

SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

In re Salters

2026-Ohio-504 · No. 2026-0183 · Decided February 17, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Ohio imposes an interim suspension from the practice of law on Gerald Wayne Salters following certification of his felony conviction. The order refers the matter to disciplinary counsel and establishes requirements concerning cessation of practice, client notifications, continuing legal education, reinstatement, and compliance obligations.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Ohio
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Kennedy, C.J.; Fischer, J.; DeWine, J.; Brunner, J.; Deters, J.; Hawkins, J.; Shanahan, J.
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Ohio
DECIDED	February 17, 2026
DOCKET	2026-0183
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	On certified entry of a felony conviction against an Ohio attorney pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(18).
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published opinion of the Supreme Court of Ohio

TOPICS

- administrative law
- agency adjudication
- appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- Attorney discipline
- Professional responsibility
- Administrative law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether, upon the filing of a certified judgment entry of an attorney's felony conviction, the Supreme Court of Ohio should impose an interim suspension under Gov.Bar R. V(18)(A)(4).
- What restrictions and compliance obligations should accompany the interim suspension.

HOLDINGS

1. Upon receipt of the certified judgment entry of Salters's felony conviction, the court imposed an interim suspension from the practice of law effective immediately.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“it is ordered and decreed that respondent, Gerald Wayne Salters, Attorney Registration No. 0075470, last known business address in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, is suspended from the practice of law for an interim period, effective as of the date of this entry.” (¶ 2)

“It is further ordered that this matter is referred to disciplinary counsel for investigation and the commencement of disciplinary proceedings.” (¶ 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Gerald Wayne Salters was an attorney licensed to practice law in Ohio. On February 13, 2026, the director of the Board of Professional Conduct filed with the Supreme Court a certified copy of a judgment entry reflecting Salters's felony conviction.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The director of the Board of Professional Conduct filed a certified copy of respondent Gerald Wayne Salters's felony-conviction judgment entry with the Supreme Court of Ohio. The court entered an interim suspension and referred the matter to disciplinary counsel for investigation and commencement of disciplinary proceedings.

DISPOSITION

other

REMAND INSTRUCTIONS

No remand. The matter was referred to disciplinary counsel for investigation and commencement of disciplinary proceedings.