

SUPREME COURT OF OKLAHOMA

State ex rel. Oklahoma Bar Association v. Law Watson Pryor
McMeans

McMeans, 2026 OK 16 (Okla. 2026) · No. SCBD-8073 · Decided March 23, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Oklahoma approved Law Watson Pryor McMeans's resignation from the Oklahoma Bar Association while disciplinary proceedings were pending. The Court ordered that his name be stricken from the roll of attorneys, prohibited reinstatement applications for five years, required compliance with client-protection obligations, and assessed \$641.81 in costs.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
WRITING FOR THE COURT	All justices
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Oklahoma
DECIDED	March 23, 2026
DOCKET	SCBD-8073
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Oklahoma Bar Association applied for approval of the respondent attorney's resignation pending disciplinary proceedings and for assessment of disciplinary costs. The Supreme Court considered the respondent's affidavit of resignation under Rule 8.1 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published Oklahoma Supreme Court opinion; the opinion states that it had not yet been released for publication and remained subject to revision or withdrawal.
PARTIES	State of Oklahoma ex rel. Oklahoma Bar Association v. Law Watson Pryor McMeans

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- remedies
- equitable relief

PRACTICE AREAS

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether McMeans's affidavit of resignation complied with Rule 8.1 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings.
2. Whether the Supreme Court should approve McMeans's resignation pending disciplinary proceedings.
3. What conditions and costs should accompany approval of the resignation.

HOLDINGS

1. McMeans's resignation pending disciplinary proceedings complied with all requirements of Rule 8.1 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings.
2. The Supreme Court approved McMeans's resignation pending disciplinary proceedings, effective March 23, 2026.
3. McMeans's name must be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys; he may not apply for reinstatement for five years; he must comply with Rule 9.1, return client files, refund unearned fees, reimburse the Client Security Fund as a condition of reinstatement, and reimburse the OBA \$641.81 in costs within ninety days.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“This Court finds McMeans's resignation pending disciplinary proceedings is in compliance with all the requirements outlined in Rule 8.1 of the RGDP and is accepted.” (¶ 7)

“IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the OBA's Application for Order Approving Resignation Pending Disciplinary Proceedings is approved and that his resignation is deemed effective upon the filing of this Order in the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma.” (¶ 10)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

McMeans was admitted to the Oklahoma Bar Association in 2015. In 2026, the OBA filed a six-count complaint alleging failures to perform legal work, inadequate communication, misrepresentations, failure to return unearned fees, charging for nonexistent communications, forgery and falsification of court documents, and failure to cooperate with the OBA investigation. McMeans voluntarily resigned, acknowledged the consequences, waived the right to contest the allegations, and agreed to comply with post-resignation and reinstatement conditions.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Oklahoma Bar Association filed a six-count disciplinary complaint against McMeans on January 22, 2026. McMeans filed an affidavit of resignation pending disciplinary proceedings on March 3, 2026, waiving the right to contest the allegations. The Supreme Court approved the resignation, struck McMeans's name from the Roll of Attorneys, imposed conditions concerning reinstatement and client matters, and assessed \$641.81 in costs.

DISPOSITION

approved

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PER CURIAM.

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA ex rel. OKLAHOMA BAR ASSOCIATION,
Complainant, v. LAW WATSON PRYOR MCMEANS, Respondent.

ORDER APPROVING RESIGNATION

PENDING DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

¶1 Before this Court is (1) the affidavit of Respondent Law Watson Pryor McMeans filed pursuant to Rule 8.1 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings (RGDP), 5 O.S.2021, ch. 1, app. 1-A, requesting that this Court allow him to resign his membership in the Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA) and relinquish his right to practice law, (2) the OBA's Application for Order Approving Resignation Pending Disciplinary Proceedings, and (3) the OBA's Application to Assess Costs. Decision of the Court ¶2 On September 22, 2015, the OBA admitted McMeans to membership. On March 3, 2026, McMeans filed with this Court his affidavit of resignation pending disciplinary proceedings. ¶3 McMeans's affidavit of resignation reflects that (a) he freely and voluntarily renders his resignation, (b) he was not subject to coercion or duress, and (c) he is fully aware of the consequences of submitting his resignation. ¶4 McMeans is aware that on January 22, 2026, the OBA filed a six count Complaint against him in State of Oklahoma ex rel. Oklahoma Bar Association v. Law Watson Pryor McMeans , alleging the following: Count I: The Futischa Grievance A grievance regarding McMeans's failure to finalize an adoption that his clients hired him to complete, including complaints of his failure to adequately communicate with his clients, his failure to pursue the adoption, and his misrepresentations to his clients that the adoption was completed when it was not. Count II: The Bean Grievance A grievance regarding McMeans's failure to complete a modification of an existing custody arrangement, including complaints of his failure to adequately communicate with his client, his failure to produce an accounting of his legal fees when requested, and him charging his client for communications that never occurred. Count III: The Douglas Grievance A grievance regarding McMeans's failure to perform any work on an adoption that his client hired him to complete, including complaints of his failure to adequately

communicate with his client, his failure to return unearned legal fees, and his failure to respond to the OBA's investigation into the grievance as required. Count IV: The Young Grievance One grievance from clients and one grievance from the Honorable Brett Morton regarding McMeans's failure to perform any work on an adoption that his clients hired him to complete, including complaints of his failure to adequately communicate with his clients, his misrepresentation to his clients that he filed and successfully concluded their adoption case, his forgery of the signature of the Honorable Brett Morton on a fabricated pleading, his falsification of a filing and issue stamps from the Chickasaw Nation District Court Clerk, and his failure to respond to the OBA's investigation into the grievance as required. As a result of McMeans's actions in this matter, the Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court interim suspended McMeans's license to practice law in that jurisdiction. Count V: The Ott Grievance A grievance regarding McMeans's failure to register a foreign decree and modify custody as requested by his client, including complaints of his failure to adequately communicate with his client, his failure to appear before the court regarding the case, and his failure to respond to the OBA's investigation into the grievance as required. Count VI: The K.H. Grievance A grievance regarding McMeans's failure to represent his client in a family law matter, wherein the client requested that he address an urgent custody issue and initiate divorce proceedings, including complaints of his failure to perform any work for his client, his failure to adequately communicate with his client, his failure to return unearned fees, and his failure to respond to the OBA's investigation into the grievance as required. ¶5 McMeans is aware that these allegations, if proven, would constitute at a minimum a violation of Rules 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 3.2, 4.1, 4.4, 8.1, and 8.4(a), 8.4(b), 8.4(c), and 8.4(d) of the Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct (ORPC), 5 O.S.2021, ch. 1, app. 3-A, and Rules 1.3 and 5.2 of the RGDP, as well as his oath as an attorney. ¶6 McMeans's affidavit of resignation further states: a. McMeans is aware that the OBA has the burden of proving the allegations against him, but he waives any and all rights to contest the allegations in a bar disciplinary proceeding. b. He is aware that approval of his resignation is discretionary with this Court. c. He is familiar with and agrees to comply with Rule 9.1 of the RGDP within twenty (20) days following the date of his resignation, to comply with Rule 11 of the RGDP as a prerequisite to reinstatement, and to make no application for reinstatement prior to the expiration of five (5) years from the effective date of his resignation. d. He acknowledges that the Client Security Fund may receive claims from his former clients and agrees to reimburse the fund for the principal amounts and statutory interest for claims that it approves and pays as a prerequisite to his reinstatement to the practice of law. e. He acknowledges and agrees to cooperate with the Office of General Counsel in the task of identifying any active client cases wherein documents and files need to be returned or forwarded to new counsel and to cooperate in any client cases where McMeans owes fees or refunds. f. He acknowledges that the OBA has incurred costs in the investigation of this matter in the amount of \$641.81, and that he will reimburse the OBA if ordered to do so. g. He will tender his OBA membership card to the Office of the General Counsel or destroy it. ¶7 This Court finds McMeans's resignation pending disciplinary

proceedings is in compliance with all the requirements outlined in Rule 8.1 of the RGDP and is accepted. ¶8 We determine the effective date of McMeans's resignation to be March 23, 2026. ¶9 McMeans's OBA number is 32466, and his official roster address, as shown by OBA records, is P.O. Box 1212, 211 East 6th Street, Ada, Oklahoma 74812-1212. His current mailing address is 1640 Fulkerson Road, Ada, Oklahoma 74820. ¶10 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the OBA's Application for Order Approving Resignation Pending Disciplinary Proceedings is approved and that his resignation is deemed effective upon the filing of this Order in the Office of the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Oklahoma. ¶11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that McMeans's name be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys and that he makes no application for reinstatement to membership in the OBA prior to the expiration of five (5) years from the effective date of his resignation. See RGDP Rules 8.2 and 11.1. ¶12 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that McMeans comply with Rule 9.1 of the RGDP, return all client files, and refund unearned fees. ¶13 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that as a condition of reinstatement, McMeans shall reimburse the Client Security Fund for any monies expended because of his malfeasance or nonfeasance. See RGDP Rule 11.1(b). ¶14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that McMeans shall reimburse the OBA for the costs incurred in these proceedings, in the amount of \$641.81, within ninety days of the date of this Order. DONE BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT IN CONFERENCE this 23rd day of March, 2026. /s/_____

CHIEF JUSTICE

ALL JUSTICES CONCUR.