

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE THE DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,	:	No. 2999 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
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	:	No. 122 DB 2023
Petitioner	:	
	:	Attorney Registration No: 315100
v.	:	
	:	(Susquehanna County)
JASON GUY BEARDSLEY,	:	
	:	
Respondent	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 14th day of November, 2025, upon consideration of the Recommendation of the Three-Member Panel of the Disciplinary Board, the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent is granted, and Jason Guy Beardsley is suspended on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth for a period of one year and one day. The suspension is stayed in its entirety, and Respondent is placed on probation for a period of two years, subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent shall undergo counseling, outpatient, or in-patient treatment relating to his mental health diagnoses, as prescribed by a physician or counselor from Friendship House or another qualified mental healthcare professional;
2. Respondent shall cooperate with the directions of the mental healthcare professional supervising his treatment, take medications as prescribed, and engage in therapy and counseling sessions as directed;
3. Respondent shall submit quarterly reports with the Board Prothonotary and provide the Office of Disciplinary Counsel with a copy of that report that address his compliance with the conditions of probation; and

4. On a quarterly basis, coinciding with Respondent's reports to the Board Prothonotary, Respondent shall provide the Board Prothonotary with a letter from his treating professional verifying the above counseling and treatment, and reporting any change in Respondent's diagnosis, treatment, or prognosis. Respondent shall provide a copy of the letter to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel.

The Order dated October 11, 2023, placing Respondent on Temporary Suspension, is dissolved.

Respondent shall pay the expenses incurred in the investigation and processing of this matter. See Pa.R.D.E. 208(g).

A True Copy Nicole Traini
As Of 11/14/2025

Attest: Nicole Traini
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL, Petitioner	:	2999 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
	:	122 DB 2023
v.	:	Attorney Reg. No. 315100
JASON GUY BEARDSLEY, Respondent	:	(Susquehanna County)

JOINT PETITION IN SUPPORT OF DISCIPLINE ON CONSENT
PURSUANT TO Pa.R.D.E. 215(d)

Petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") by Thomas J. Farrell, Chief Disciplinary Counsel and Kristin A. Wells, Disciplinary Counsel, and Respondent, Jason Guy Beardsley, respectfully petition the Disciplinary Board in support of discipline on consent, pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement ("Pa.R.D.E.") 215(d), and in support thereof state:

1. ODC, whose principal office is located at the Pennsylvania Judicial Center, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 2700, P.O. Box 62485, Harrisburg, PA 17106, is invested, pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 207, with the power and the duty to investigate all matters involving alleged misconduct of an attorney in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to prosecute all disciplinary proceedings brought in accordance with the various provisions of the aforesaid Rules.

2. Respondent, Jason Guy Beardsley, was born in 1985 and was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on January 25, 2013. Respondent's Attorney Registration No. is 315100. His mailing address on file with Attorney Registration is 2491 Bare Valley Road, Montrose, Pennsylvania 18801.

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3. Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 201(a)(1), Respondent is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

4. On August 25, 2023, ODC filed a Petition for Issuance of a Rule to Show Cause why Respondent should not be placed on Temporary Suspension pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 208(f)(1) ("ETS Petition").

5. By Order dated October 11, 2023, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court placed Respondent on temporary suspension.

6. On July 8, 2025, Respondent filed a "Petition to Dissolve Order of Temporary Suspension of Jason Guy Beardsley's Law License" ("Petition to Dissolve").

7. On July 22, 2025, ODC simultaneously filed:

- a. a letter response to Respondent's Petition to Dissolve (a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A") not opposing dissolution of Respondent's temporary suspension "on the condition that the Disciplinary Board and the Court approve the parties' proposed Joint Petition for Discipline on Consent"; and
- b. a Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(d) recommending Respondent receive a one-year and one-day suspension, stayed in its entirety, with two years' probation subject to mental health monitoring conditions ("First Joint Petition").

8. The Disciplinary Board has not scheduled a hearing on Respondent's Petition to Dissolve.

9. On September 22, 2025, a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board

denied the First Joint Petition, stating:

The joint petition lacked a letter from the Respondent's mental health provider indicating that he is currently capable of performing the functions of his duties as an attorney. If and when the Respondent provides ODC with such letter, the Petition should be summarily supplemented and submitted to the Board for an expedited review.

SPECIFIC FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS ADMITTED

10. On May 30, 2023, Respondent filed a "Motion to Disqualify the Court, the Susquehanna District Attorney's Office for hearing all Cases involving Jason G. Beardsley, Esquire, and to Disqualify Cathy Hawley from acting as Court Administrator" with the caption "Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. All Defendants represented by Jason G. Beardsley, Esquire" and docket number "All Criminal Docket Numbers of undersigned cases" ("Motion to Disqualify").

11. Therein, Respondent requested the Susquehanna Court of Common Pleas and Susquehanna District Attorney's Office be disqualified from all matters in which Respondent served as counsel or, in the alternative, that the court grant Respondent leave to withdraw and a continuance of all criminal matters in which he was counsel of record.

12. Respondent requested the court consider the relief requested in the alternative because he "ha[d] not had the opportunity to discuss the same with [his] clients."

13. By unilaterally requesting leave to withdraw without proper notice to all of his clients, Respondent effectively abandoned representation of his clients without their knowledge or consent.

14. On May 31, 2023, Respondent withdrew the Motion to Disqualify.

15. In early June 2023, Respondent's client, Leland Williams was scheduled

for a guilty plea hearing in his Driving Under the Influence criminal matter.

16. A few days prior to the guilty plea proceeding, Respondent sent Mr. Williams the following text message:

No. You are a government snitch trying to set me up for something I don't even know about. Given the circumstances there are no refunds, based upon unanticipated circumstances. I never had this happen before until recently. The only thing I'm going to do is seek leave of court to withdraw.

17. In June and July 2023, Respondent filed Motions to Withdraw as Counsel in the matters captioned and docketed at:

- a. ***Matthew Nagle v. Tracy Nagle***, 2021-353 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- b. ***Danielle Vangorden v. Kevin Bryden v. Marie Frantz***, 2021-80 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- c. ***Ronald D. Henry, Jr. v. Kelly Jo Henry***, 2021-391 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- d. ***Timothy M. Smith v. Richard D. Phillips***, 2014-477 CP, 2014-177 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- e. ***In re: R.V.***, 2022-31 DP (Susquehanna Co.);
- f. ***In re: K.V.***, 2022-32 DP (Susquehanna Co.);
- g. ***In re: D.C.***, 2022-33 DP (Susquehanna Co.);
- h. ***Roger May v. Brittany May***, 2021-580 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- i. ***Elena Kocak Groover v. Michael Groover***, 2018-538 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- j. ***Heather B. Ryder and Charles Salerno v. Dianne Bassett-Canedy and Carl Canedy***, 2018-1200 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- k. ***Rocky Field, L.P. v. Shirley J. Walsh and James J. Walsh***, 2020-230 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- l. ***Amanda Kirkwood v. Christos Mpintos***, 2019-85 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- m. ***Commonwealth v. Stacy Lee Parker***, 2021-77 CR (Susquehanna Co.);

- n. ***Commonwealth v. Charles Ficcaro***, 2020-162 CR (Susquehanna Co.);
- o. ***John Bovencamp v. Harry Marvin and Bill Marvin, both individually and d/b/a/ Marv's Towing***, 2021-1108 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- p. ***Kathleen E. Grandy v. David M. Grandy***, 2021-1019 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- q. ***Maxine Madura v. John Madura***, 2020-407CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- r. ***Rebecca Torres v. Jeffrey Torres***, 2019-1130 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- s. ***Commonwealth v. Jannelle Cline***, 2022-92 CR (Susquehanna Co.);
- t. ***Commonwealth v. Mark Anthony Wagner***, 2022-102 CR (Susquehanna Co.);
- u. ***Mark Forkal v. Randolph Forkal***, 2007-1140 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- v. ***Emily Jo Smith v. Gerard L. Martin***, 2018-1239 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- w. ***Chaz R. Ryce v. Reba Lea Moore***, 2022-566 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- x. ***Amanda Begliomini v. Richard Begliomini***, 2022-107 CP (Susquehanna Co.);
- y. ***Amber Bonniece v. Sean Bonniece***, 2023-247 CP (Susquehanna Co.); and
- z. ***In the Interest of B.N., a minor***, 2023-23 DP (Susquehanna Co.).

18. Respondent failed to properly inform all of the above listed clients that he filed the above-itemized motions to withdraw.

19. By unilaterally requesting leave to withdraw without proper notice to each of the clients in whose matters he requested to withdraw, Respondent effectively abandoned representation of those clients without their knowledge or consent.

20. In the ***Roger May v. Brittany May*** (2021-580 CP) Motion for Leave to Withdraw, Respondent stated:

Undersigned counsel has had a technology issues [sic] for a protracted period of time and it is believed and therefore

averred that a third party or third parties have gained access to undersigned counsel's technology, which has caused undersigned counsel a significant amount of emotional distress over the course of many months that undersigned counsel believes that this has been going on and has left undersigned counsel not in the right state of mind; the past few weeks have been stressful, but undersigned counsel can see clearly even with that stress that someone has intentionally set up conflicts of interest for undersigned counsel for the purpose of destroying undersigned counsel, conflicts of interest that undersigned counsel was not capable of seeing because of the emotional distress that he was suffering from (and acting in ways that he might not otherwise have acted); however, now undersigned counsel can see the conflicts of interest.

21. In the *Timothy Smith v. Richard Smith* (2018-1239 CP) Motion for Leave of Court to Withdraw, Respondent stated, "This case is part of a Government plot to destroy undersigned counsel."

22. In the *Begliomini* (2022-107 CP) Motion for Leave to Withdraw, Respondent alleged opposing counsel, Michael Giangrieco, Esquire, and his firm were "involved in a conspiracy with the members of the Government to do harm to [Respondent]"

23. On June 26, 2023, the Susquehanna County Court of Common Pleas held a proceeding on Respondent's Motion to Withdraw as Counsel in the *Nagle* (2021-353 CP) matter.

24. During the proceeding, Respondent stated, "I'm not going to represent [Mr. Nagle]. I don't care if I'm Ordered to represent him or not"

25. By refusing to represent Mr. Nagle regardless of whether he was granted leave to withdraw, Respondent undermined the authority of the Susquehanna County Court of Common Pleas and abandoned Mr. Nagle as a client.

26. On June 28, 2023, the Susquehanna Court of Common Pleas conducted

a guilty plea hearing for the matter captioned and docketed at ***Commonwealth v. Dayton E. Fisk***, 2022-137 CR (Susquehanna Co.).

27. Respondent was counsel of record for Mr. Fisk, who was charged with Driving Under the Influence, Highest Rate, Second Offense.

28. At the beginning of the hearing, Respondent stated the Susquehanna District Attorney had a conflict with Respondent stemming from “a government conspiracy that she engaged in to harm [Respondent].”

29. Respondent further alleged Mr. Fisk and Mr. Williams were “being used to set [Respondent] up for something that [Respondent was] not aware of, that [Respondent was] not involved in, that [Respondent had] no idea about.”

30. As a result, Respondent stated “I take no position as to what should happen as to this matter”

31. The court continued Mr. Fisk’s guilty plea proceeding “generally” and provided Respondent 30 days to file a written motion regarding the alleged conflict of interest.

32. Respondent thereafter failed to file a motion pertaining to the alleged conflict of interest.

33. Also on June 28, 2023, the Susquehanna Court of Common Pleas conducted guilty plea hearings for the matters captioned and docketed at:

- a. ***Commonwealth v. Leland Alroy Williams***, 2023-24 CR (Susquehanna Co.); and
- b. ***Commonwealth v. Christopher Snow***, 2023-157 CR (Susquehanna Co.).

34. As in the ***Fisk*** matter, Respondent raised a conflict of interest in the

Williams and **Snow** matters and refused to state a position as to what should occur in those matters.

35. By refusing to take a position as to what should occur in the **Fisk, Williams**, and **Snow** matters, Respondent abandoned his representation of those clients without any forewarning, effectively leaving them unrepresented at a pivotal moment in their criminal matters.

36. On July 1, 2023, Respondent filed a Motion to Disqualify Prosecution in the matter captioned and docketed at **Commonwealth v. Alexander N. Moronta**, 2022-485 CR (Susquehanna Co.).

37. Respondent was privately retained by Mr. Moronta, who was charged with various drug offenses.

38. Prior to filing the Motion to Disqualify Prosecution, Respondent communicated to Mr. Moronta that his case was part of a government plot to destroy Respondent.

39. Respondent failed to inform Mr. Moronta of his intention to file the Motion to Disqualify Prosecution.

40. On July 3, 2023, Respondent filed a "Motion to Disqualify Prosecution/for Full Bench Recusal" in the matter captioned and docketed at **Commonwealth v. Michael Lee McCarty**, 2023-63 CR (Susquehanna Co.).

41. Therein, Respondent stated:

- a. he had conflicts with Wyoming County, Susquehanna County, Bradford County, Lackawanna County, and Wayne County. "in everything that [Respondent] has;"

- b. the Court's probation officers were conspiring for Respondent "to commit federal offenses that they knew [Respondent] was not in the right mindset to comprehend;" and
- c. while Respondent was on probation for a DUI conviction, "President Judge Shurtleff snuck to the first floor bathroom ... for purposes of eavesdropping on a conversation [Respondent] was having with [his] then probation officer."

42. Respondent failed to inform Mr. McCarty that he filed the Motion to Disqualify Prosecution/for Full Bench Recusal.

43. Also on July 3, 2023, Respondent filed a Motion for Recusal of Court in the ***Moronta*** matter.

44. Therein, Respondent alleged "essentially every single elected official in the County, along with most attorneys in the County Bar have engaged in conspiracy to destroy [Respondent]" which had "left [Respondent] in a way that it is nearly impossible for [Respondent] to perform legal work in a manner that he is capable of."

45. Respondent failed to inform Mr. Moronta that he filed the Motion for Recusal of Court.

46. On July 3 and 5, 2023, Respondent filed Motions to Disqualify Prosecution in the matters captioned and docketed at:

- a. ***Commonwealth v. Travis Edward Tuttle***, 2021-712 CR (Susquehanna Co.);
- b. ***Commonwealth v. Lisa Ann Romanienko***, 2021-65 CR (Susquehanna Co.);

- c. ***Commonwealth v. John Williams***, 2023-219 CR (Susquehanna Co.); and
- d. ***Commonwealth v. Andrew Kelly***, 2022-217 CR (Susquehanna Co.).

47. Therein, Respondent alleged the Susquehanna District Attorney's Office was engaged in a conspiracy with "certain government actors" to cause harm to Respondent, to make Respondent break federal law, and to remove Susquehanna County President Judge Jason J. Legg.

48. Respondent admitted that he presently lacked evidence to prove his allegations stating, "Regardless of whether or not undersigned counsel can prove the aforementioned facts and circumstances at this time, undersigned counsel is confident that he can prove those facts with sufficient time[.]"

49. Respondent generally failed to properly inform his clients that he filed the Motions to Disqualify Prosecution.

50. On July 5, 2023, Respondent filed Motions for Full Bench Recusal in the matters captioned and docketed at:

- a. ***Commonwealth v. Alexander N. Moronta***, 2022-485 CR (Susquehanna Co.);
- b. ***Commonwealth v. Travis Edward Tuttle***, 2021-712 CR (Susquehanna Co.);
- c. ***Commonwealth v. Lisa Ann Romanienko***, 2021-65 CR (Susquehanna Co.);
- d. ***Commonwealth v. Christopher Snow***, 2023-157 CR (Susquehanna Co.);
- e. ***Commonwealth v. John Williams***, 2022-219 CR (Susquehanna Co.); and

f. ***Commonwealth v. Andrew Kelly***, 2022-217 CR (Susquehanna Co.).

51. Respondent failed to properly inform his clients that he filed the Motions for Full Bench Recusal.

52. On July 5, 2023, the Susquehanna County Court of Common Pleas held a hearing on Respondent's July 3, 2023 Motion for Recusal of Court in the ***Moronta*** matter.

53. Respondent failed to inform Mr. Moronta of the July 5, 2023 hearing.

54. Respondent failed to present any evidence in support of his allegations in the Motion for Recusal of Court, despite the Court's repeated inquiries as to whether Respondent had any evidence to support those allegations.

55. In July and August 2023, Respondent failed to appear for scheduled court proceedings in the following 21 cases in which he served as counsel of record:

a. July 14, 2023 – ***Ronald Henry v. Kelly Jo Henry*** (2021-391 CP) (Susquehanna Co.);

b. July 18, 2023 – ***In re: Estate of John Michael Krall*** (2022-034 OC) (Susquehanna Co.);

c. July 19, 2023 – ***Commonwealth v. Jannelle Cline*** (2022-92 CR) (Susquehanna Co.);

d. July 19, 2023 – ***In re: A.L.F.*** (2023-10 JV) (Susquehanna Co.);

e. July 19, 2023 – ***Commonwealth v. Alexander N. Moronta*** (2022-485 CR) (Susquehanna Co.);

f. July 24, 2023 – ***Maxine Madura v. John Madura*** (2020-407 CP) (Susquehanna Co.);

g. July 24, 2023 – ***Amber Bonniece v. Sean Bonniece*** (2023-247 CP)

- (Susquehanna Co.);
- h. July 24, 2023 – **Emily Jo Smith v. Gerard L. Martin, III** (2018-1293 CP)
(Susquehanna Co.);
 - i. July 24, 2023 – **Stanley Rezykowski v. Michael Rezykowski, et al.** (2015-1310 CP) (Susquehanna Co.);
 - j. July 25, 2023 – **Kathleen Grandy v. David M. Grandy** (2021-1019 CP)
(Susquehanna Co.);
 - k. July 25, 2023 – **In re: E.V.** (2022-23 ADOPT) (Susquehanna Co.);
 - l. July 26, 2023 – **Commonwealth v. Christopher S. Snow** (2023-157 CR)
(Susquehanna Co.);
 - m. July 26, 2023 – **Commonwealth v. Andrew T. Kelly** (2023-217 CR)
(Susquehanna Co.);
 - n. July 26, 2023 – **Commonwealth v. John E. Williams** (2023-219 CR)
(Susquehanna Co.);
 - o. July 26, 2023 – **Commonwealth v. Lisa Romanienko** (2023-65 CR)
(Susquehanna Co.);
 - p. July 27, 2023 – **Ronald D. Henry, Jr. v. Kelly Jo Henry** (2021-391 CP)
(Susquehanna Co.);
 - q. August 7, 2023 – **Eric Potter and Jessica Potter v. John Potter and Donna Potter** (2022-857 CP) (Susquehanna Co.);
 - r. August 7, 2023 – **John Bovencamp v. Harry Marvin, et al.** (2021-1108 CP) (Susquehanna Co.);
 - s. August 7, 2023 – **James R. Canfield v. Kristen D. Canfield** (2022-410 CP)
(Susquehanna Co.);

t. August 7, 2023 – *In re: B.N.* (2023-24 DP) (Susquehanna Co.); and

u. August 7, 2023 – *In re: B.M.* (2023-23 DP) (Susquehanna Co.).

56. On July 20, 2023, ODC sent Respondent a DB-7 letter outlining its concerns and requesting Respondent's Statement of Position.

57. Between July and October 2023, the Susquehanna District Attorney's Office filed criminal charges against Respondent for Theft by Deception and Deceptive Business Practices based on complaints from a number of Respondent's clients claiming Respondent failed to refund unearned fees, and a complaint filed by a Pennsylvania State Constable claiming that Respondent had improperly failed to pay him for service fees.

58. Respondent was also charged with Harassment based on text messages he sent to a client and the Constable accusing them of being part of a government conspiracy against Respondent.

59. As to the client, Respondent stated, in part:

F[***]ck you you piece of sh[***]t. You are a government conspirator against me: do not contact me ever again. I hope that you f[***]ck off and die.

60. As to the Constable, Respondent stated, in part:

Don't call me again. I know you are in on the conspiracy against me you piece of sh[***]t. I'll send you a check when I get to it (if I feel like it) because I didn't bargain for you to conspire against me you piece of sh[***]t. In any event the conspiracy has slowed me down in getting payments for bills out. It's partially your own fault so I hope you go [f***]ck yourself.

61. By Pennsylvania Supreme Court Order dated August 9, 2023, effective September 8, 2023, Respondent was administratively suspended for failure to submit his annual attorney registration and pay the attendant fee.

62. On August 10, 2023, ODC sent Respondent an email requesting that he

contact ODC to discuss several complaints that had been filed against him.

63. On August 21, 2023, Respondent responded to ODC's August 10, 2023 email stating:

My position is the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is a run [sic] by a bunch of crooks (and that includes your whole office) who have conspired against me. So I deny any wrongdoing, any and all of it, so please take that into consideration when making a recommendation.

Don't contact me again because now you are part of the conspiracy, and I will pray that you get charged and lose everything that you have loved or ever could love.

64. On August 25, 2023, ODC filed an ETS Petition alleging Respondent was causing immediate and substantial public and private harm by abandoning his clients, making unfounded negative statements in public filings concerning judicial officers and other elected officials, and engaging in criminal conduct, in violation of RPC 1.4(a)(2), RPC 1.16(a)(2), RPC 1.16(d), RPC 3.1, RPC 8.2(a), RPC 8.4(b), and RPC 8.4(d).

65. On September 18, 2023, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court issued a Rule to Show Cause, returnable in 10 days, why Respondent should not be placed on temporary suspension.

66. Respondent failed to respond to the Rule to Show Cause.

67. On September 28, 2023, Respondent telephoned Disciplinary Counsel Wells and stated his misconduct occurred at a time that he was experiencing extreme paranoia and emotional distress, due in large part, to his prior employee surreptitiously modifying and accessing his technology and turning her work-issued laptop, which contained ten years of Respondent's personal and client files, over to the Susquehanna County Detectives following the former employee's termination, and as a result of the Susquehanna County Detectives holding the laptop without a warrant for approximately 24 days, without any

explanation as to why it was being held. Respondent further stated that he did not plan to respond to the ETS Petition for fear of prejudicing his criminal matters and because he knew that he was unfit to practice law at that time.

68. On September 29, 2023, Respondent submitted a response to the DB-7 letter.

69. Therein, Respondent took responsibility for various improper conduct that was alleged, including making improper statements in court filings and failing to show up to Court on numerous occasions.

70. Respondent stated that he made improper statements because, at the time, he truly believed them to be accurate, and Respondent has consistently explained that he was suffering from severe, crippling emotional distress from at least the end of May of 2023 through September of 2023.

71. Respondent further explained that, during the timeframe covered by the DB-7 letter (May through August 2023), he was extremely paranoid to the point that he did not even trust his own mother and was afraid to leave his home for several months, which is why he failed to appear for numerous court proceedings.

72. Respondent provided context for his erratic behavior and paranoia by pointing to technological issues he was experiencing and other "strange" occurrences that in his mind at that time could only be explained by a conspiracy being lodged against him.

73. Respondent recognized that his beliefs were "overkill" and the "result of [him] being panicked and under a [sic] severe emotional distress."

74. Between September 2023 and January 2024, Respondent paid funds to several clients and the Constable, whose complaints prompted Respondent's criminal charges for Theft by Deception and Deceptive Business Practices.

75. The Susquehanna District Attorney's Office withdrew the criminal charges

against Respondent for Theft by Deception and Deceptive Business Practices.

76. Respondent denies that he engaged in any criminal conduct related to theft of funds or services from his clients or the Constable.

77. On September 25, 2023, Respondent pled guilty to two counts summary harassment based on the text messages he sent to his client and the Constable.

78. Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and costs, which he has satisfied.

79. By Order dated October 11, 2023, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court placed Respondent on temporary suspension.

SPECIFIC RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT VIOLATED

80. Respondent violated the following Pennsylvania Rules of Professional Conduct:

a. RPC 1.1, which requires a lawyer to provide competent representation to a client;

b. RPC 1.3, which requires a lawyer to provide diligent representation to a client;

c. RPC 1.4(a)(2), which requires a lawyer to reasonably consult with the client about the means by which the client's objectives are to be accomplished;

d. RPC 1.16(c), which requires a lawyer to comply with applicable law requiring notice to or permission of a tribunal when terminating a representation;

e. RPC 1.16(d), which requires a lawyer, upon termination of representation, to take steps reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for

employment of other counsel, surrendering papers or property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advanced payment of fee or expense that has not been earned or incurred;

f. RPC 3.1, which prohibits a lawyer from bringing or defending a proceeding, or asserting or controverting an issue therein unless there is a basis in law and fact for doing so that is not frivolous, which includes a good faith argument for an extension, modification or reversal of existing law;

g. RPC 8.4(b), which prohibits a lawyer from committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects; and

h. RPC 8.4(d), which prohibits a lawyer from engaging in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice.

SPECIFIC JOINT RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE

81. Petitioner and Respondent jointly request that Respondent receive a one-year and one-day suspension, stayed in its entirety, with Respondent placed on probation for two years subject to conditions.

82. Respondent hereby consents to that discipline being imposed upon him by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Attached to this Petition as Exhibit "B" is Respondent's executed Affidavit required by Pa.R.D.E. 215(d), stating that he consents to the recommended discipline and including the mandatory acknowledgements contained in Pa.R.D.E. 215(d)(1)-(4).

Mitigating Circumstances

83. In support of Petitioner and Respondent's joint recommendation, it is

respectfully submitted that the following mitigating circumstances are present:

- a. Respondent admits engaging in misconduct and violating the charged Rules of Professional Conduct.
- b. Respondent has cooperated with Petitioner in connection with this Petition, as evidenced by Respondent's admissions herein and his consent to receiving the recommended discipline.
- c. Respondent understands and agrees he should be disciplined, as evidenced by his consent to receiving the recommended discipline.
- d. Respondent is remorseful for his misconduct.
- e. During the time frame of his misconduct, Respondent was impaired by a mental health crisis. If this matter were to proceed to a hearing, Respondent would satisfy his burden of proving a causal connection between his condition and his misconduct under *ODC v. Seymour H. Braun*, 553 A.2d 894 (Pa. 1989).

84. In support of his mitigation, Respondent has proffered the following:

- a. Respondent sincerely apologizes to the judges, courthouse staff, District Attorney's Office, and clients whom he accused of engaging in a conspiracy against him for the impact his statements had on those individuals and the legal profession generally.
- b. Respondent admits and acknowledges that, beginning in May 2023, he was under an increasing amount of stress and anxiety which crippled his ability to competently practice law.
- c. In June 2023, Respondent, on two separate occasions, sought treatment and was diagnosed with mental health conditions.

Respondent has provided records from his June 2023 treatment visits, which are attached hereto as Exhibit "C."

- d. In or about late-August 2023, Respondent began taking prescription medications for his mental health conditions, which greatly reduced his symptoms.
- e. Since October 2023, Respondent has consistently attended individual therapy sessions at Friendship House on at least a monthly basis. Respondent provided documentation of his therapy sessions, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "D."
- f. On October 24, 2024, Respondent obtained an updated psychiatric evaluation from Friendship House, wherein Respondent reported that was no longer suffering from any psychiatric symptoms and the provider's report indicates Respondent's "mental status exams appear to be normal." Respondent was recommended to continue to utilize individual psychotherapy sessions to address his stressors, which Respondent has done. Respondent has provided the report from his October 24, 2024 visit, which is attached hereto as Exhibit "E."
- g. By letter dated February 26, 2025, Respondent's treating therapist, Kristin Gagliardi, MS, further confirmed that Respondent has been an active client of Friendship House since October 2023 and advised that Respondent "consistently attends and actively participates in therapy sessions." Ms. Gagliardi's February 26, 2025 letter attached hereto as Exhibit "F."

- h. On February 25, 2025, Respondent provided a sworn statement recounting the circumstances surrounding his misconduct, his sincere remorse for the harm he caused to his clients, and the steps he has taken and continues to take to address the underlying issues that led to his misconduct to help prevent their recurrence. Respondent's February 25, 2025 sworn statement is attached hereto as Exhibit "G."
- i. On September 28, 2025, Respondent was interviewed by Forensic Psychiatrist Richard E. Fischbein, M.D., for purposes of assessing Respondent's psychiatric/psychological illness and what, if any, effect it has on Respondent's capacity or competency to practice law in Pennsylvania. A true and correct copy of Dr. Fischbein's September 29, 2025 Psychiatric Report is attached hereto as Exhibit "H."
- j. As set forth in Exhibit H, at p. 9, it is the opinion of Dr. Fischbein, within a reasonable degree of medical certainty, that there is "no contraindication to [Respondent] returning to practice as a licensed attorney in the state of Pennsylvania." *Id.*, at p. 9.
- k. On October 2, 2025, Respondent obtained a second updated evaluation from Friendship House, further demonstrating Respondent's continued commitment to his mental health treatment; the provider's report includes no adverse observations regarding Respondent's mental health. A copy of Respondent's October 2, 2025 Friendship House Psychiatric Evaluation is

attached hereto as Exhibit "I."

Aggravating Circumstances

85. On October 4, 2022, Respondent received a summary informal admonition for a Driving Under the Influence conviction, which he timely reported to ODC.

Level of Discipline to be Imposed

86. Generally, attorneys who engage in large scale neglect and complete abandonment of their clients (subject to aggravating and mitigating factors) must go through a reinstatement process in order to prove their fitness to practice. However, where an attorney establishes **Braun** mitigation and provides evidence that a treatment plan is in place, the term of suspension is often stayed and the respondent is placed on a period of monitored probation.

In **ODC v. Marc D. Vitale**, 27 DB 2025 (S. Ct. Order 5/30/2025) (on consent), the Court approved a two-year stayed suspension with two-years' probation subject to mental health and trust account conditions. Mr. Vitale engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in three client matters while on administrative suspension, misappropriated client funds, failed to maintain records required by RPC 1.15, and failed to reasonably communicate and promptly disburse settlement funds in two client matters. Mr. Vitale produced **Braun** mitigation that he suffered from bipolar disorder, for which he was receiving treatment, exhibited remorse, and had no prior history of discipline.

In **ODC v. Gina Yvonne Mosley**, 181 DB 2014 (S. Ct. Order 5/18/2016) (on consent), the Court approved a one-year stayed suspension with two-years' probation subject to mental health conditions for Ms. Mosley's failure to diligently represent and reasonably communicate with one client and her failure to appear for an informal admonition

based on her neglect and lack of communication in a different client matter. Ms. Mosley produced **Braun** evidence that she suffered from generalized anxiety disorder, which was the cause of her misconduct. In further mitigation, Ms. Mosely had no record of prior discipline, acknowledged her wrongdoing, exhibited genuine remorse, was experiencing financial and personal difficulties, and made efforts to strengthen her legal practice.

In **ODC v. Christopher Roulhac Booth, Jr.**, 106 DB 2013 (S. Ct. Order 11/13/2014) (on consent), the Court approved a two-year stayed suspension with two-years' probation subject to mental health conditions. Mr. Booth's misconduct involved neglect – including failure to appear for hearings, and lack of communication in an unspecified number of client matters over the course of two years. Mr. Booth further misused over \$117,000.00 of funds belonging to his firm, of which he had repaid \$40,000.00 at the time consent discipline was entered. Mr. Booth's prior disciplinary history of an informal admonition aggravated his misconduct. In mitigation, Mr. Booth produced **Braun** evidence that he suffered from depression, for which he was receiving treatment.

ODC and Respondent respectfully submit that a one-year and one-day stayed suspension with two-years' probation subject to mental health conditions is consistent with the prior cases discussed above and acknowledges the link between Respondent's misconduct and his mental health condition while ensuring Respondent continues his treatment regime. Respondent represents that between May and September 2023, he experienced an intense mental health crisis. While in this impaired mental state, Respondent systematically attempted to withdraw from his clients' matters, made various false and/or unfounded accusations in his filings concerning his clients and the courts, and failed to timely respond to ODC's DB-7 letter based on his belief that his clients, the courts, and ODC were part of a large conspiracy to harm Respondent. Respondent directly

attributes his misconduct to his mental health crisis, which left Respondent in such a paranoid state that he was largely unable to leave his home and trusted no one, including his own mother. Respondent's medical records fully support that his impaired mental state significantly impacted his ability to competently function generally, much less competently represent clients. If this matter were to proceed to a hearing, Respondent would meet the **Braun** mitigation standard.

Since September 2023, Respondent has consistently and sincerely expressed extreme remorse and embarrassment for his misconduct. Respondent has cooperated with ODC by agreeing with the recommended discipline and resolved his criminal matters by issuing payments to several victims and pleading guilty to the harassment charges. Respondent has been addressing his mental health issues by consistently attending therapy sessions for two years. Dr. Fischbein's recent psychiatric evaluation raised no concerns with Respondent's capability to return to the practice of law. Respondent's psychiatric examinations by Friendship House during the past two years have consistently observed that Respondent's thought process is normal and without paranoid ideations or cognitive impairment. As a condition of his probation, Respondent would be required to continue with his therapy for an additional two years and to report any changes in his diagnosis or treatment to ODC.

A one-year and one-day stayed suspension term provides the additional assurance that, if Respondent fails to comply with the terms of his probation, ODC will seek an Order from the Court imposing the one-year and one-day suspension, requiring Respondent to undergo a reinstatement proceeding, at which he must establish his fitness prior to resuming active status. A two-year term of probation with the requirement that Respondent continue treatment sessions with a licensed mental health provider is consistent with the

above-referenced case law and will help ensure that Respondent continues on the correct path while reintegrating himself into the practice of law. Respondent will be able to return to the practice of law as he continues to address his mental health issues, with the full understanding that if he violates his probation, he may be suspended. This recommendation serves the dual purpose of protecting the public while acknowledging the factors that caused Respondent's misconduct and ensuring Respondent continues his treatment regimen.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner and Respondent respectfully request, pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(e), 215(g) and 215(i), a three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board review and approve the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent and recommend to the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania that the Court enter an Order directing that:

1. Respondent receive a one-year and one-day suspension, stayed in its entirety, and a consecutive two-year period of probation subject to the following conditions:
 - a. Respondent shall undergo counseling, out-patient, or in-patient treatment relating to his mental health diagnoses as prescribed by a physician or counselor from Friendship House or another qualified mental healthcare professional;
 - b. Respondent shall cooperate with the directions of the mental healthcare professional supervising his treatment, take medications as prescribed, and engage in therapy and counseling sessions as directed;
 - c. Respondent shall submit quarterly reports to ODC that address his compliance with the conditions of probation; and

- d. On a quarterly basis coinciding with his reports to ODC, Respondent shall provide ODC with a letter from his treating professional verifying the above counseling and treatment and reporting any change in Respondent's diagnosis, treatment, or prognosis.
2. Any violation of the terms of Respondent's probation will result in ODC seeking a Court order imposing a one-year and one-day suspension;
3. The Order dated October 11, 2023 placing Respondent on Temporary Suspension is hereby dissolved.
4. Respondent shall pay the necessary expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter, and that under Pa.R.D.E. 208(g)(1) all expenses are to be paid by Respondent within 30 days after the notice of the taxed expenses is sent to Respondent.

Respectfully submitted,

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL
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Chief Disciplinary Counsel

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BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,
Petitioner

v.

JASON GUY BEARDSLEY,
Respondent

: 2999 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
: 122 DB 2023
: Attorney Reg. No. 315100
: (Susquehanna County)

VERIFICATION

The statements made in the foregoing Supplemental Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(d) are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief. This statement is made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Respectfully submitted,

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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	:	
	:	122 DB 2023
v.	:	
	:	Attorney Reg. No. 315100
JASON GUY BEARDSLEY,	:	
Respondent	:	(Susquehanna County)

PROPOSED ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this ____ day of _____, 2025, upon consideration of the Recommendation of the Three-Member Panel of the Disciplinary Board, the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent is granted. Jason Guy Beardsley is suspended on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth for a period of one-year and one-day. The suspension is stayed in its entirety, and Respondent is placed on probation for a period of two years, subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent shall undergo counseling, out-patient, or in-patient treatment relating to his mental health diagnoses as prescribed by a physician or counselor from Friendship House or another qualified mental healthcare professional;
2. Respondent shall cooperate with the directions of the mental healthcare professional supervising his treatment, take medications as prescribed, and engage in therapy and counseling sessions as directed;
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The Order dated October 11, 2023 placing Respondent on Temporary Suspension is hereby dissolved.

Respondent shall pay expenses incurred in the investigation and processing of this matter within 30 days after the notice of the taxed expenses is sent to Respondent.

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,	:	2999 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
Petitioner	:	
	:	122 DB 2023
v.	:	
	:	Attorney Reg. No. 315100
JASON GUY BEARDSLEY,	:	
Respondent	:	(Susquehanna County)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am this day serving the foregoing document upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of Disciplinary Board Rules and Procedures § 89.22 (service by a participant).

First Class Mail and Electronic Mail as follows:

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July 22, 2025

Prothonotary
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania
Western District Office
801 City- County Building
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Pittsburgh, PA 15219
ATTN: Betsy Ceraso, Esquire, Deputy Prothonotary

**RE: OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL v. JASON GUY
BEARDSLEY**
2999 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
122 DB 2023

Dear Ms. Ceraso:

Please accept this letter response on behalf of Office of Disciplinary Counsel to Respondent's Petition to Dissolve Order of Temporary Suspension, filed July 8, 2025.

ODC does not oppose dissolution of Respondent's temporary suspension on the condition that the Disciplinary Board and the Court approve the parties' proposed Joint Petition for Discipline on Consent recommending a one-year and one-day suspension, stayed in its entirety, with two years' probation. A copy of the parties' Joint Petition, which is simultaneously being filed with the Disciplinary Board, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

As it is Respondent's burden to prove that dissolution of the temporary suspension is appropriate through evidence that the concerns which led to

Exhibit A

Betsy Ceraso, Prothonotary
July 22, 2025
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his temporary suspension have been alleviated, ODC respectfully requests that this Court direct the Disciplinary Board Chair to designate a Disciplinary Board Member to conduct a hearing on Respondent's Petition as provided in Pa.R.D.E. 208(f)(4).

Sincerely,

Kristin Wells

Kristin A. Wells
Disciplinary Counsel
District III

cc: Jason Guy Beardsley, Respondent (via email)
Marcee D. Sloan, Disciplinary Board Prothonotary

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BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,	:	2999 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
Petitioner	:	122 DB 2023
v.	:	Attorney Reg. No. 315100
JASON GUY BEARDSLEY,	:	(Susquehanna County)
Respondent	:	

RESPONDENT'S AFFIDAVIT UNDER RULE 215(d)
OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RULES OF DISCIPLINARY ENFORCEMENT

Jason Guy Beardsley, Respondent in the above-captioned matter, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and hereby submits this affidavit consenting to the recommendation of a one-year and one-day suspension, stayed in its entirety, with two-years' probation subject to conditions and further states as follows:

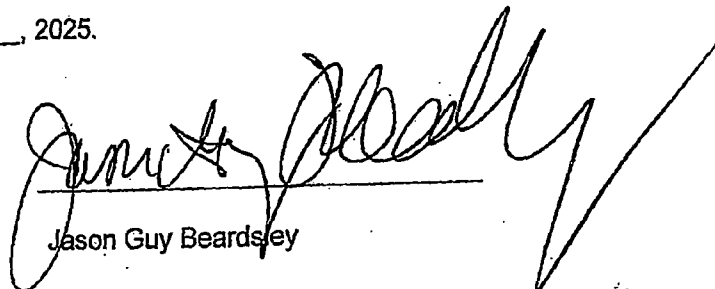
1. I am a formerly admitted attorney in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania whose license has been temporarily suspended by Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated October 11, 2023. I was previously admitted to the bar on January 25, 2013.
2. I desire to submit a Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(d).
3. My consent is freely and voluntarily rendered; I am not being subjected to coercion or duress; I am fully aware of the implications of submitting this consent.
4. I am aware there is presently pending a proceeding involving allegations that I have been guilty of misconduct as set forth in the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(d) to which this affidavit is attached.

5. I acknowledge that the material facts set forth in the Joint Petition are true.
6. I consent because I know that if charges continued to be prosecuted in the pending proceeding, I could not successfully defend against them.

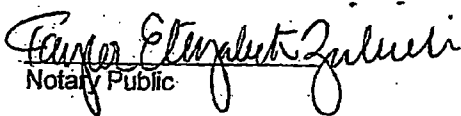
7. I am aware of my right to retain counsel in the instant proceeding and I have decided to proceed without counsel in connection with my decision to execute the Joint Petition.

It is understood that the statements made herein are subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S.A. §4904 (relating to unsworn falsification to authorities).

Signed this 14 day of October, 2025.


Jason Guy Beardsley

Subscribed and sworn before
me on this 14 day of Oct,
2025


Notary Public

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Taylor Elizabeth Zielinski, Notary Public
Susquehanna County
My commission expires November 20, 2028
Commission number 1387406
Member, Pennsylvania Association of Notaries

Exhibit

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SWORN STATEMENT

TO: The Office of Disciplinary Counsel

RE: *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Jason G. Beardsley* (Attorney Disciplinary Matter):
Proposed Discipline

DATE: February 25, 2025

I was formerly a solo practitioner with an office located in Susquehanna County Pennsylvania before my law license was suspended in October of 2023. I started practicing law as a licensed attorney in January of 2013 until the what I would deem as a very peculiar and extraordinary set of circumstances culminated in May of 2023 (and continued for some months thereafter) and rendered me incapable of effectively practicing law as I had been accustomed to over the prior ten (10) years leading up to May of 2023, during which time I had successfully represented thousands of clients in a number of Courts of Common Pleas and Appellate Courts in Pennsylvania—and during which time there were no significant enough issues that precluded me from consistently providing effective legal representation to a very large number of clients without interruption before my law license was suspended.

The peculiar and extraordinary circumstances that I speak of involved me believing that third parties had engaged in conduct that was meant to harm me and that was in part illegal and unauthorized by any laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I now make these statements concerning that perceived wrongdoing meant to harm me—much of which I believe still to be true—with the awareness that it may appear that I am not remorseful for the conduct that I engaged in from the End of the May of 2023 until the time that my law license was suspended in October of 2023, but that I am not remorseful and regretful that the conduct occurred could not be further from the truth. However, under no circumstances will I deny my firmly held belief that third parties engaged in conduct that was meant to harm me which was the biggest contributing factor that resulted in me engaging in conduct of the kind that I had never engaged in previously during thousands of Court Appearances and representations of clients in a wide array of legal matters over the course of ten (10) years where I managed my own legal practice that I built from the ground up out of nothing and beginning with very meager financial resources.

To the extent that anyone who has a say over what should happen to my law license is concerned about me engaging in similar conduct in the future, I assert that there is no real reason to have those concerns because the circumstances that caused me to have in effect what was a “mental breakdown” of a temporary nature were circumstances of such a kind that they will not repeat themselves and I am firmly committed to ensuring that I never

engage in conduct of the kind that caused my law license to be suspended ever again—regardless of any circumstances I may be faced with in the future.

One of the greatest compliments I ever received was from a former clinical professor who had selected me as the 2012 Outstanding Clinical Student Award presented by the Clinical Legal Education Association when he said that what set me apart from the many students he had seen provide representation to clients under the supervision of clinical professors over the professor's long tenure was how much I cared for my clients and how dedicated to their causes I was. For the time I practiced law I tried my very best to look out for my clients' best interests and to provide the best representation that I could until such time I could not provide effective representation any longer as noted above.

That I let my clients down and could not provide them with continued assistance thereby in effect leaving some of them in the lurch depressed me so much that I wished I was dead and those feelings lasted for a protracted period and what seemed like forever at the time. That's the level of guilt and remorse I felt for letting my clients down, which was combined with other emotional distress that stemmed from the events and circumstances from in or around May 2023 onward based upon everything that had occurred and was occurring, and all that left me with a profound sadness of a kind I have never experienced before in my life. The amount of remorse, sadness, and guilt was so severe I cannot adequately articulate it in words.

Dwelling in such feelings and utter despair, however, is not productive and I have come to a point where I understand the importance of remembering and acknowledging all of what has occurred and taking whatever steps are necessary to prevent anything similar from happening in the future—but I am very eager to move on from it and to provide the quality legal representation that I know I am capable of providing to prospective clients, and which I have provided to numerous clients in the past. Of course, being able to do that will depend on me having my law license restored.

Since in or around October of 2023 I have engaged in individual therapy on a consistent basis and will continue to do so as a safeguard to ensure my mental health remains in a good state, as it is now. For a short period of time in 2023 I was prescribed medications for mental health concerns when I had never previously been prescribed any medications for mental health concerns and I had never been diagnosed with any type of mental health condition(s) before. At this time, I have been on no medications whatsoever for going on a year and a half, which my treatment provider has been aware of during that time. Overall, I feel better mentally than I have in years, despite the remaining fallout from the destruction of my once very busy law practice and trauma from all that has occurred,

which has impacted every aspect of my life, and more regrettably it has negatively impacted the lives of my loved ones.

I have been diagnosed with an adjustment disorder, unspecified, which as I understand it is a temporary, inappropriate response to circumstances that happen in someone's life that can and did cause me to suffer from severe mental health difficulties of a temporary nature. In any event, diagnosis or no diagnosis of that kind, that is exactly what has occurred. At this time, in my estimation, there is no impediments of any kind that should prevent me from immediately practicing law. And I would not be making that assertion if I did not believe it, which is a statement that should not be left in question since I previously candidly told ODC at various times when I felt that I was not in a place where I could effectively practice law.

At the end of the day, regardless of what I believe what was done to me by third parties or the legality of that conduct, I should have retained counsel and acted like the good lawyer that I once was to look after the interests of my clients and my own interests (but at the time I trusted absolutely no one and was incapable of that). And, instead of doing the right or legally smart things, I temporarily abandoned my law practice for a short period of time and during that short period of time I engaged in conduct that damaged many long-standing personal relationships and hurt people I love and care about very much. To say that I regret all this happened is an understatement beyond words; I will never entirely stop regretting it and feeling remorse for it.

However, I have afforded myself some forgiveness and grace based upon an understanding that I was not capable of acting in a manner that would best serve my own best interests let alone my former clients' best interests for a limited time beginning in the End of May 2023, during a time where I was experiencing severe, temporary mental health difficulties of a kind and degree I had never experienced before or since after having an opportunity to level out. I developed all that understanding where I could partially forgive myself through a tremendous amount of self-reflection and the counseling process over the course of months that has allowed me to remove myself from what once seemed like an all-encompassing abyss of despair and sadness that left no room for any real hope.

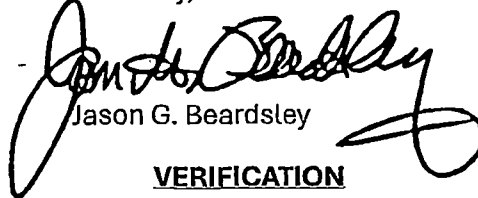
I do not come from wealth or privilege, rather I come from a background of very limited financial resources. It was probably unlikely that I would ever become an attorney taking into consideration everything. I was the first person in my family ever to become an attorney as far as I know. At this point, part of me feels that it is fitting that I do not have a law license since I probably should have never really reasonably expected to obtain one in the first place. Then again, I did work very hard to obtain a law license and to build my own law practice over the course of a decade after I became a licensed attorney.

At this juncture, I believe that I can effectively practice law as I did for years and that I would be an asset to the legal profession even more so now than during my best years of practicing law in the past given my new-found perspective and enhanced dedication to notions of fundamental fairness, due process, and justice that is the pinnacle of what the practice of law should seek to promote and achieve.

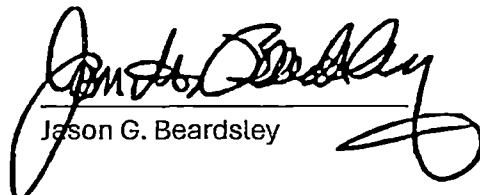
What I am asking you to consider is disciplining me and/or approving any proposed discipline in a manner that appropriately recognizes and acknowledges any misconduct I engaged in, and which I will take full accountability for, but that also takes into consideration that any misconduct spanned a relatively short period of time during which time I was experiencing severe, temporary mental health difficulties of a kind that I had never before experienced before and that caused me to act in a manner I never had acted in before. I firmly believe that I can effectively practice law at this time as I have done in previously managing my own high-volume law practice from beginning in or around May of 2013 to May of 2023 without interruption, and I would also ask you take to that into consideration as well in deciding whether any discipline that is ultimately approved should involve the restoration of my law license in the very near future. Put simply, concerning any misconduct I have committed, history will not repeat itself and I am fully committed to doing whatever it takes to make sure that it does not in any manner that you should be concerned with.

Thanks very much for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,


Jason G. Beardsley
VERIFICATION

The undersigned, Jason G. Beardsley, verifies that the statements made in this **Sworn Statement** are true and correct. The undersigned understands that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa. Stat. Cons. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.


Jason G. Beardsley

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

I certify that this filing complies with the provisions of the *Public Access Policy of the Unified Judicial System of Pennsylvania: Case Records of the Appellate and Trial Courts* that require filing confidential information and documents differently than non-confidential information and documents.

Submitted by: Office of Disciplinary Counsel

Signature: Kristin A. Wells

Name: Kristin A. Wells

Attorney No. (if applicable): 312080