

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,	:	No. 2803 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
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Petitioner	:	No. 75 DB 2021
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v.	:	Attorney Registration No. 83367
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MATTHEW J. ZEIGLER,	:	(Lycoming County)
	:	
Respondent	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 14th day of October, 2026, upon consideration of the Verified Statement of Resignation, Matthew J. Zeigler is disbarred on consent from the Bar of this Commonwealth. See Pa.R.D.E. 215. Respondent's request for retroactivity is denied. See Pa.R.D.E. 217(e)(1) Note ("Although the grant of retroactivity is always discretionary, a respondent-attorney who fails to file a verified statement at the time of the temporary suspension should not expect a final order to include a reference to retroactivity."). 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 10/14/2026

Attest: 
Chief Clerk
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF
THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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	:	<i>Commonwealth v. Matthew Joseph</i>
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	:	2020 (Lycoming Co. CCP);
	:	<i>Commonwealth v. Matthew Joseph</i>
	:	<i>Zeigler</i> , Docket No. CP-41-CR-981-
	:	2021 (Lycoming Co. CCP);
	:	<i>Commonwealth v. Matthew Joseph</i>
	:	<i>Zeigler</i> CP-41-CR-1672-2020
	:	(Lycoming Co. CCP)
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	:	(Lycoming County)

RESIGNATION
UNDER Pa.R.D.E. 215

Matthew J. Zeigler hereby tenders his unconditional resignation from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in conformity with Pa.R.D.E. 215 (“Enforcement Rules”) and further states as follows:

1. He is an attorney admitted to the bar of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on April 19, 1999. His attorney registration number is 83367.
2. He was placed on Temporary Suspension by Order of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dated August 17, 2021.
3. He desires to submit his resignation as a member of said bar.

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4. 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.

5. He acknowledges and is fully aware of his right to consult and employ counsel to represent him in the instant proceeding. He has not retained, consulted with or acted upon the advice of counsel in connection with his decision to execute the within resignation.

6. He is aware that there are presently pending disciplinary proceedings against him pursuant to Rule 214, Pa.R.D.E., relating to his criminal convictions in the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County captioned at:

- a. *Commonwealth v. Matthew Joseph Zeigler*, Docket No. CP-41-CR-625-2020 (Lycoming Co. C.C.P.) (“Docket 625”);
- b. *Commonwealth v. Matthew Joseph Zeigler*, Docket No. CP-41-CR-981-2021 (Lycoming Co. C.C.P.) (“Docket 981”); and
- c. *Commonwealth v. Matthew Joseph Zeigler*, Docket No. CP-41-CR-1672-2020 (Lycoming Co. C.C.P.) (“Docket 1672”).

7. He acknowledges that the material facts which form the basis of his criminal convictions are true. On the following dates, he entered guilty pleas as follows:

- a. on November 12, 2020, at Docket 625, he pled guilty to one

count of recklessly endangering another person, a misdemeanor of the second degree, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 2705;

- b. on February 17, 2022, at Docket 981, he pled guilty to one count of DUI: General Impairment, an ungraded misdemeanor, in violation of 75 Pa.C.S. § 3802(a)(1); and
- c. on July 30, 2024, at Docket 1672, he pled guilty to five counts of Endangering the Welfare of Children, each graded as a third-degree felony, in violation of 18 Pa.C.S. § 4304(a)(1).

8. He acknowledges that on the following dates, the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County sentenced him to terms of imprisonment, as follows:

- a. on January 7, 2021, at Docket 625, a term of imprisonment of 20 days to 23 1/2 months;
- b. on May 16, 2022, at Docket 981, a term of imprisonment of two days to six months; and
- c. on July 30, 2024, at Docket 1672, a term of imprisonment of 18 months to no more than 1,137 days (with credit for time served totaling 1,137 days), followed by state supervised probation for 60 months. *See* Orders of Sentence, attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

9. He acknowledges that the convictions constitute *per se* grounds for

discipline under Rule 203(b)(1), Pa.R.D.E.

10. He further acknowledges that as a result of his November 12, 2020 criminal conviction, imprisonment, and the additional charges for which he was awaiting trial, he was unable to meet the needs of his existing clients, prompting the Office of Disciplinary Counsel to file a Petition for Conservatorship in the Court of Common Pleas of Lycoming County, captioned *In the Matter of Matthew J. Zeigler*, Docket No. CV-22-00178 (Lycoming Co. CCP).

11. He acknowledges that under Rule 214(f)(1), Pa.R.D.E., he would be entitled to the institution of a formal proceeding before a hearing committee in which the sole issue to be determined would be the extent of discipline to be imposed.

12. He submits the within resignation because he knows that he could not successfully defend himself against the charges of professional misconduct arising from his convictions and abandonment of clients.

13. He is fully aware that the submission of this Resignation Statement is irrevocable and that he can only apply for reinstatement to the practice of law pursuant to the provisions of Enforcement Rule 218(b) and (c).

14. He is aware that pursuant to Enforcement Rule 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.

15. 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 Enforcement Rule 217(a), (b), (c), and (d).

16. After entry of the order disbaring him on consent, he will file a verified statement of compliance as required by Enforcement Rule 217(e)(1).

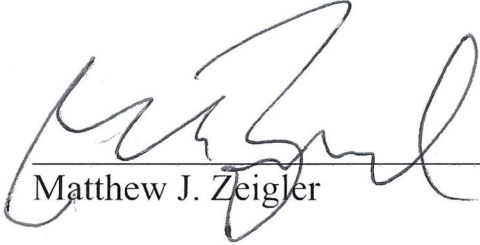
17. He is aware that the waiting period for eligibility to apply for reinstatement to the practice of law under Enforcement Rule 218(b) shall not begin until he files the verified statement of compliance required by Enforcement Rule 217(e)(1), and if the order of disbarment contains a provision that makes the disbarment retroactive to an earlier date, then the waiting period will be deemed to have begun on that earlier date.

18. He is requesting that the Order of disbarment be made retroactive to August 17, 2021, the date he was placed on temporary suspension. He understands that the Office of Disciplinary Counsel does not oppose his request for retroactivity and that such decision will be entirely in the discretion of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

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).

Signed this 27 day of September, 2026.


Matthew J. Zeigler

Date: 9/27/26


Witness

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	:	(Lycoming Co. CCP)
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	:	(Lycoming County)

CERIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I am this day serving the foregoing documents upon all parties of record in this proceeding in accordance with the requirements of 204 Pa.C.S. §89.22 (relating to service by a participant).

E-mail only as follows:

Matthew Joseph Zeigler
mjzeigler499@gmail.com

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Date

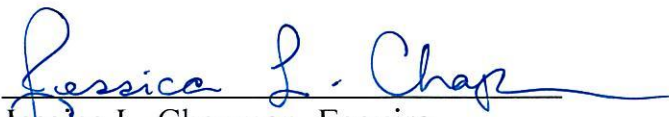

Jessica L. Chapman, Esquire
Disciplinary Counsel, District III

Exhibit A

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH

VS

MATTHEW ZEIGLER

: NO. CR-625-2020

: OTN# X329060-4

: SENTENCING

O R D E R

AND NOW, January 7th, 2021, Defendant appearing before the Court for sentencing on a charge of reckless endangerment, a misdemeanor of the second degree, it is **ORDERED** that the Defendant be imprisoned in the Lycoming County Prison for a term of not less than 20 days to no more than 23 and one-half months. Defendant is not Work Release eligible.

The Defendant will pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00 together with the costs of court, including all applicable supervision fees. Defendant will be paroled at his minimum if he is of good behavior.

Defendant will report to the Lycoming County Prison on or before 9:00 a.m., January 11, 2021.

Defendant will take part in recovery activities including, but not limited to, the following; active participation in a 12-Step Program or equivalent and continuation of mental health counseling as well as drug and alcohol abuse counseling or any other treatment recommended by his treatment agency.

If Defendant files a timely appeal, Bail will be in the amount of \$10,000.00 cash or approved surety, 10 percent eligible; and sentence will be deferred pending resolution of appeal.

Upon motion of the Commonwealth, any remaining counts are dismissed.

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If not employed full-time, the APO may direct the Defendant within Adult Probation's discretion and as a condition of supervision to participate in the Landfill Work Program.

If the Defendant is on supervision and has a risk/needs score of 20 or higher, they will be required to complete the Re-Entry Services Program.

Within the discretion of the Adult Probation Office, the Defendant may be required to participate in Family Group Decision Making as a condition of supervision.

If county probation with special conditions, parole and/or probation is included as a sentence, the conditions of said supervision shall include the standard written conditions of supervision, the special written conditions of supervision, and if the supervision is imposed as a sentence in connection with any sexually-related offense as determined by the Court the special and supplemental written conditions for sexual offenders.

This language shall not prohibit the Defendant from requesting a court hearing to determine if any of the imposed conditions should be stricken as not reasonably related to Defendant's rehabilitation.

In addition to the other imposed conditions of supervision, Defendant is specially directed not to travel outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without specific approval from the Court or without complying with the applicable provisions of the Interstate Compact. This provision does not prohibit the supervising Adult Probation Office to further restrict travel as deemed appropriate.

If the Defendant is accepted for supervision by the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, the Defendant shall comply with all General Conditions of Special Probation as set forth in 37 PA Code §65.4.

The Defendant's payment of costs, fines and restitution in compliance with this Order is hereby made a condition of intermediate punishment, probation or parole supervision. This language shall not be construed to infringe on compliance with the provisions of Act 84.

This order for restitution, costs and/or fines herein established shall be entered as a judgment in favor of the Lycoming County 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 9728.

If any bail was posted in this matter, it is hereby terminated. It is further ORDERED AND DIRECTED that the Prothonotary shall return such bail to the person who posted it, less poundage. This shall apply regardless of whether such bail was ten percent cash bail, personal or real property bail, or any other type of bail.

BY THE COURT,



JOHN B. LEETE, SENIOR JUDGE
SPECIALLY PRESIDING

cc: CC; APO; District Attorney
Bernard Anderson - Attorney General's Office, 680 Baltimore
Drive, Wilkes-Barre, PA, 18702
Matthew Zeigler, Esquire
Warden (2)
Victim/Witness Coordinator
Old Lycoming Twp. PD
Prothonotary
JBL/lw

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH

: CR 981-2021

VS

: OTN R 131486-5

MATTHEW J. ZEIGLER

: Sentence

O R D E R

AND NOW, this 16th day of May, 2022, following a hearing, sentence of the Court is that the Defendant pay all costs of prosecution, and as to Count 2, as amended, DUI, general impairment, Defendant will undergo incarceration in the Lycoming County Prison for an indeterminate period of time, the minimum of which shall be not less than two (2) days and the maximum of which shall be no more than six (6) months consecutive to all other sentences being served by the Defendant. The Court notes this is an aggravated range sentence. He shall pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00 pay a \$100.00 Act 198 fee, attend and complete the Alcohol Highway Safety School and undergo an assessment by West Branch Drug & Alcohol Abuse Commission and comply with all recommendations of said evaluation,

If county IP, parole and/or probation is included as a sentence, the conditions of said supervision shall include the standard written conditions of supervision, the special written conditions of supervision, and if the supervision is imposed as a sentence in connection with any sexually related offense as determined by the court, the special and supplemental written

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conditions for sexual offenders. This language shall not prohibit the Defendant from requesting a court hearing to determine if any of the imposed conditions should be stricken as not reasonably related to Defendant's rehabilitation.

If the Defendant is on supervision and has a risk/needs score of 20 or higher, they will be required to complete the Reentry Services Program.

If not employed full-time, the Adult Probation Office may direct the Defendant, within the Adult Probation Office's discretion and as a condition of supervision, to participate in the Landfill Work Program.

A condition of supervision is that the Defendant sign and comply with the Lycoming County standard conditions of probation, a copy of which was provided to the Defendant this date and a copy of which is attached to this Order.

The Defendant will report all changes in address to Lycoming County Adult Probation and his attorney within seven (7) days, until such time as he is released from supervision.

Defendant will pay the costs of court and all other applicable costs fees and assessment. There is no credit for time served as to this offense. The Defendant will be deemed paroled at the expiration of his minimum sentence if he is of good behavior.

Upon motion of the Commonwealth, any charges not

disposed of above or which do not merge for the purpose of sentencing are hereby dismissed.

To the extent the Defendant has a parole, intermediate punishment (IP) or probationary sentence to be served following a period of incarceration, Defendant must comply with all of the rules and regulations of the incarcerating facility. Such compliance is a specific condition of Defendant's parole, IP, and/or probation. If Defendant fails to comply with said condition Defendant's parole, IP, and/or probation may be revoked regardless of when it is set to begin.

In addition to the other imposed conditions of supervision, Defendant is specially directed not to travel outside the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania without specific approval from the Court or without complying with the applicable provisions of the Interstate Compact. This provision does not prohibit the supervising Adult Probation Office to further restrict travel as deemed appropriate.

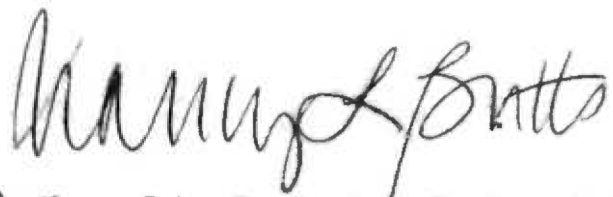
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County 42 Pa. C.S.A. Section 9728.

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By The Court,



Hon. John B. Leete, Senior Judge
Specially Presiding

cc: ~~EC~~; ~~APO~~; ~~Warden~~(2)

~~PA Bd. Prob & Parole~~

~~Prerelease Center~~

~~West Branch D&A Comm.~~

~~Victim/Witness Coord.~~

~~Sheriff~~

~~Bernard Anderson, Esquire~~

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LYCOMING COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

COMMONWEALTH

ORIGINAL

: NO. CR-1672-2020

V.

: OTN# U 938617-1

MATTHEW J. ZEIGLER

: GUILTY PLEA/SENTENCE

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ORDER

AND NOW, this 30th day of July, 2024, the Court having first inquired of the Defendant as to his understanding of the plea and its consequences by means of a written guilty plea colloquy, which is to be made part of the record and which was supplemented by an oral colloquy, and having satisfied itself of 1) the factual basis for such plea and 2) that the Defendant is, in fact, guilty of Counts 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8, all endangering the welfare of children, each graded as a felony three offense, the Court accepts the Defendant's plea of guilty to the said charges.

It is ORDERED AND DIRECTED that the guilty plea colloquy be marked, filed, and entered as part of the record in the above-captioned case.

Following hearing the Court sentences the Defendant as follows:

With respect to Count 3, the Defendant is sentenced to pay all costs, pay a fine of \$2,500.00, and is sentenced to a period of incarceration in a State Correctional Institution for

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a term of not less than 18 months as a minimum to no more than 1,137 days maximum.

The Defendant has credit for time served from December 4, 2020, to December 16, 2020; from June 11, 2021, to July 25, 2021; from August 15, 2021, to May 15, 2022, and from May 18, 2022, to July 30, 2024 totaling 1,137 days.

It is agreed as part of this plea agreement that the Defendant has maxed out his sentence as to Count 3, and his immediate release is ORDERED pursuant to the agreement.

The Defendant is ORDERED AND DIRECTED to report to the Lycoming County Adult Probation Office immediately upon his release from incarceration.

With respect to Count 5, the Defendant is sentenced to pay all costs, pay a fine of \$1,000.00, and be placed on a period of 60 months of state supervised probation.

With respect to Count 6, the Defendant is sentenced to pay all costs, pay a fine of \$1,000.00, and be placed on a period of 60 months of state supervised probation to run concurrently to Count 5.

With respect to Count 7, the Defendant is sentenced to pay all costs, pay a fine of \$1,000.00, and be placed on a period of 60 months of state supervised probation to run concurrently to Count 6.

With respect to Count 8, the Defendant is sentenced to pay all costs, pay a fine of \$1,000.00, and be placed on a period of 60 months of state supervised probation to run concurrently to Count 7.

The sentence with respect to Counts 5, 6, 7 and 8 all run concurrent with each other for a period of 60 months of state probation on all four of those counts. However, as a whole those counts run consecutively to Count 3 which means that the Defendant's total sentence is 18 months to 1,137 days followed by 60 months of state supervised probation running consecutively to Count 3.

Upon Motion of the Commonwealth, Counts 1, 2, 4 and 9 through 17 are all nolle prossed. All costs to be placed on Lycoming County.

The Court will impose the PA Parole Board standard conditions of supervision as well as the Lycoming County Adult Probation Office standard conditions of supervision, copies of which have been given to the Defendant and will be attached to this order.

As a condition of Defendant's supervision, he shall provide a DNA sample to the Adult Probation Office and pay the fee attendant thereto. The Court has reviewed the conditions of probation with the Defendant on the record and notes

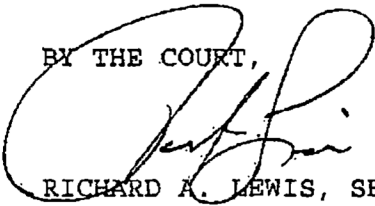
specifically that the Defendant shall have NO CONTACT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY with the victims in this case.

The Defendant's payment of costs, fines, and restitution in compliance with this Order is hereby made a condition of intermediate punishment, probation, or parole supervision. This language shall not be construed to infringe on compliance with the provisions of Act 84.

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BY THE COURT,


RICHARD A. LEWIS, SENIOR JUDGE
SPECIALLY PRESIDING

cc: ~~PA~~; ~~CZ~~; ~~APD~~

Joseph Sembrot, Esq. - Attorney General's Office, Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA, 17120

~~Ronald McGlaughlin, Esq. - 919 University Dr., State College, PA, 16801~~

~~Warden (2)~~

~~PA Parole Board~~

~~Victim/Witness Coordinator~~

RAL/lw

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: Jessica L. Chapman, Disciplinary Counsel

Attorney No.: 323038