

SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

In re Suspension of Attorneys Who Failed to Pay 2026 Annual
Attorney-License Fee

2026 Ark. 70 · Decided April 16, 2026

SUMMARY

The Arkansas Supreme Court issued a per curiam order suspending attorneys who failed to pay the 2026 annual attorney-license fee and associated penalties. The order identifies attorneys in three categories: those remaining suspended, those returned to paid status, and those whose licenses were deemed surrendered after more than three consecutive years of nonpayment. It was delivered on April 16, 2026, and reports 295 attorneys in Category 1, none in Category 2, and 29 in Category 3.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Arkansas
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Arkansas
DECIDED	April 16, 2026
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Supreme Court of Arkansas issued a per curiam order identifying attorneys suspended or whose licenses were deemed surrendered for failure to pay the 2026 annual attorney-license fee.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published

TOPICS

- administrative law
- appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- attorney discipline
- bar admission and licensing
- administrative law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What license consequences apply to attorneys who failed to pay the 2026 annual attorney-license fee by the final deadline?
2. What restrictions apply to attorneys listed as suspended or whose licenses were deemed surrendered for prolonged nonpayment?

HOLDINGS

1. Under Rule VII(C)(1) and (8) of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar, attorneys who failed to pay the 2026 annual attorney-license fee by April 15, 2026, were automatically suspended on April 16, 2026.
2. Under Rule VII(C)(17), an attorney who has remained suspended for more than three consecutive years for failure to pay annual license fees has the attorney license deemed surrendered.
3. An attorney listed in Category 1 or Category 3 may not practice law in Arkansas unless reinstated under Rule VII(C)(16)–(17) and (D), or exempted during a stay of suspension under Rule VII(C)(15).

KEY QUOTATIONS

“An attorney listed in either Category 1 or 3 shall not practice law in this state unless he or she has been (1) reinstated pursuant to Rule VII(C)(16)–(17) & (D) or (2) exempted during a stay of the suspension as provided in Rule VII(C)(15).”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The final deadline for payment of the 2026 annual attorney-license fee was April 15, 2026. Attorneys who failed to pay were automatically suspended on April 16, 2026, and attorneys who had remained suspended for more than three consecutive years had their licenses deemed surrendered. The clerk prepared a list of affected attorneys, including 295 attorneys in Category 1, none in Category 2, and 29 in Category 3.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The clerk prepared a list of attorneys subject to suspension or license surrender under Rule VII of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar. The court issued the per curiam opinion and attached list, divided into attorneys remaining suspended, attorneys restored to paid status, and attorneys whose licenses were deemed surrendered after more than three consecutive years of nonpayment.

DISPOSITION

other

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