

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

In re Steve Larson-Jackson

No. 25-BG-0588 (D.C. Dec. 18, 2025) · No. 25-BG-0588 · Decided December 18, 2025

SUMMARY

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals granted the respondent’s petition for rehearing and motion for an extension of time, vacated its prior opinion disbarring him, and accepted his exceptions to the Board on Professional Responsibility’s recommendation. The court suspended him from practicing law in the District of Columbia pending final disposition and established briefing deadlines.

CASE DETAILS

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| COURT                 | District of Columbia Court of Appeals                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Per curiam; McLeese, Associate Judge; Deahl, Associate Judge; Thompson, Senior Judge                                                                                                                                                                        |
| JURISDICTION          | District of Columbia Court of Appeals                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| DECIDED               | December 18, 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| DOCKET                | 25-BG-0588                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| DISPOSITION           | vacated                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE    | Attorney-discipline proceeding in which the court granted respondent's petition for rehearing and motion for extension of time, vacated its prior disbarment opinion, accepted respondent's exceptions, and suspended respondent pending final disposition. |
| PRECEDENTIAL VALUE    | Published                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| PARTIES               | Steve Larson-Jackson v. Disciplinary Counsel                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

- legal ethics and professional responsibility
- appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether respondent's motion for reconsideration and extension of time should be construed as a petition for rehearing and motion for extension of time and granted.
2. Whether the court's prior opinion disbarring respondent should be vacated after respondent filed exceptions.
3. Whether respondent should be suspended from practicing law pending final disposition of the disciplinary proceeding.

#### **HOLDINGS**

1. The court granted respondent's petition for rehearing and motion for extension of time and accepted the attached exceptions for filing.
2. The court vacated its November 13, 2025, opinion disbarring respondent.
3. Respondent was suspended from the practice of law in the District of Columbia pending final disposition of the proceeding.

#### **KEY QUOTATIONS**

*“It is FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the District of Columbia pending final disposition of this proceeding.”* (order)

#### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

The Board on Professional Responsibility recommended that Steve Larson-Jackson be disbarred. The court's November 13, 2025, disbarment opinion relied in part on Larson-Jackson's failure to file exceptions to the Board's report and recommendation. Larson-Jackson subsequently filed a motion for reconsideration and extension of time, with exceptions attached, and also submitted a response to the court's show-cause order.

#### **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

The Board on Professional Responsibility issued a report and recommendation recommending respondent's disbarment. On November 13, 2025, the court disbarred respondent, in part relying on his failure to file exceptions. Respondent moved for reconsideration and an extension of time, attaching exceptions; the court construed the motion as a petition for rehearing and motion for extension of time, granted it, vacated the disbarment opinion, filed the exceptions, and ordered respondent suspended pending final disposition.

#### **DISPOSITION**

vacated

#### **OPINION**

#### **PER CURIAM.**

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corrections may be made before the bound volumes go to press. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS No. 25-BG-0588 IN RE STEVE LARSON-JACKSON, Respondent. A Suspended Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals BDN: 23-BD-045 Bar Registration No. 414847 DDN: 2017-D280, et al. BEFORE: McLeese and Deahl, Associate Judges, and Thompson, Senior Judge.

ORDER (FILED – December 18, 2025) On consideration of this court's November 13, 2025, opinion disbarring respondent in partial reliance on respondent's failure to file exceptions to the Board on Professional Responsibility's Report and Recommendation recommending his disbarment, respondent's November 14, 2025, motion for reconsideration and for extension of time to file exceptions, construed as a petition for rehearing and motion for extension of time, this court's June 30, 2025, order directing respondent to show cause why he should not be suspended pending final action on the Board's report, and respondent's July 29, 2025, response, it is ORDERED that the petition for rehearing and motion for extension of time are granted.

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the November 13, 2025, opinion disbarring respondent is vacated. It is FURTHER ORDERED that the exceptions attached to the November 14, 2025, motion are filed. To the extent additional exceptions are included in respondent's July 29, 2025, response to this court's show cause order, respondent may also address those exceptions in his brief.

It is No. 25-BG-0588 FURTHER ORDERED that respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the District of Columbia pending final disposition of this proceeding. See D.C. Bar R. XI, § 9(g). It is FURTHER ORDERED that respondent's attention is directed to D.C. Bar R. XI, § 14, which sets forth various notice requirements and procedures pertaining to suspended attorneys, and D.C.

Bar R. XI, § 16(c), which addresses the timing of eligibility for reinstatement. It is FURTHER ORDERED that respondent's brief shall be filed within 40 days from the date of this order, and Disciplinary Counsel's brief shall be filed within 30 days thereafter. PER CURIAM