

SUPREME COURT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

In the Matter of Tasha Jean Kotz

Opinion No. 28317; Appellate Case No. 2025-002189 · No. 2025-002189 · Decided February 18, 2026

SUMMARY

The South Carolina Supreme Court accepted an Agreement for Discipline by Consent and suspended attorney Tasha Jean Kotz from practicing law for six months. The misconduct involved misrepresentations concerning COVID-19 continuances, disclosure of confidential client information on Facebook, and submission of an improperly signed and notarized affidavit in a family court matter. The Court also imposed costs, notarization-training requirements, office staff training, and eight additional continuing legal education hours.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of South Carolina
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam; KITTREDGE, C.J.; FEW, J.; JAMES, J.; HILL, J.; VERDIN, J.
JURISDICTION	South Carolina Supreme Court
DECIDED	February 18, 2026
DOCKET	2025-002189
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Attorney disciplinary proceeding based on an Agreement for Discipline by Consent entered under Rule 21 of the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Office of Disciplinary Counsel

TOPICS

- family law
- appellate procedure
- family law procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- legal ethics
- attorney discipline
- professional responsibility
- family law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Supreme Court should accept Respondent's Agreement for Discipline by Consent.
2. What sanction should be imposed for Respondent's admitted violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct and Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement.
3. What remedial, educational, cost-payment, and compliance conditions should accompany the disciplinary sanction.

HOLDINGS

1. The Court accepted the Agreement for Discipline by Consent after considering Respondent's admitted misconduct and the mitigating circumstances.
2. A definite suspension from the practice of law for six months was an adequate sanction for Respondent's misconduct.
3. Respondent was required to pay disciplinary costs, complete specified notarization and continuing-legal-education training, implement a written law-office notarization training program, hold annual employee reviews concerning notarization, and file an affidavit demonstrating compliance with Rule 30.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“In light of both the seriousness of Respondent's misconduct and the mitigating factors present, including Respondent's lack of prior disciplinary history, genuine remorse, voluntary remedial action, and consent to educational conditions designed to prevent future similar misconduct, we find a six-month definite suspension is an adequate sanction in this matter.” (Section III)

“Accordingly, we suspend Respondent from the practice of law in this state for a definite period of six months from the date of this opinion.” (Section III)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Respondent, an attorney admitted in 2017 with no prior disciplinary history, used the same photograph of positive COVID-19 tests to support continuance requests in three separate family court matters, despite initially telling disciplinary counsel that the photographs were different. She publicly disclosed confidential information about a former family-law client in Facebook comments responding to the client's negative review. She also submitted an improperly signed and notarized affidavit in a family court filing and failed to correct the misrepresentation directly with the court after learning of the problem.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel investigated three disciplinary complaints concerning Respondent's conduct in family court matters. Respondent admitted the misconduct, agreed to costs and possible discipline of a public reprimand or definite suspension of up to six months, and consented to remedial and educational conditions. The Commission on Lawyer Conduct recommended acceptance of the Agreement and a six-month definite suspension, which the Supreme Court accepted and imposed.

DISPOSITION

other

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