

SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

Attorney Grievance Comm'n v. Haffner

AG No. 28, September Term, 2025 · No. AG No. 28, September Term, 2025 · Decided March 20, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Maryland imposed corresponding discipline on Julian Arnold Haffner for violations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Conduct. The court ordered a 60-day suspension from practicing law in Maryland, followed by one year of probation.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Maryland
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Maryland
DECIDED	March 20, 2026
DOCKET	AG No. 28, September Term, 2025
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Attorney Grievance Commission petitioned for disciplinary or remedial action and requested a 60-day suspension under Maryland Rule 19-737(f). After the parties responded to the Court's order to show cause, the Supreme Court of Maryland imposed corresponding discipline.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published disciplinary order
PARTIES	Attorney Grievance Commission v. Julian Arnold Haffner

TOPICS

intellectual property

patent law

trademark law

appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

Attorney discipline

Legal ethics

Patent and trademark professional responsibility

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. What discipline should be imposed for the respondent's violations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Conduct?

HOLDINGS

1. The respondent must be suspended from the practice of law in Maryland for 60 days, followed by one year of probation, as corresponding discipline for violations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Conduct.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“the Respondent, Julian Arnold Haffner, is suspended for 60 days from the practice of law in Maryland, to be followed by one year of probation, for violations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Conduct” (Order)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Attorney Grievance Commission sought disciplinary or remedial action against Julian Arnold Haffner based on violations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Conduct. The Court considered the petition, the requested 60-day suspension, and the parties' responses to its order to show cause.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Attorney Grievance Commission filed a petition for disciplinary or remedial action against Julian Arnold Haffner and requested a 60-day suspension. Following the parties' responses to an order to show cause, the Supreme Court of Maryland entered an order suspending Haffner for 60 days, followed by one year of probation.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

Attorney Grievance Comm'n v. Haffner

PER CURIAM.

* IN THE

ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE

COMMISSION

* SUPREME COURT

* OF MARYLAND

v. * AG No. 28

JULIAN ARNOLD HAFFNER

* September Term, 2025

ORDER

Upon consideration of the petition for disciplinary or remedial action and request for 60-day suspension filed by the petitioner pursuant to Rule 19-737(f), and upon consideration of the parties' responses to the Court's order to show cause, it is this 20th day of March 2026, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, ORDERED that, as corresponding discipline, the Respondent, Julian

Arnold Haffner, is suspended for 60 days from the practice of law in Maryland, to be followed by one year of probation, for violations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Rules of Professional Conduct; and it is further ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall send notice of this Order in accordance with Maryland Rule 19-761. /s/ Matthew J. Fader Chief Justice Pursuant to the Maryland Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (§§ 10-1601 et seq. of the State Government Article) this document is authentic. 2026.03.20 '00'04- 11:31:14 Gregory Hilton, Clerk