SUPREME COURT OF WYOMING

Board of Professional Responsibility, Wyoming State Bar v. Vaughn H. Neubauer

2026 WY 48 (Wyo. 2026) · No. D-26-0002 · Decided April 29, 2026

SUMMARY

The Wyoming Supreme Court approved and adopted the Board of Professional Responsibility's recommendation to suspend Vaughn H. Neubauer from practicing law for three years. The suspension arose from admitted violations involving lack of diligence in representing clients and failure to comply with the terms of prior disciplinary probation; the Court also ordered payment of $800 in costs and fees.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Wyoming
JURISDICTION	Wyoming Supreme Court
DECIDED	April 29, 2026
DOCKET	D-26-0002
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Attorney-discipline proceeding in which the Wyoming Supreme Court reviewed and adopted the Board of Professional Responsibility's uncontested report and recommendation for a three-year suspension.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The Court independently reviewed the Board of Professional Responsibility's report and recommendation and the disciplinary file; the opinion does not identify a formal standard of review.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Board of Professional Responsibility, Wyoming State Bar v. Vaughn H. Neubauer

TOPICS

agency adjudication · administrative law

PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics and professional responsibility · attorney discipline · administrative law

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the Supreme Court should approve and adopt the Board of Professional Responsibility's uncontested recommendation for a three-year suspension.
2. Whether Neubauer should be required to reimburse the Wyoming State Bar $50 in costs and pay a $750 administrative fee.

HOLDINGS

1. The Supreme Court approved, confirmed, and adopted the Board's Report and Recommendation for Three-Year Suspension and suspended Vaughn H. Neubauer from the practice of law for three years.
2. Neubauer must reimburse the Wyoming State Bar $50 for costs and pay a $750 administrative fee, for a total of $800 by May 11, 2026.

KEY QUOTATIONS

> *"The Court, after a careful review of the Board of Professional Responsibility's Report and Recommendation and the file, finds that the Report and Recommendation should be approved, confirmed and adopted by the Court, and that Respondent Vaughn H. Neubauer should be suspended from the practice of law for three years."* (¶ 1)

> *"Vaughn H. Neubauer shall be suspended from the practice of law for three years, with the period of suspension to begin April 29, 2026"* (¶ 3)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Neubauer represented defendants in a breach-of-contract action but failed to answer an amended complaint, respond to discovery proceedings, respond to a summary-judgment motion, or timely advise his clients about the summary-judgment hearing. Judgment was entered against the defendants for $186,000. Neubauer also failed to comply with monthly reporting requirements imposed as part of an earlier disciplinary probation. The Board found violations of Wyoming Rule of Professional Conduct 1.3 and Rule 3.4(c), along with aggravating factors including prior discipline, a pattern of misconduct, vulnerability of the victim, substantial experience, indifference to restitution, and failure to comply with prior discipline.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

A formal disciplinary charge was filed on January 2, 2026, after the Board's Review and Oversight Committee found probable cause. Neubauer failed to answer, and default was entered on February 2, 2026, causing the formal-charge allegations to be deemed admitted under Rule 14(b)(1) of the Wyoming Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. After a March 5, 2026 sanction hearing, the Board recommended a three-year suspension, $750 administrative fee, and $50 in costs. The Supreme Court approved, confirmed, and adopted that recommendation.

DISPOSITION

approved

Retrieved from lawtools.ai · https://lawtools.ai/cases/state/wyoming-supreme-court-supreme-court-of-wyoming/2026/board-of-professional-responsibility-wyoming-state-bar-v-leowlcx3