

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,	:	No. 3063 Disciplinary Docket No. 3
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Petitioner	:	No. 80 DB 2022
	:	
v.	:	Attorney Registration No. 208824
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JOSEPH D. LENTO,	:	(Philadelphia)
	:	
Respondent	:	

ORDER

PER CURIAM

AND NOW, this 28th day of April, 2026, upon consideration of the response to the Rule to Show Cause of February 3, 2026, the matter is referred to the Disciplinary Board to appoint a single Board Member to conduct a hearing and make findings as to the extent to which Respondent continued to practice law following the effective date of his five-year suspension in the manners specified in the Petition for Contempt filed by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel. The Board Member shall file the findings within 90 days of this Order and recommend any sanctions that are deemed appropriate.

In the interim, it is hereby ordered that:

1. Respondent is to immediately cease and desist from all activities in connection with his representation of any Pennsylvania clients, including supervising any attorneys who are representing Pennsylvania clients;
2. Respondent is to immediately cease and desist from using the “Esquire” designation in any Pennsylvania filings and official submissions in this jurisdiction, in conjunction with his use of a Pennsylvania address, or in any correspondence or communications with Pennsylvania clients; and

3. Respondent shall:
 - a. immediately notify, in writing, his Pennsylvania clients of his status as a formerly admitted attorney on suspended status and shall provide proof of compliance to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel, consistent with Pa.R.D.E. 217(a), within 30 days of this Order;
 - b. not hold himself out as an active member of the Bar of this Commonwealth until such time as he is reinstated to the practice of law by this Court;
 - c. immediately cease and desist from referencing any Pennsylvania office address on websites and on all forms of communication, including, but not limited to, signage, letterhead, and business cards, that contain the terms "Lento Law Firm" or "Lento Law Group," as required by this Court's decision in *Office of Disciplinary Counsel v. Marcone*, 855 A.2d 654 (Pa. 2004);
 - d. not maintain an office for the practice of law in this jurisdiction, consistent with *Marcone*, until such time that he is reinstated to the practice of law by this Court; and
 - e. comply with the provisions of Pa.R.D.E. 217.