

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

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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