

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In re Edwards

Bar Docket No. 12723 · No. Bar Docket No. 12723 · Decided February 26, 2026

SUMMARY

The Kansas Supreme Court accepts Carolyn Sue Edwards' voluntary surrender of her law license and orders her disbarment under Supreme Court Rule 230(b). The court revokes her license and privilege to practice law, directs that her name be removed from the roll of Kansas attorneys, assesses costs, and orders compliance with Supreme Court Rule 231.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of the State of Kansas
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of the State of Kansas
DECIDED	February 26, 2026
DOCKET	Bar Docket No. 12723
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Attorney-discipline proceeding in which the Kansas Supreme Court considered the Office of the Disciplinary Administrator's motion to accept Carolyn Sue Edwards' voluntary surrender of her law license.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Kansas Supreme Court order

TOPICS

appellate procedure remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics attorney discipline professional responsibility

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the Kansas Supreme Court should accept Edwards' voluntary surrender of her law license under Supreme Court Rule 230(b).
- What disciplinary and administrative consequences follow from accepting the voluntary surrender.

HOLDINGS

1. The court may accept Edwards' voluntary surrender under Supreme Court Rule 230(b), disbar her, revoke her license and privilege to practice law in Kansas, and direct that her name be stricken from the roll of licensed attorneys.
2. Any proceeding pending before the Kansas Board for Discipline of Attorneys against Edwards terminates on the date of the order under Rule 230(b)(1)(C), although the Disciplinary Administrator may direct an investigator to complete a pending investigation to preserve evidence.
3. The court assesses the proceeding's costs to Edwards and directs her to comply with Supreme Court Rule 231.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“The court grants that motion, accepts Edwards' voluntary surrender of her law license, disbars Edwards under Rule 230(b), and revokes Edwards' license and privilege to practice law in Kansas.” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Carolyn Sue Edwards was admitted to practice law in Kansas on April 23, 1986. After the court suspended her license in December 2024 for professional-conduct violations, she submitted a request on December 5, 2025, to voluntarily surrender her law license. The Office of the Disciplinary Administrator moved to accept the surrender under Rule 230(b).

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The court suspended Edwards' law license in December 2024 after finding violations of the Kansas Rules of Professional Conduct. Edwards then requested voluntary surrender of her license, and the Office of the Disciplinary Administrator moved under Supreme Court Rule 230(b) to accept the surrender. The court granted the motion, disbarred Edwards, revoked her license and privilege to practice law, and issued related disciplinary and administrative directives.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- In re Edwards, 319 Kan. 782, 806, 809, 560 P.3d 1159 (2024)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF KANSAS Bar Docket No. 12723 In the Matter of CAROLYN SUE EDWARDS, Respondent. ORDER OF DISBARMENT The court admitted respondent Carolyn Sue Edwards to the practice of law in Kansas on April 23, 1986.

The court suspended her law license in December 2024 after finding that she violated several Kansas Rules of Professional Conduct. See *In re Edwards*, 319 Kan. 782, 806, 809, 560 P.3d 1159 (2024). On December 5, 2025, Edwards submitted a request to voluntarily surrender her law license.

The Office of the Disciplinary Administrator moves the court to accept Edwards' voluntary surrender under Rule 230(b) (2025 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 283). The court grants that motion, accepts Edwards' voluntary surrender of her law license, disbars Edwards under Rule 230(b), and revokes Edwards' license and privilege to practice law in Kansas.

The court directs the Office of Judicial Administration to strike the name of Carolyn Sue Edwards from the roll of attorneys licensed to practice law in Kansas effective the date of this order. The court notes that any proceeding pending before the Kansas Board for Discipline of Attorneys against Edwards terminates on the date of this order under Rule 230(b)(1)(C).

The Disciplinary Administrator may direct an investigator to complete any pending investigation to preserve evidence. 1 The court assesses the costs of this proceeding to Edwards under Supreme Court Rule 229 (2025 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 282).

The court directs Edwards to comply with Supreme Court Rule 231 (2025 Kan. S. Ct. R. at 285). Finally, the court directs the Reporter of Decisions to publish this order in the Kansas Reports. Dated this 25th day of February 2026. LUCKERT, J., not participating. 2