

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL	:	No. 2497 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
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Petitioner	:	No. 96 DB 2018
v.	:	
	:	Attorney Registration No. 46536
SCOTT BRIAN ALLINSON	:	
	:	(Lehigh County)
Respondent	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 3rd day of May, 2023, upon consideration of the Verified Statement of Resignation, Scott Brian Allinson is disbarred on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth. See Pa.R.D.E. 215. Respondent's request that the disbarment be made retroactive is denied. See Pa.R.D.E. 217(e)(1) Note. 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).

A True Copy Nicole Traini
As Of 05/03/2023

Attest: 
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF
THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

IN THE MATTER OF : No. 2497 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
: :
SCOTT BRIAN ALLINSON : No. 96 DB 2018
: :
: Attorney Registration No.46536
: :
: (Lehigh County)

**RESIGNATION
UNDER Pa.R.D.E. 215**

Scott Brian Allinson, hereby tenders his unconditional resignation from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in conformity with Pennsylvania Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement 215 (Pa.R.D.E.) and states as follows:

1. He is a formerly admitted attorney, having been admitted to the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on or about November 10, 1986 and assigned attorney registration number 46536.

2. On March 1, 2018, a federal jury found Mr. Allinson guilty of conspiracy to commit bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. §371 and bribery/offering in violation of 18 U.S.C. §666(a)(2) in *USA v. Pawlowski et al.*, No. 5:17-cr-00390-JS-2, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

3. On June 22, 2018, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania issued a

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The Disciplinary Board of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania**

Rule to Show Cause Why Mr. Allinson should not be placed on temporary suspension.

4. By letter dated June 28, 2018, Mr. Allinson's counsel, Megan Scheib, Esquire, advised this Honorable Court that Mr. Allinson consented to the temporary suspension of his license to practice law.

5. By Order dated July 12, 2018, this Honorable Court placed him on temporary suspension pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 214(d)(2).

6. He desires to submit his resignation as a member of the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

7. His resignation is freely and voluntarily rendered; he is not being subjected to coercion or duress and he is fully aware of the implications of submitting this resignation.

8. He acknowledges that he is fully aware of his right to consult with and employ counsel to represent him in this proceeding. He has retained, consulted with, and acted upon the advice of counsel, Steven E. Hoffman, Esquire, in connection with his decision to execute this resignation.

9. He is aware that there is presently pending an investigation into allegations that he is guilty of professional misconduct relating to his March 1, 2018 criminal convictions. A true and correct copy of the *JUDGMENT IN*

A CRIMINAL CASE is attached as Exhibit A.

10. He acknowledges that the material facts upon which his professional misconduct is predicated, contained in Exhibit A, are true.

11. He submits this resignation because he knows that he could not successfully defend himself against charges of professional misconduct.

12. He is fully aware that his submission of this resignation statement is irrevocable and that he can only apply for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 218(b) and (c).

13. He is aware that, pursuant to Pa.R.D.E. 215(c), the fact that he has tendered his resignation shall become a matter of public record immediately upon delivery of the resignation statement to Disciplinary Counsel or the Board Prothonotary.

14. Upon entry of the order disbaring him on consent, he will promptly comply with the notice, withdrawal, resignation, trust account, and cease-and-desist provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217(a), (b), (c) and (d).

15. After entry of the order disbaring him on consent, he will file a verified statement of compliance as required by Pa.R.D.E. 217(e)(1).

16. He is aware that the waiting period for eligibility to apply for reinstatement to the practice of law under Pa.R.D.E. 218(b) shall not begin

until he files the verified statement of compliance required by Pa.R.D.E. 217(e)(1).

17. He requests that the order of disbarment contain a provision that makes the disbarment retroactive to the date of his temporary suspension.

18. He is aware that Office of Disciplinary Counsel opposes retroactivity based on the fact that he did not file a verified statement required by Pa.R.D.E. 217 after the temporary suspension order was entered and he was advised by the Board Prothonotary that a respondent-attorney who fails to file a verified statement at the time of a temporary suspension should not expect a final order to include a reference to retroactivity.

19. He understands the decision whether to grant his request for retroactivity is within the Court's discretion.

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

Signed this 13th day of April, 2023.



Scott B. Allinson
(Respondent)

WITNESS: _____

EXHIBIT A

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Eastern District of Pennsylvania

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
v.
SCOTT ALLINSON

JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE

Case Number: DPAE5:17CR000390-002

USM Number: 76167-066

William J. Winning, Esquire

Defendant's Attorney

THE DEFENDANT:

- pleaded guilty to count(s) _____
- pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) _____ which was accepted by the court.
- was found guilty on count(s) 1 and 19 after a plea of not guilty.

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

Title & Section	Nature of Offense	Offense Ended	Count
18 U.S.C. § 371	Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud, Wire Fraud, Honest Services Fraud, Federal Program Bribery, and Travel Act	6/26/2015	1
	Bribery		

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through 8 of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- The defendant has been found not guilty on count(s) _____
- Count(s) _____ is are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

It is ordered that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

6/29/2018

Date of Imposition of Judgment

Signature of Judge

Juan R. Sanchez, US District Judge

Name and Title of Judge

Date

6/29/18

DEFENDANT: SCOTT ALLINSON
CASE NUMBER: DPAE5:17CR000390-002

IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of:

27 months on each of Counts One and Nineteen, such terms to be served concurrently.

The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

It is recommended to the Bureau of Prisons, that if otherwise appropriate, defendant serve his sentence at the closest federal correctional institution closest to his family at FCI-Schuylkill in Minersville, Pennsylvania.

The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:

- at _____ a.m. p.m. on _____.
- as notified by the United States Marshal.

The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:

- before 2 p.m. on _____.
- as notified by the United States Marshal.
- as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on _____ to _____
at _____, with a certified copy of this judgment.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By _____
DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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SUPERVISED RELEASE

Upon release from imprisonment, you will be on supervised release for a term of:

3 years on each of Counts One and Nineteen, such terms to run concurrently.

MANDATORY CONDITIONS

1. You must not commit another federal, state or local crime.
2. You must not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.
3. You must refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance. You must submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.
 - The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that you pose a low risk of future substance abuse. *(check if applicable)*
4. You must make restitution in accordance with 18 U.S.C. §§ 3663 and 3663A or any other statute authorizing a sentence of restitution. *(check if applicable)*
5. You must cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by the probation officer. *(check if applicable)*
6. You must comply with the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (34 U.S.C. § 20901, *et seq.*) as directed by the probation officer, the Bureau of Prisons, or any state sex offender registration agency in the location where you reside, work, are a student, or were convicted of a qualifying offense. *(check if applicable)*
7. You must participate in an approved program for domestic violence. *(check if applicable)*

You must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any other conditions on the attached page.

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STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

As part of your supervised release, you must comply with the following standard conditions of supervision. These conditions are imposed because they establish the basic expectations for your behavior while on supervision and identify the minimum tools needed by probation officers to keep informed, report to the court about, and bring about improvements in your conduct and condition.

1. You must report to the probation office in the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside within 72 hours of your release from imprisonment, unless the probation officer instructs you to report to a different probation office or within a different time frame.
2. After initially reporting to the probation office, you will receive instructions from the court or the probation officer about how and when you must report to the probation officer, and you must report to the probation officer as instructed.
3. You must not knowingly leave the federal judicial district where you are authorized to reside without first getting permission from the court or the probation officer.
4. You must answer truthfully the questions asked by your probation officer.
5. You must live at a place approved by the probation officer. If you plan to change where you live or anything about your living arrangements (such as the people you live with), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
6. You must allow the probation officer to visit you at any time at your home or elsewhere, and you must permit the probation officer to take any items prohibited by the conditions of your supervision that he or she observes in plain view.
7. You must work full time (at least 30 hours per week) at a lawful type of employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you do not have full-time employment you must try to find full-time employment, unless the probation officer excuses you from doing so. If you plan to change where you work or anything about your work (such as your position or your job responsibilities), you must notify the probation officer at least 10 days before the change. If notifying the probation officer at least 10 days in advance is not possible due to unanticipated circumstances, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours of becoming aware of a change or expected change.
8. You must not communicate or interact with someone you know is engaged in criminal activity. If you know someone has been convicted of a felony, you must not knowingly communicate or interact with that person without first getting the permission of the probation officer.
9. If you are arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer, you must notify the probation officer within 72 hours.
10. You must not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or dangerous weapon (i.e., anything that was designed, or was modified for, the specific purpose of causing bodily injury or death to another person such as nunchakus or tasers).
11. You must not act or make any agreement with a law enforcement agency to act as a confidential human source or informant without first getting the permission of the court.
12. If the probation officer determines that you pose a risk to another person (including an organization), the probation officer may require you to notify the person about the risk and you must comply with that instruction. The probation officer may contact the person and confirm that you have notified the person about the risk.
13. You must follow the instructions of the probation officer related to the conditions of supervision.

U.S. Probation Office Use Only

A U.S. probation officer has instructed me on the conditions specified by the court and has provided me with a written copy of this judgment containing these conditions. For further information regarding these conditions, see *Overview of Probation and Supervised Release Conditions*, available at: www.uscourts.gov.

Defendant's Signature _____

Date _____

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SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION

The defendant shall refrain from the use of alcohol and shall submit to testing to ensure compliance. It is further ordered that the defendant shall participate in alcohol treatment and abide by the rules of any such program until satisfactorily discharged based on a recommendation of the United States Probation Office and approval of the Court.

The defendant shall provide the United States Probation Office with full disclosure of his financial records to include yearly income tax returns upon the request of the United States Probation Office. The defendant shall cooperate with the probation officer in the investigation of his financial dealings and shall provide truthful monthly statements of his income.

The defendant is prohibited from incurring any new credit charges or opening additional lines of credit without the approval of the probation officer, unless the defendant is in compliance with a payment schedule for any fine obligation. The defendant shall not encumber or liquidate interest in any assets unless it is in direct service of the fine obligation or otherwise has the express approval of the Court.

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CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments on Sheet 6.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment*</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>Restitution</u>
TOTALS	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 0.00

The determination of restitution is deferred until _____. An Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO 245C) will be entered after such determination.

The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment, unless specified otherwise in the priority order or percentage payment column below. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

Name of Payee	Total Loss**	Restitution Ordered	Priority or Percentage

TOTALS \$ _____ 0.00 \$ _____ 0.00

Restitution amount ordered pursuant to plea agreement \$ _____

The defendant must pay interest on restitution and a fine of more than \$2,500, unless the restitution or fine is paid in full before the fifteenth day after the date of the judgment, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(f). All of the payment options on Sheet 6 may be subject to penalties for delinquency and default, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3612(g).

The court determined that the defendant does not have the ability to pay interest and it is ordered that:

- the interest requirement is waived for the fine restitution.
- the interest requirement for the fine restitution is modified as follows:

* Justice for Victims of Trafficking Act of 2015, Pub. L. No. 114-22.
 ** Findings for the total amount of losses are required under Chapters 109A, 110, 110A, and 113A of Title 18 for offenses committed on or after September 13, 1994, but before April 23, 1996.

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SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Having assessed the defendant's ability to pay, payment of the total criminal monetary penalties is due as follows:

- A Lump sum payment of \$ 2,700.00 due immediately, balance due
- not later than _____, or
 in accordance with C, D, E, or F below; or
- B Payment to begin immediately (may be combined with C, D, or F below); or
- C Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after the date of this judgment; or
- D Payment in equal _____ (e.g., weekly, monthly, quarterly) installments of \$ _____ over a period of _____ (e.g., months or years), to commence _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment to a term of supervision; or
- E Payment during the term of supervised release will commence within _____ (e.g., 30 or 60 days) after release from imprisonment. The court will set the payment plan based on an assessment of the defendant's ability to pay at that time; or
- F Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:

The fine and special assessment are due immediately. It is recommended that the defendant participate in the Bureau of Prisons Inmate Financial Responsibility Program and provide a minimum payment of \$25 per quarter towards the fine and special assessment. In the event the entire fine and special assessment are not paid prior to the commencement of supervision, the defendant shall satisfy the amount due in monthly installments of not less than \$100, to commence 30 days after release from confinement. The defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of mailing address or residence that occurs while any portion of the fine and special assessment remains unpaid.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise, if this judgment imposes imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties is due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalties, except those payments made through the Federal Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are made to the clerk of the court.

The defendant shall receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

Joint and Several

Defendant and Co-Defendant Names and Case Numbers (including defendant number), Total Amount, Joint and Several Amount, and corresponding payee, if appropriate.

- The defendant shall pay the cost of prosecution.
- The defendant shall pay the following court cost(s):
- The defendant shall forfeit the defendant's interest in the following property to the United States:

Payments shall be applied in the following order: (1) assessment, (2) restitution principal, (3) restitution interest, (4) fine principal, (5) fine interest, (6) community restitution, (7) JVTA assessment, (8) penalties, and (9) costs, including cost of prosecution and court costs.

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: _____

Dated: April 14, 2023

Name: Elizabeth A. Livingston, Esq.

Attorney No. (if applicable): 208126