IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,	:	No. 2962 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
Petitioner	:	No. 134 DB 2021
	:	Attorney Registration No. 205126
v.	:	
	:	(Allegheny County)
TIMOTHY NICHOLAS TOMASIC,	:	
Respondent	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 5th day of November, 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 Timothy Nicholas Tomasic is suspended on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth for a period of four years, retroactive to March 17, 2023. 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 11/05/2026

Attest: Nicole Traini
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

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

Petitioner, Office of Disciplinary Counsel, by Thomas J. Farrell, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and Daniel S. White, Disciplinary Counsel, and Respondent, Timothy Nicholas Tomasic, by Amy J. Coco, Esquire, file this Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent under Rule 215(d), Pa.R.D.E. and respectfully represent as follows:

1. Petitioner, whose principal office is located at Pennsylvania Judicial Center, Suite 2700, 601 Commonwealth Avenue, P.O. Box 62485, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17106-2485, is invested, pursuant to Rule 207 of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement (hereafter "Pa.R.D.E."), with the power and the duty to investigate all matters involving alleged misconduct of an 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 the aforesaid Rules.

2. Respondent, Timothy Nicholas Tomasic, was born in 1976. He was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on April 23, 2007.

3. By Order dated March 17, 2023, and effective April 16, 2023, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania temporarily suspended Respondent from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Respondent has not since sought to dissolve this temporary suspension or petitioned for reinstatement.

4. Respondent's attorney registration mailing address is P.O. Box 122, Hanover, Pennsylvania 17331.

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

SPECIFIC FACTUAL ADMISSIONS

Respondent's Violation of Substance Abuse Probation

6. By Order dated August 4, 2022, the Disciplinary Board placed Respondent on probation for a period of two (2) years, subject to certain conditions including, *inter alia*:

(a) "Respondent shall abstain from using alcohol, drugs, or any other mind-altering chemical except under the strict supervision of a prescribing physician"; and

(b) "A sobriety monitor shall be appointed to monitor Respondent in accordance with Disciplinary Board Rule 89.293(c)," with whom Respondent shall "maintain weekly telephone contact."

7. In a January 29, 2023 conversation with Sobriety Monitor Ryan R. Smith, Respondent advised that he had relapsed.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Domenic Grentz

8. On February 3, 2021, Domenic Grentz was arrested and charged with, *inter alia*, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. This matter was thereafter docketed in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County at CP-02-CR-0004537-2021.

9. On September 3, 2021, Respondent entered an appearance on Mr. Grentz's behalf.

10. On July 12, 2022, Mr. Grentz pled guilty to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

11. A sentencing proceeding was scheduled for February 14, 2023, before the Honorable Beth A. Lazzara.

12. Respondent failed to appear for this sentencing proceeding.

13. Respondent failed to notify Judge Lazzara, or any member of her staff, that he would not be appearing for this sentencing proceeding.

14. By Order dated February 14, 2023, the Court removed Respondent as counsel for Mr. Grentz and appointed new counsel.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania v. Keith Johnson

15. On October 6, 2021, Keith Johnson was arrested and charged with, *inter alia*, Criminal Attempt – Criminal Homicide. This matter was thereafter docketed in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County at CP-02-CR-0008399-2021.

16. In March of 2022, Mr. Johnson engaged Respondent to represent him.

17. On April 13, 2022, Respondent entered an appearance on Mr. Johnson's behalf.

18. On January 5, 2023, a status conference was conducted during which, *inter alia*:

(a) the Honorable Bruce Beemer observed Respondent being erratic and speaking rapidly;

(b) Respondent advised multiple times that he was "in over [his] head"; and

(c) Judge Beemer instructed Respondent to "have a discussion" with Mr. Johnson regarding whether Respondent will continue to represent him.

19. A jury trial was scheduled for February 6, 2023.

20. Respondent failed to meet with Mr. Johnson prior to February 6, 2023, as instructed by the Court.

21. Respondent failed to appear for the February 6, 2023 jury trial. The Court at that time advised that it had "confirmed this morning that Mr. Tomasic is in a medical facility."

22. As a result of Respondent's failure to appear, the jury trial was continued.

23. By Order dated February 7, 2023, the Court removed Respondent as counsel at Mr. Johnson's request.

Commonwealth v. Tracy Jean Humphreys

24. On September 24, 2020, Tracy Jean Humphreys was arrested and charged with, *inter alia*, criminal homicide. This matter was thereafter docketed in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County at CP-02-CR-0002608-2021.

25. On September 13, 2022, Ms. Humphreys pled guilty in the Criminal Proceedings to Murder of the Third Degree.

26. In or about September of 2022, Ms. Humphreys engaged Respondent to represent her in exchange for legal fees in the amount of ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00).

27. On September 24, 2022, Ms. Humphreys paid Respondent two thousand dollars ($2,000.00).

28. On October 4, 2022, Ms. Humphreys paid Respondent three thousand dollars ($3,000.00).

29. On October 7, 2022, Respondent entered an appearance on Ms. Humphreys' behalf.

30. On November 2, 2022, Ms. Humphreys paid Respondent five thousand dollars ($5,000.00).

31. On April 12, 2023—after the issuance of the temporary suspension Order set forth in paragraph 3 *supra,* but prior to its effective date, *See* Rule 217(d)(1), Pa.R.D.E.—Respondent appeared on Ms. Humphreys' behalf before the Honorable Kevin Sasinoski at which time, *inter alia*:

(a) Respondent advised Ms. Humphreys that he had injected methamphetamine earlier that day;

(b) Respondent showed Ms. Humphreys bruises on his arm that he had incurred as a result of injecting methamphetamine earlier that day;

(c) Respondent moved to withdraw the guilty plea set forth in paragraph 25 *supra*; and

(d) Respondent had the following exchange with Judge Sasinoski:

> MR. TOMASIC: At the time that she entered in to the plea, she was under the influence. She was not, at that point, she said it was explained fully --
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> THE COURT: I don't believe she was. Hold on. She wasn't -- I suspected that she may be. I specifically brought her back here and we re-did the colloquy with previous Counsel.
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> So she was not under the influence of drugs or alcohol or anything.

When is the last time you spoke with your client about this?

MR. TOMASIC: I just spoke with her today about it.

THE COURT: When is the last time other than today?

MR. TOMASIC: A month and a half ago.

THE COURT: A month and a half ago? Would it surprise you if the Butler County Jail records indicate that you haven't been there in a couple of months?

MR. TOMASIC: It's been a couple of months.

THE COURT: Now, it's a couple of months? Do you want to tell me how long it's been since you communicated with her?

And I gave you postponement after postponement on this case so that this moment wouldn't arrive.

You said you needed more time to review the discovery.

MR. TOMASIC: Two --

THE COURT: Let me finish, if you will. You needed more time to review the discovery in the case so she wouldn't withdraw her plea.

So you should be ready for trial; is that correct?

MR. TOMASIC: I am not ready for trial.

THE COURT: Well, we are going to pick a trial date, if I grant your leave to withdraw the plea. You've seen the discovery.

You've had it for -- when did you enter your appearance in this case?

MR. TOMASIC: I have to look back in my file, Your Honor. The fact of the matter is --

THE COURT: Candice, would you be able to tell me a little quicker than Mr. Tomasic?

MR. TOMASIC: Sometime over the summer.

THE COURT: Summer? My staff has been trying to contact you probably six times in the last month or month and a half.

You've ignored every phone call. Despite your being in this building, walking around doing what, I don't know, you never stopped here to get me the courtesy, the Court the courtesy, the victim's family the courtesy, the DA the courtesy of not being able or not being prepared or surprising us with this request that you want to withdraw the plea. That your client wants to withdraw the plea.

October 7th. November, December, January, February, March. Here it is April. Six months you've had this case.

MR. TOMASIC: You're right, Your Honor. You're absolutely right.

I believe the Court is aware that I have had personal issues.

THE COURT: When do you want to try the case?

MR. TOMASIC: Your Honor, I am being suspended in two days.

THE COURT: Oh, you're being suspended? That is not my problem. When do you want to do it? Tomorrow?

Go pick a jury. Be here at 9:00 tomorrow and go pick a Jury. You deal with the disciplinary board or whoever is suspending you or whatever.

That's not my problem. You never came to tell me that.

You dodged six telephone calls. You didn't have the decency or the courtesy or the professionalism as a lawyer to make a phone call to do that.

MR. TOMASIC: You're right. This is a serious case. And I -- you know, I should have come in and spoken to you on a number --

THE COURT: Go pick a Jury tomorrow. You work it out with the DB or whomever and figure it out.

Do they have jurors tomorrow?

MINUTE CLERK: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Pick a jury. Anything else?

THE DEFENDANT: Can I speak for myself?

THE COURT: You have a lawyer.

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THE COURT: All right. Very well. See you tomorrow. Have a nice evening.

I should say, I guess, I'll grant your oral motion. But I would rather have it in writing.

Present your motion in writing before me tomorrow at 9:00 with all the reasons -- setting forth the reasons why I should grant your Motion to Withdraw the guilty plea.

And, also, a short brief. It doesn't have to be the Magna Carta. Just some recent caselaw that would support your position that would permit me to grant your Motion to Withdraw as Counsel or withdraw your plea.

MR. TOMASIC: Yes, Your Honor.

32. Respondent failed to appear on April 13, 2023, as directed by Judge Sasinoski.

33. On April 13, 2023, Judge Sasinoski withdrew Respondent's appearance on Ms. Humphreys' behalf and appointed new counsel to represent her.

34. Respondent did not earn the ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) that Ms. Humphreys paid him.

35. Respondent failed to refund any portion of the ten thousand dollars ($10,000.00) that Ms. Humphreys paid him.

36. By letter to Respondent dated April 10, 2025, Disciplinary Counsel requested Respondent's Statement of Position regarding the allegations set forth in paragraphs 24 through 35 *supra*.

37. Respondent failed to respond to this letter in any way.

38. By letter to Respondent dated June 2, 2025, Disciplinary Counsel advised Respondent that his failure to respond to the allegations of misconduct contained in the letter set forth in paragraph 36 *supra* "is an independent ground for discipline pursuant to Pennsylvania Rule of Disciplinary Enforcement 203(b)(7)."

39. Respondent failed to respond to the allegations of misconduct contained in the letter set forth in paragraph 36 *supra* and relapsed in June of 2025.

SPECIFIC RULE VIOLATIONS

40. By his conduct, as set forth in paragraphs 6 through 39 *supra*, Respondent admits that he violated the following Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement:

(a) Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1, which provides that, "[a] lawyer shall provide competent representation to a client. Competent representation requires the legal knowledge, skill, thoroughness and preparation reasonably necessary for the representation";

(b) Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3, which provides that, "[a] lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client";

(c) Rule of Professional Conduct 1.5(a), which provides, in pertinent part, that, "[a] lawyer shall not enter into an agreement for, charge, or collect an illegal or clearly excessive fee";

(d) Rule of Professional Conduct 1.16(a)(2), which provides, in pertinent part, that, "a lawyer shall not represent a client or,

where representation has commenced, shall withdraw from the representation of a client if the lawyer's physical or mental condition materially impairs the lawyer's ability to represent the client";

(e) Rule of Professional Conduct 1.16(d), which provides, in pertinent part, that, "[u]pon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as...refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that has not been earned or incurred";

(f) Rule 203(b)(4), Pa.R.D.E., which provides that, "[f]ailure by a respondent-attorney without good cause to comply with any order under the Enforcement Rules of the Supreme Court, the Board, a hearing committee or special master" is a ground for discipline; and

(g) Rule 203(b)(7), Pa.R.D.E., which provides that, "[f]ailure by a respondent-attorney without good cause to respond to Disciplinary Counsel's request or supplemental request under Disciplinary Board Rules, § 87.7(b) for a statement of the respondent-attorney's position" is a ground for discipline.

SPECIFIC JOINT RECOMMENDATION FOR DISCIPLINE

41. Petitioner and Respondent jointly recommend that the appropriate discipline for Respondent's admitted misconduct is a suspension form the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a period of four (4) years, retroactive to the date of the temporary suspension set forth in paragraph 3 *supra*.

42. Respondent hereby consents to such discipline being imposed upon him. Attached to this Petition is Respondent's executed Affidavit required by Rule 215(d), Pa.R.D.E., stating that he consents to the recommended discipline and including the mandatory acknowledgements contained in Rule 215(d)(i)-(iv), Pa.R.D.E.

43. In support of Petitioner's and Respondent's joint recommendation, it is submitted that the following aggravating circumstances are present:

(a) Respondent has a history of discipline consisting of: (i) a December 7, 2022 public reprimand imposed on consent due to Respondent's failure to appear for an October 23, 2020 nonjury trial in a criminal matter after ingesting cocaine; and (ii) the

temporary suspension set forth in paragraph 3 *supra*, which was based on the misconduct set forth in paragraphs 6-23 *supra*; and

(b) Respondent was arrested in April of 2023 for simple assault and aggravated assault after throwing a priest to the ground outside a Pittsburgh monastery. *See* D. Bd. Rules § 89.151(b)(8). This incident garnered local media attention, such as an article published by TribLive entitled, "Suspended attorney with history of drug abuse attacked priest outside South Side monastery, police say," and an article published by WTAE entitled, "Man accused of assaulting priest on Pittsburgh's South Side is suspended lawyer." The ensuing criminal proceeding was resolved with Respondent's successful completion of the Accelerated Rehabilitative Disposition Program.

44. In support of Petitioner's and Respondent's joint recommendation, it is submitted that the following mitigating circumstances are present:

(a) Respondent concedes that he relapsed and violated the terms of the substance abuse probation that was imposed in conjunction with his December 7, 2022 public reprimand;

(b) Respondent notified his appointed sobriety monitor of his relapse and thereafter consented to the temporary suspension set forth in paragraph 3 *supra*;

(c) There is a causal connection between Respondent's misconduct and his substance abuse, *See* D. Bd. Rules § 89.293(b); *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Seymour H. Braun*, 553 A.2d 894 (Pa. 1989);

(d) Respondent regularly attends narcotics anonymous meetings;

(e) Respondent actively participates in his local church; and

(f) While Respondent's financial circumstances do not enable him to issue a complete refund to Ms. Humphreys, he is presently communicating with Ms. Humphreys and intends to enter into a formal written refund agreement.

45. A year and a day suspension was recently imposed on a respondent-attorney with no history of discipline who appeared for a preliminary hearing on a client's behalf while under the influence of cocaine. *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Nathaniel Edmond Strasser*, 57 DB 2023 (D. Bd. Rpt. 8/7/2024) (S. Ct. Order 11/6/2024). A year and a day

suspension was also imposed on another respondent-attorney with no history of discipline who purchased cocaine from a client. *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Edward John Mimnagh*, 185 DB 2006 (D. Bd. Rpt. 11/27/2007) (S. Ct. Order 5/5/2008).

46. Respondent's misconduct warrants more severe discipline than Strasser and Mimnagh because Respondent failed to appear for court proceedings in multiple clients' matters *after* he was publicly disciplined for failing to appear for a nonjury trial in a client's matter. *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. John J. O'Brien, III*, 15 DB 2020 (D. Bd. Rpt. at 5/7/2021) (S. Ct. Order 7/27/2021) at 25 ("Given Respondent's extensive history of discipline for similar infractions and because we find no evidence of record to demonstrate that Respondent's misconduct will cease, a lengthy suspension is warranted to protect the public and preserve the reputation of the legal profession"); *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Nicholas E. Fick* 132 DB 2012 (D. Bd. Rpt. 11/4/2013) (S. Ct. Order 3/31/2014) at 17 ("Respondent is once again involved in the disciplinary system for the very same type of misconduct."). Respondent's multiple relapses since the imposition of this public reprimand—including one relapse after Respondent's temporary suspension—make a lengthy suspension necessary "to protect the public

and preserve the reputation of the legal profession." *O'Brien*, 15 DB 2020 at 25.

47. The suspension sought herein would serve to protect the public by requiring Respondent to submit to a reinstatement proceeding, Rule 218(a)(4), Pa.R.D.E.—at which he would have the burden of establishing that, *inter alia*, his resumption of the practice of law in this Commonwealth would not be "detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice nor subversive of the public interest," Rule 218(c)(3), Pa.R.D.E.—prior to regaining the privilege of practicing law in this Commonwealth. At the same time, rendering this suspension retroactive to the date of Respondent's temporary suspension would recognize Respondent's cooperation with the disciplinary process, including his disclosure of multiple relapses and his consent to his temporary suspension.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner and Respondent respectfully request that:

(a) Pursuant to Rule 215(e) and 215(g), Pa.R.D.E., a three-member Panel of the Disciplinary Board review and approve the above Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent and file a recommendation with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania that the Supreme Court enter an Order suspending Respondent from

the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for a period of four (4) years, retroactive to the date of the temporary suspension set forth in paragraph 3 *supra*, and directing Respondent to comply with all of the provisions of Rule 217, Pa.R.D.E.; and

(b) Pursuant to Rule 215(i), Pa.R.D.E., the three-member Panel of the Disciplinary Board enter an order directing Respondent to pay the necessary expenses incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this matter, and that under Rule 208(g)(1), Pa.R.D.E., all expenses be paid by Respondent within 30 days after the notice of the taxed expenses is sent to Respondent.

Respectfully and jointly submitted,

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

THOMAS J. FARRELL
CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

By _____
Daniel S. White
Disciplinary Counsel

By Timothy N. Tomasic
Timothy Nicholas Tomasic
Respondent

By Amy Coco
Amy J. Coco, Esquire
Counsel for Respondent

VERIFICATION

The statements contained in the forgoing Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent are true and correct to the best of my knowledge or information and belief and are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

8/10/26
Date

Daniel S. White, Esquire
Disciplinary Counsel

07-31-2026
Date

Timothy N. Tomasic
Timothy Nicholas Tomasic
Respondent

7-31-2026
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Amy Coco
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Counsel for Respondent

EXHIBIT A

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AFFIDAVIT UNDER RULE 215(d), Pa.R.D.E.

Respondent, Timothy Nicholas Tomasic, hereby states that he consents to a four-year suspension from the Bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, retroactive to his March 17, 2023 temporary suspension, as jointly recommended by Petitioner, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, and Respondent, in the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent to which this affidavit is attached, and further states that:

1. He is an attorney admitted in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, having been admitted to the bar on April 23, 2007, and temporarily suspended by Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated March 17, 2023.

2. He desires to submit a Joint Petition in Support of Discipline

on Consent under Rule 215(d), Pa.R.D.E.

3. His consent 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 affidavit.

4. He is aware that there is a pending proceeding involving allegations that he has been guilty of misconduct, as set forth in the Joint Petition in Support of Discipline on Consent under Rule 215(d), Pa.R.D.E., to which this affidavit is attached.

5. He acknowledges that the material facts set forth in the Joint Petition are true.

6. He consents because he knows that if the matter pending against him is prosecuted, he could not successfully defend against the charges.

7. He acknowledges that he is fully aware of his right to consult and employ counsel to represent him in the instant proceeding. He has retained, consulted and acted upon the advice of counsel in connection with his decision to execute the within Joint Petition.

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

Timothy N Tomasic

Timothy Nicholas Tomasic
Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed
before me this 10 day of August, 2026.

Notary Public

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania - Notary Seal
Delores S. Shuff, Notary Public
York County
My commission expires June 29, 2030
Commission number 1225223

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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 (relating to service by a participant).

First Class Mail and email, as follows:

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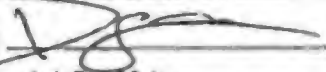
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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

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: 

Name: Daniel S. White

Attorney No. (if applicable): 322574