

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

In re Brian V. Lee

No. 25-BG-0685 (D.C. 2025) · No. 25-BG-0685 · Decided December 11, 2025

SUMMARY

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals approved a negotiated discipline petition concerning attorney Brian V. Lee. The court imposed a 90-day suspension, with 60 days stayed in favor of one year of unsupervised probation subject to specified conditions, based on admitted violations involving client representation, a false statement to disciplinary authorities, and interference with the administration of justice.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	District of Columbia Court of Appeals
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; Associate Judge McLeese; Associate Judge Deahl; Senior Judge Thompson
JURISDICTION	District of Columbia Court of Appeals
DECIDED	December 11, 2025
DOCKET	25-BG-0685
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The District of Columbia Court of Appeals reviewed the Board on Professional Responsibility Hearing Committee's recommendation approving the parties' petition for negotiated attorney discipline.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court reviewed the Hearing Committee's recommendation in accordance with its procedures governing negotiated discipline and determined whether the agreed-upon sanction was justified in light of reasonably analogous precedents.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Nonprecedential

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- administrative law

PRACTICE AREAS

- legal ethics
- attorney discipline
- professional responsibility
- legal malpractice and client communication

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the parties' petition for negotiated attorney discipline should be approved.
2. Whether the agreed-upon sanction of a 90-day suspension, with 60 days stayed in favor of one year of unsupervised probation and conditions, was justified.

HOLDINGS

1. The petition for negotiated attorney discipline was appropriate for approval.
2. The court imposed a 90-day suspension from the practice of law, with 60 days stayed in favor of one year of unsupervised probation subject to specified conditions.

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Brian V. Lee represented a client in a foreclosure case. He admitted failing to provide representation with the skill and care generally afforded by other lawyers in similar matters, failing to keep the client reasonably informed, and failing to explain the matter sufficiently for the client to make informed decisions. He also admitted knowingly making a false statement of fact to the Office of Disciplinary Counsel and engaging in conduct that seriously interfered with the administration of justice.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Hearing Committee recommended approval of negotiated discipline after respondent Brian V. Lee admitted multiple violations arising from his representation of a client in a foreclosure matter. The proposed sanction was a 90-day suspension, with 60 days stayed in favor of one year of unsupervised probation and specified conditions. The Court reviewed the recommendation under its procedures for negotiated discipline, approved it, and imposed the proposed sanction.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- In re Mensah, 262 A.3d 1100, 1104 (D.C. 2021) (per curiam)
- In re Evans, 187 A.3d 554 (D.C. 2018) (per curiam)
- In re Alexander, 466 A.2d 447 (D.C. 1983)
- In re Teitelbaum, 303 A.3d 52, 57 (D.C. 2023)

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