

SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

Attorney Grievance Comm'n v. Antonacci

Antonacci · No. AG No. 2 · Decided June 18, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Maryland ordered that Louis Bernardo Antonacci be suspended from practicing law in Maryland for one year and two days for violations of Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.9(c)(1), 1.9(c)(2), and 3.1. The suspension was made effective nunc pro tunc to a temporary suspension imposed on May 27, 2026, and reinstatement requires proof of fitness to practice law.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Maryland
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Maryland
DECIDED	June 18, 2026
DOCKET	AG No. 2
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Attorney Grievance Commission filed a petition for disciplinary or remedial action and requested immediate suspension. After considering the parties' response to an order to show cause, the Supreme Court of Maryland entered a disciplinary order.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published

TOPICS

sanctions

remedies

civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics

attorney discipline

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether disciplinary or remedial action was warranted for Respondent's violations of Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.9(c)(1), 1.9(c)(2), and 3.1.
- What sanction and reinstatement conditions should apply.

HOLDINGS

1. Respondent Louis Bernardo Antonacci violated Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.9(c)(1), 1.9(c)(2), and 3.1, warranting suspension from the practice of law in Maryland.
2. Antonacci was suspended from the practice of law in Maryland for one year and two days, effective nunc pro tunc to May 27, 2026, and the suspension may be lifted only after he demonstrates fitness to resume practice to the satisfaction of the court.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Respondent, Louis Bernardo Antonacci, is suspended for one year and two days from the practice of law in the State of Maryland for violations of Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.9(c)(1), 1.9(c)(2), and 3.1” (at 1)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Attorney Grievance Commission sought disciplinary or remedial action against Louis Bernardo Antonacci. The order states that Antonacci violated Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.9(c)(1), 1.9(c)(2), and 3.1. The court had previously imposed a temporary suspension on May 27, 2026.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Attorney Grievance Commission petitioned for disciplinary or remedial action under Maryland Rules 19-721(a)(2) and 19-737. The Supreme Court of Maryland suspended Respondent Louis Bernardo Antonacci for one year and two days, made the suspension effective nunc pro tunc to a temporary suspension imposed on May 27, 2026, and conditioned reinstatement on a showing of fitness.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

* IN THE ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION * SUPREME COURT * OF MARYLAND
v. * AG No. 2 LOUIS BERNARDO ANTONACCI * September Term, 2026 ORDER Upon consideration of the petition for disciplinary or remedial action and request for immediate suspension filed by the petition pursuant to Rules 19-721(a)(2) and 19-737 and upon consideration of parties’ response to the Court’s order to show cause, it is this 18th day of June 2026, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, ORDERED that Respondent, Louis Bernardo Antonacci, is suspended for one year and two days from the practice of law in the State of Maryland for violations of Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.9(c)(1), 1.9(c)(2), and 3.1; and it is further ORDERED that before the suspension may be lifted at the conclusion of the suspension period, Mr. Antonacci must demonstrate his fitness to resume the practice of law to the satisfaction of this Court; and it is further ORDERED that the suspension is effective nunc pro tunc to the temporary

suspension that was imposed by the Court on May 27, 2026; and it is further ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall send notice of this Order in accordance with Maryland Rule 19-761.

Pursuant to the Maryland Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (§§ 10-1601 et seq. of the State Government Article) this document is authentic. /s/ Matthew J. Fader 2026.06.18 Chief Justice 14:12:23 -04'00' Gregory Hilton, Clerk