility for reinstatement. *See id.* §§ 14, 16. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall publish this order and transmit a copy thereof to respondent, Disciplinary Counsel, and the Board.

PER CURIAM





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January 9, 2026

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Re: *In re John S. Lopatto, III*
DCCA No. 25-BG-1129
Disciplinary Docket No. 2023-D111
NOTICE OF DISBARMENT

Dear Ms. Brennan:

Enclosed please find a copy of an order of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals disciplining the above-named Respondent. Our records reflect that Respondent is also licensed to practice law in your jurisdiction.

If you require additional documents regarding this disciplinary matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 638-1501 or at odcinfo@dcodc.org, and I will forward your inquiry to the attorney assigned to this matter.

In order to receive a certified copy of D.C. Court of Appeals disciplinary order, please make the request to the following e-mail address and include the matter's BG or BS number:

E-mail: BarGovernanceFilings@dcaappeals.gov.

With a copy to Omolola Oluyemi: OOluyemi@dcaappeals.gov

Sincerely,

s/Lawrence K. Bloom
Lawrence K. Bloom
Senior Staff Attorney

LKB/snl

cc: John S. Lopatto, III c/o Dennis J. Quinn, Esquire

Enclosure: DCCA Court Order for *In re John S. Lopatto, III*
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VSB
EXHIBIT


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CONSENT TO DISCLOSE TO VIRGINIA STATE BAR

Comes now, John S. Lopatto, III, by counsel, and states that on January 8, 2026, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals ("Court") entered an Order in Case No. 25-BG-1129, D.C. Disciplinary Docket No. 2023-D111, attached hereto, that disbarred John S. Lopatto, III, from the practice of law in the District of Columbia. The Order reflects that John S. Lopatto, III, consented to the disbarment in the District of Columbia pursuant to D.C. Bar Rule XI, § 12.

In entering the Order of disbarment of January 8, 2026, the Court considered an affidavit submitted by John S. Lopatto, III, a Report and Recommendation of the Board on Professional Responsibility in the District of Columbia, and the Board's acceptance of that consent to disbarment.

John S. Lopatto, III, consents to the District of Columbia Office of Disciplinary Counsel disclosing to the Virginia State Bar information and documents pertaining to his disbarment in the District of Columbia, referenced above, pursuant to D.C. Bar Rule XI, § 12(c) and D.C. Board on Professional Responsibility Rule 16.3.



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2-25-26
Date

STATE OF VIRGINIA:

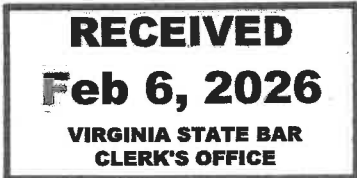
CITY/COUNTY OF Alexandria, to wit:

The foregoing Consent was acknowledged before me by John S. Lopatto, III, on the 25th day of February, 2026.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: 10/31/26





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PER CURIAM