

SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

Attorney Grievance Comm'n v. Lopatto

Lopatto · No. AG No. 67 · Decided June 18, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Maryland granted the parties' joint petition and disbarred John S. Lopatto, III, effective immediately. The disbarment was based on a violation of Rule 1.15(a) of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Maryland
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Maryland
DECIDED	June 18, 2026
DOCKET	AG No. 67
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The parties jointly petitioned the Supreme Court of Maryland for Respondent's disbarment pursuant to Maryland Rules 19-736 and 19-737.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published order with limited precedential value; no substantive legal rule announced
PARTIES	Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland

TOPICS

sanctions

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

attorney discipline

professional responsibility

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the Supreme Court of Maryland should grant the parties' joint petition for disbarment based on Respondent's admitted violation of Rule 1.15(a) of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct.

HOLDINGS

1. The Supreme Court of Maryland granted the Joint Petition for Disbarment and disbarred John S. Lopatto, III, from the practice of law in Maryland, effective immediately, for violating Rule 1.15(a) of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“ORDERED, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, that the Joint Petition for Disbarment is GRANTED, and that, effective immediately, Respondent, John S. Lopatto, III, is disbarred from the practice of law in the State of Maryland for violation of Rule 1.15(a) of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct;” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The joint petition stated that Respondent John S. Lopatto, III, engaged in conduct violating Rule 1.15(a) of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct. Lopatto agreed that disbarment was the appropriate disposition and consented to that sanction.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Attorney Grievance Commission and John S. Lopatto, III, filed a Joint Petition for Disbarment on June 18, 2026. Lopatto agreed that his conduct violated Rule 1.15(a) of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct and consented to disbarment. The Supreme Court of Maryland granted the petition and ordered immediate disbarment.

DISPOSITION

other