

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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