

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,	:	No. 3102 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
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	:	No. 29 DB 2025
Petitioner	:	
	:	Attorney Registration No. 308094
v.	:	
	:	(Philadelphia)
PAUL MICHAEL DIMAIO,	:	
	:	
Respondent	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 16th day of September, 2026, 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 Paul Michael DiMaio is suspended on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth for a period of three years, retroactive to April 7, 2025. Respondent shall comply with the provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217 and pay costs to the Disciplinary Board. See Pa.R.D.E. 208(g).

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As Of 09/16/2026

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Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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

Petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Thomas J. Farrell, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and Harriet R. Brumberg, Disciplinary Counsel, and Respondent, Paul Michael DiMaio, and Respondent's counsel, Samuel C. Stretton, Esquire, file this Joint Petition In Support of Discipline on Consent under Pennsylvania Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement 215(d), and respectfully represent that:

I. PARTIES TO DISCIPLINE ON CONSENT

1. Petitioner, whose principal office is located at Pennsylvania Judicial Center, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 2700, P.O. Box 62485, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106, is invested, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement (hereinafter "Pa.R.D.E."), with the power and duty to investigate all matters involving alleged misconduct of any attorney admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of

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Pennsylvania and to prosecute all disciplinary proceedings brought in accordance with the various provisions of said Rules.

2. Respondent was born in June 1968, and was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on April 13, 2010.

3. On March 24, 2025, Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC) filed a Joint Petition to Temporarily Suspend an Attorney, Verification, and Proposed Order with the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

4. By Order dated April 7, 2025, the Supreme Court granted the Joint Petition and placed Respondent on Temporary Suspension pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 214(d)(5).

5. Prior to being placed on Temporary Suspension, Respondent had a law office at 1500 Walnut Street, Suite 1510, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

6. Respondent is subject to the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

II. FACTUAL ADMISSIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

7. On January 13, 2025, Respondent had a legal visit with Jahil Williams, an inmate at the Federal Detention Center (FDC) who was not Respondent's client.

8. On February 1, 2025, Jada Williams, Jahil's sister, sent Respondent \$2,000 through his Cash App account.

9. Respondent subsequently had numerous telephone calls with Williams, Jada, and Williams' mother, Tanya Culver.

10. On the morning of February 4, 2025, Culver drove Jada and Respondent to the FDC.

a. While in the car, Williams called Jada and asked her to text Nyeem Thrones' name and Bureau of Prison (BOP) number to Respondent.

11. At approximately 10:53 a.m. on February 4, 2025, Respondent entered the FDC with two "Redweld" folders and signed the BOP Form indicating he was coming to visit inmate Thrones.

12. The Form states, in pertinent part:

You are prohibited from . . . possessing prohibited objects on Bureau grounds, or in Bureau facilities, without the knowledge and consent of the Warden. . . .

13. The Form also explains drugs, intoxicants, telephones, and electronic devises are "prohibited objects" and asks if any of the prohibited items, including telephones, electronic devices, narcotics, prescription drugs, and tobacco products are in the signer's possession.

a. Respondent checked the box "No" next to each of foregoing listed prohibited items.

14. Above the signature line, the Form states, in pertinent part, that:

I have read, I understand, and I agree to the above. If I am visiting an inmate, I also agree to abide by the visiting guidelines provided by this institution. I declare that I do not have articles in my possession which I know to be a threat to institution safety, security, or good order. . . . I am aware that the penalty for making a false statement is a fine of not more than \$250,000 or imprisonment of not more than five years or both (pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001).

15. Respondent printed and signed his name below the foregoing statement.

16. Thereafter, Respondent carried the two Redweld folders into a legal visitation room within the FDC and met with Thrones for 18 minutes.

17. Following the meeting, Respondent left the visitation room with only one folder, having given Thrones the second folder to deliver to Jahil Williams.

18. Officer James Tupper, who had stripped searched Thrones prior to his meeting with Respondent, noted Thrones was carrying a Redweld folder he had not possessed prior to the meeting.

19. Prison personnel searched the folder and discovered a Motorola cell phone, a charging cord, 83 strips of suboxone, and 240 loose cigarettes, all of which are prohibited objects.

20. On February 28, 2025, Special Agent Kurt Frimel, Federal Bureau of Investigations, submitted a Criminal Complaint, Affidavit in

Support of Criminal Complaint, and Arrest Warrant to the Honorable Magistrate Judge Elizabeth T. Hey, United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, alleging there was probable cause to believe that Respondent violated 18 U.S.C. §§ 1791(a)(2), (b)(3), (b)(4) (providing contraband to a prison inmate) and (aiding and abetting); Judge Hey signed the Criminal Complaint the same day. **USA v. DiMaio**, Case # 2:25-MJ-00397-1.

21. On March 4, 2025, Respondent was arrested, brought before Magistrate Judge Lynne A. Sitarski, and stipulated that there was probable cause for his arrest, which Judge Sitarski accepted upon independent review.

- a. Judge Sitarski ordered that Respondent be released on \$25,000 bail subject to conditions, including Respondent's receiving mental health services under the supervision of Pretrial Services and having no contact with codefendants and potential witnesses.

22. On March 24, 2025, ODC and Respondent filed a Joint Petition for Respondent's Temporary Suspension, which the Supreme Court granted on April 7, 2025. **In the Matter of Paul Michael DiMaio**, No. 3102 DD3, No. 29 DB 2025 (S.Ct. Order 4/7/2025).

23. On October 15, 2025, Respondent pled guilty to: (1) 18 USC § 371, a Class D Felony, conspiring to smuggle contraband into the FDC; (2) 18 USC § 1791(a)(1), (b)(1), (b)(4), a Class C Felony, providing contraband to a prison inmate and aiding/abetting; and (3) 18 U.S.C. 1001(a)(2), a Class D Felony, making a false statement. *USA v. Paul DiMaio*, Crim. No. 25-110-01-JP

- a. The total statutory maximum sentence for Respondent's crimes is 30 years' imprisonment, 3 years supervised release, a \$250,000 fine, and a \$100 special assessment.

24. On January 20, 2026, the United States filed its Sentencing Memorandum, in which it: argued Respondent's "abuse of the public trust merits a sentence of imprisonment at the top of the guideline range"; pointed out Respondent "committed his crimes despite having many advantages not enjoyed by most criminal defendants," including an "idyllic childhood" and growing "up with a silver spoon"; found "no educational or medical needs that justify reducing his sentence"; and noted despite Respondent's claim he "was threatened into smuggling the contraband," Respondent was "an experienced criminal defense attorney."

25. On February 11, 2026, Judge Padova sentenced Respondent to two years of probation on Counts 1, 2, and 3, with all terms of probation to run concurrently, and a \$300 lump sum monetary penalty, due immediately.

26. Judge Padova also imposed the following Special Conditions of Supervision on Respondent's probation, ordering Respondent to:

- (1) reside for 90 days in a residential re-entry center, halfway house, or similar residential facility; observe all rules of the facility; be eligible for weekend privileges; and pay subsistence as required by the program; and
- (2) participate in a mental health program for evaluation and/or treatment and abide by the rules of any such program until satisfactorily discharged.

27. By Respondent's conduct as alleged in Paragraphs 7 through 26 above, Respondent violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct and Pennsylvania Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement:

- a. RPC 8.4(b), it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects;
- b. RPC 8.4(c), it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, except that a lawyer may advise, direct, or supervise others, including clients, law enforcement officers, and investigators, who participate in lawful investigative activities; and

- c. Pa.R.D.E. 203(b)(1), the following shall also be grounds for discipline: conviction of a crime.

III. JOINT RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE

28. Petitioner and Respondent jointly recommend that the appropriate discipline for Respondent's admitted misconduct is a three-year suspension retroactive to April 7, 2025, the date of the Court's Order placing Respondent on Temporary Suspension.

29. Respondent hereby consents to the discipline being imposed by the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. Attached to this Petition is Respondent's executed Affidavit required by Pa.R.D.E. 215(d), which states that he consents to the recommended discipline and the mandatory acknowledgements contained in Pa.R.D.E. 215(d)(1) through (4).

30. Petitioner and Respondent respectfully submit there are the following mitigating factors: (1) Respondent has no record of discipline; and (2) Respondent cooperated with ODC by entering into a Joint Petition to Temporarily Suspend an Attorney and a Joint Petition for Discipline on Consent.

31. If this matter were to proceed to a disciplinary hearing, Respondent would testify that during the time of his commission of the crimes

for which he pled guilty, a dangerous gang had threatened him with bodily harm and his wife was receiving treatment for her serious cancer.

32. Petitioner and Respondent respectfully submit that there are the following aggravating factors: (1) Respondent's misconduct generated negative publicity; and (2) Respondent abused his position of authority as an officer of the court.

33. Generally, attorneys who have been convicted of smuggling or attempting to smuggle contraband into a prison receive discipline ranging from a two-year suspension to disbarment. Attorneys who commit additional misconduct receive discipline at the higher end of the range while attorneys with *Braun* mitigation tend to receive lesser discipline.

34. In *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Sommovilla*, No. 156 DB 2010 (S.Ct. Order 11/22/2011)(on consent), Sommovilla received a two-year suspension for attempting to smuggle controlled substances into a correctional facility. A scan and search of Sommovilla upon his arrival at the correctional facility revealed 6 small packages of heroin and three Xanax pills, which Sommovilla claimed were intended for his client. A search of Sommovilla's car parked at the facility revealed additional small packages of heroin, 2 plastic bags containing cocaine, and glass pipes commonly used

for smoking crack cocaine. Sommovilla, who had no record of discipline, was able to establish a causal connection between his drug addiction and misconduct in order to satisfy the requirements for **Braun** mitigation.

In *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Conway*, No. 149 DB 2009 (D.Bd. Rpt. 4/15/2011)(S.C. Order 10/3/2011), Conway, in exchange for money and cocaine, concealed an envelope containing marijuana in his sock and delivered it to his client in the attorney-client meeting room at the county jail. Conway was unable to establish **Braun** mitigation, but had cooperated with ODC and had no history of discipline. The Supreme Court suspended Conway for three years, while the dissenting opinion argued for a five-year suspension given that Respondent "misused his professional status to ensure that the illegal delivery took place in an area of the prison that offers greater privacy."

In *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Perrine*, 15 DB 2009 & 177 DB 2009 (D.Bd.Rpt. 6/3/2011)(S.Ct. Order 11/2/2011), Perrine was arrested for attempting to smuggle a vial of crack cocaine into a county correctional facility. After Perrine failed to appear for his pretrial conference, Perrine was arrested again, placed on house arrest, cut his electronic monitoring bracelet

and fled to Washington, D.C. Respondent was arrested in Virginia and extradited to Pennsylvania. Among other misconduct, Perrine also failed to handle his clients' cases, appear for any of his disciplinary proceedings, and report his criminal convictions to the Disciplinary Board. The Supreme Court disbarred Perrine.

35. Unlike Sommovilla, Respondent has not attempted to argue he has a drug addiction or any other health condition warranting his receipt of *Braun* mitigation. Also, unlike Perrine, Respondent's misconduct is limited to his attempt to smuggle contraband into a correctional facility and false statements concerning his possessing the contraband. Rather, Respondent's conduct of delivering a Redweld folder with contraband is more akin to that of Conway's conduct, wherein Conway concealed a controlled substance and delivered it to an inmate in exchange for money.

36. Accordingly consistent with precedent, ODC and Respondent request that Respondent receive a three-year suspension, retroactive to the date of Respondent's temporary suspension. A three-year suspension will maintain the dignity of the profession and, hopefully, deter other attorneys from succumbing to the unlawful demands of their clients.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner and Respondent respectfully request that:

- a. Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(e) and 215(g), the three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board review and approve the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent and recommend to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that the Court enter an Order that Respondent receive a three-year suspension, retroactive to April 7, 2025; and
- b. Pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(i), the three-member panel of the Disciplinary Board recommend to the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that the Court enter an Order for Respondent to 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 be paid by Respondent within 30 days after notice transmitted to the Respondent of taxed expenses.

Respectfully and jointly submitted,

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

Thomas J. Farrell
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

July 30, 2026
Date

By Harriet R. Brumberg
Harriet R. Brumberg
Disciplinary Counsel

8/12/26
Date

By Paul Michael DiMajo
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VERIFICATION

The statements contained in the foregoing Joint Petition In Support Of
Discipline On Consent Under Pa.R.D.E. 215(d) are true and correct to the
best of our knowledge or information and belief and are made subject to the
penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904, relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

July 30, 2026
Date

By Harriet R. Brumberg
Harriet R. Brumberg
Disciplinary Counsel

8/12/26
Date

By Paul Michael DiMaio
Paul Michael DiMaio
Respondent

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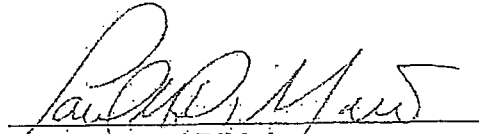
Respondent, Paul Michael DiMaio, hereby states that he consents to the imposition of a suspension of three-years retroactive to April 7, 2025; Respondent further states that:

1. His consent is freely and voluntarily rendered; he is not being subjected to coercion or duress; he is fully aware of the implications of submitting the consent; and he has consulted with an attorney in connection with the decision to consent to discipline;

2. He is aware that there is presently pending a disciplinary proceeding involving allegations that he has been guilty of misconduct as set forth in the Joint Petition;

3. He acknowledges that the material facts set forth in the Joint Petition are true; and

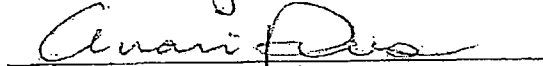
4. He consents because he knows that if the charges continue to be prosecuted in the pending proceeding, he could not successfully defend against the charges.


Paul Michael DiMaio
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed

before me this 12th

day of August, 2026.


Notary Public

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Amani Reese, Notary Public
Philadelphia County
My Commission Expires December 17, 2028
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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 204 Pa. Code §89.22 (related to service by a participant).

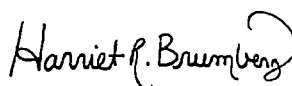
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Dated: August 14, 2026



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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: Harriet R. Brumberg

Name: Harriet R. Brumberg, Disciplinary Counsel

Attorney No.: 31032