

SUPREME COURT OF RHODE ISLAND

In the Matter of Jesse W. Duarte

No. 2026-68-M.P. · No. No. 2026-68-M.P. · Decided April 30, 2026

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

Supreme Court No. 2026-68-M.P. In the Matter of Jesse W. Duarte. :

ORDER

On March 3, 2026, this Court's Disciplinary Counsel filed a petition pursuant to Article III, Rule 6(e) of the Supreme Court Rules of Disciplinary Procedure requesting that the Court order the respondent, Jesse W. Duarte, to file an answer to a disciplinary complaint. Counsel informed us that the respondent had failed to answer the complaint despite several notices being sent requesting that he do so. On March 27, 2026, we entered an order reprimanding the respondent for his failure to answer that complaint and directing him to file his answer within ten days. The order further provided that his failure to do so would result in his suspension from the practice of law. On the same day, attempts were made to serve the respondent with that order by mail at the address the respondent has on file with this Court and his last known home address and electronically at both email addresses that the respondent has on file with this Court. All mailed and electronic communications have been returned as undeliverable. The respondent has failed to file his answer and is in willful defiance of this Court's order. -1- Accordingly, it is ordered that the respondent, Jesse W. Duarte, is suspended from engaging in the practice of law in this state, effective immediately, and until further order of this Court. Entered as an Order of this Court this 30th day of April 2026. By Order, /s/ Meredith A. Benoit Clerk -2-

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

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