

SUPREME COURT OF RHODE ISLAND

In the Matter of Marc Jeremy Soss

No. 2025-310-M.P. (R.I. Feb. 2, 2026) · No. No. 2025-310-M.P. · Decided February 2, 2026

SUMMARY

The Rhode Island Supreme Court imposed reciprocal discipline on Marc Jeremy Soss based on his prior thirty-day suspension by the Supreme Court of Florida. The court suspended Soss from practicing law in Rhode Island for thirty days, issued nunc pro tunc to October 7, 2025, and deemed the suspension fully served on November 6, 2025.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Rhode Island
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Suttell, C.J.; Goldberg, J.; Robinson, J.; Lynch Prata, J.; Long, J.
JURISDICTION	Rhode Island Supreme Court
DECIDED	February 2, 2026
DOCKET	No. 2025-310-M.P.
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	The Rhode Island Disciplinary Counsel petitioned for reciprocal discipline after the Supreme Court of Florida suspended respondent from practicing law for thirty days. After respondent responded to an order to show cause and Disciplinary Counsel filed a reply memorandum, the matter was presented to the Rhode Island Supreme Court at conference.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court reviewed the disciplinary record and respondent's asserted cause why identical reciprocal discipline should not be imposed.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	published

TOPICS

- appellate procedure
- remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

- attorney discipline
- professional responsibility
- reciprocal discipline

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether Rhode Island should impose reciprocal discipline after the Supreme Court of Florida suspended respondent for thirty days.
2. Whether the passage of time, respondent's reinstatement in Florida, and his asserted lack of prior discipline made identical reciprocal discipline unwarranted.
3. Whether the Rhode Island suspension should be imposed nunc pro tunc to the date of Disciplinary Counsel's petition.

HOLDINGS

1. A thirty-day reciprocal suspension was warranted because respondent failed to show cause why identical reciprocal discipline should not be imposed after the Supreme Court of Florida suspended him for thirty days.
2. The passage of time since the Florida suspension and respondent's successful reinstatement in Florida did not excuse his failure to notify Rhode Island Disciplinary Counsel of the Florida discipline and did not defeat reciprocal discipline.
3. The thirty-day Rhode Island suspension was properly issued nunc pro tunc to October 7, 2025, the date Disciplinary Counsel filed the petition for reciprocal discipline.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Upon notification from any source that a lawyer within the jurisdiction of the [Disciplinary] Board has been disciplined in another jurisdiction, [Disciplinary] Counsel shall obtain a certified copy of the disciplinary order and file it with the -1- [C]ourt.” (at 1)

“The Court appreciates the passage of time since the respondent’s Florida suspension, but the passage of time does not excuse the failure -2- to alert Disciplinary Counsel to the discipline in Florida as the respondent was required to do by Article III, Rule 14(a) of the Supreme Court Rules.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Soss was admitted to practice law in Rhode Island in 1994 and later became inactive in Rhode Island. He was also admitted in Florida and Connecticut. Florida suspended him for thirty days in 2021, but he did not alert Rhode Island Disciplinary Counsel to that discipline as required by Rhode Island's reciprocal-discipline rule. After Rhode Island received the certified Florida order in 2025, the court imposed an equivalent thirty-day suspension, retroactive to the date of the Rhode Island petition.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Supreme Court of Florida suspended Soss's license for thirty days on December 2, 2021, and required him to attend the Florida Bar's Ethics School. On October 7, 2025, Rhode Island Disciplinary Counsel filed a certified copy of the Florida order and requested reciprocal discipline under Article III, Rule 14. Soss objected, citing the passage of time, his reinstatement in Florida, and the absence of prior discipline. The Rhode Island Supreme Court imposed a thirty-day suspension nunc pro tunc to October 7, 2025, concluding that the suspension had been fully served on November 6, 2025.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

Supreme Court No. 2025-310-M.P. In the Matter of Marc Jeremy Soss.: ORDER This matter is before the Court pursuant to a petition for reciprocal discipline, filed by this Court's Disciplinary Counsel in accordance with Article III, Rule 14 of the Supreme Court Rules of Disciplinary Procedure for Attorneys.

The respondent, Marc Jeremy Soss, was admitted to practice law in this state on May 26, 1994, and assumed an inactive status on May 30, 2006. The respondent also is admitted to the practice of law in the State of Florida and the State of Connecticut.

On December 2, 2021, the Supreme Court of Florida issued an Order (Order) suspending respondent's license to practice law for thirty days, effective thirty days after the Order issued. The Court further ordered respondent to attend the Florida Bar's Ethics School within six months of the Florida court accepting respondent's consent judgment to the thirty-day suspension.

Article III, Rule 14(a), entitled "Reciprocal discipline," provides in pertinent part: "Upon notification from any source that a lawyer within the jurisdiction of the [Disciplinary] Board has been disciplined in another jurisdiction, [Disciplinary] Counsel shall obtain a certified copy of the disciplinary order and file it with the -1- [C]ourt." On October 7, 2025, Disciplinary Counsel filed a certified copy of the Order with this Court along with her request that we impose reciprocal discipline.

On October 14, 2025, this Court issued an Order to respondent providing him thirty days to assert any claim he may have that the imposition of reciprocal discipline would be unwarranted. On October 27, 2025, respondent filed a response to the order to show cause, objecting to this Court entering an identical order of reciprocal discipline due, in part, to the passage of time, and his successful reinstatement to the Florida bar in January of 2022.

The respondent argued identical discipline is unwarranted and he has no prior history of discipline in Rhode Island or Florida. After moving for an enlargement of time to reply, which was granted by the Clerk of this Court on November 5, 2025, Disciplinary Counsel filed a reply memorandum on November 6, 2025, requesting the imposition of identical discipline.

This matter was presented before this Court at our conference on November 13, 2025. After a review of the record, we determine that respondent has failed, in part, to show cause why identical reciprocal discipline should not be imposed.

The respondent, Marc Jeremy Soss, is hereby suspended from the practice of law in this state for thirty days. The Court appreciates the passage of time since the respondent's Florida suspension, but the passage of time does not excuse the failure -2- to alert Disciplinary Counsel to the discipline in Florida as the respondent was required to do by Article III, Rule 14(a) of the Supreme Court Rules.

Nonetheless, the suspension in this state is issued nunc pro tunc to October 7, 2025, the date of Chief Disciplinary Counsel's petition for reciprocal discipline in this matter. As such, the suspension was fully served on November 6, 2025. Entered as an order of this Court this 2nd day of February 2026. By Order, /s/ Meredith A. Benoit Clerk -3- STATE OF RHODE ISLAND SUPREME COURT – CLERK'S OFFICE Licht Judicial Complex 250 Benefit Street Providence, RI 02903 ORDER COVER SHEET Title of Case In the Matter of Marc Jeremy Soss.

Case Number No. 2025-310-M.P. Date Order Filed February 2, 2026 Suttell, C.J., Goldberg, Robinson, Lynch Prata, and Justices Long, JJ. Source of Appeal N/A Judicial Officer from Lower Court N/A For Petitioner: Kerry Reilley Travers, Esq. Attorney(s) on Appeal Chief Disciplinary Counsel For Respondent: Marc Jeremy Soss, pro se SU-CMS-02B (revised November 2022)