

SUPREME COURT OF GEORGIA

In the Matter of Shaquandra A. Woods

In re Woods · No. S26Y0386 · Decided May 5, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Georgia accepted Shaquandra A. Woods’s petition for voluntary surrender of her law license. Woods admitted violating Georgia Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(a)(2) based on her felony conviction for conspiracy to commit wire fraud, and the Court ordered her name removed from the rolls of persons authorized to practice law in Georgia.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Georgia
WRITING FOR THE COURT	Per Curiam
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Georgia
DECIDED	May 5, 2026
DOCKET	S26Y0386
DISPOSITION	approved
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Attorney disciplinary proceeding on a petition for voluntary surrender of a law license after the attorney's felony conviction was affirmed on appeal.
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The Court reviewed the disciplinary record and petition to determine whether acceptance of the voluntary surrender was appropriate.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published

TOPICS

- remedies
- appellate procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- attorney discipline
- professional responsibility
- appellate procedure

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the Supreme Court of Georgia should accept Woods's petition for voluntary surrender of her law license after her felony conviction and admitted violation of Rule 8.4(a)(2).

HOLDINGS

1. The Court accepted Woods's petition for voluntary surrender of her law license because her admitted felony conviction violated Rule 8.4(a)(2), and voluntary surrender was an appropriate sanction tantamount to disbarment.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“we agree to accept Woods’s petition for voluntary surrender of her license, which is tantamount to disbarment, as this is an appropriate sanction for her admitted violation of Rule 8.4(a)(2).” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Shaquandra Woods, a Georgia lawyer, was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia of felony conspiracy to commit wire fraud under 18 U.S.C. § 1349. Her conviction was affirmed by the Eleventh Circuit, and her request for en banc review was denied. Woods admitted that the conviction violated Georgia Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(a)(2) and sought voluntary surrender of her law license.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Woods previously obtained a voluntary suspension of her law license pending appeal of her federal criminal conviction. After the Eleventh Circuit affirmed the conviction and denied rehearing en banc, Woods filed a petition for voluntary surrender of her license, which the State Bar supported. The Supreme Court of Georgia accepted the petition and ordered that Woods's name be removed from the rolls of persons authorized to practice law in Georgia.

DISPOSITION

approved

CASES CITED

- In the Matter of Woods, 318 Ga. 609 (2024)
- In the Matter of Bui, 322 Ga. 462 (2025)
- In the Matter of Huber, 320 Ga. 314 (2024)
- In the Matter of Hardwick, 315 Ga. 840 (2023)

OPINION

PER CURIAM.

NOTICE: This opinion is subject to modification resulting from motions for reconsideration under Supreme Court Rule 27, the Court’s reconsideration, and editorial revisions by the Reporter of Decisions. The version of the opinion published in the Advance Sheets for the Georgia Reports, designated as the “Final Copy,” will replace any prior version on the Court’s website and docket.

A bound volume of the Georgia Reports will contain the final and official text of the opinion. In the Supreme Court of Georgia No. S26Y0386 In the Matter of Shaquandra A. Woods Decided: May 5, 2026 PER CURIAM. This is the second appearance before this Court of this disciplinary matter involving Shaquandra Woods (State Bar No. 579239), who has been a member of the State Bar since 2019.

Woods previously filed a Petition for Voluntary Suspension of License Pending Appeal, in which she sought the voluntary suspension of her license to practice law pending the outcome of an appeal of her criminal conviction.

In that petition, Woods admitted that on December 8, 2023, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, she was found guilty of conspiracy to commit wire fraud under 18 USC § 1349 — a felony — and that her conviction violated Rule 8.4(a)(2) 1 of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct (“GRPC” or “Rules”) found in Bar Rule 4-102(d).

Further, Woods represented that she would notify the State Bar of the final disposition of her appeal within ten days of that disposition. This Court accepted the petition and suspended Woods from the practice of law pending the outcome of her appeal. See In the Matter of Woods, 318 Ga. 609 (2024).

On October 21, 2025, Woods filed the instant Petition for Voluntary Surrender of License. In this petition, Woods states 1 Rule 8.4(a)(2) provides that it shall be a violation of the GRPC for a lawyer to “be convicted of a felony.” The maximum sanction for this Rule is disbarment. that on May 14, 2025, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed her conviction and on July 21, 2025, her request for en banc review was denied.

Further, Woods admits that she has violated Rule 8.4(a)(2). The State Bar filed its response, in which it requests this Court to accept the petition. Having reviewed the record, we agree to accept Woods’s petition for voluntary surrender of her license, which is tantamount to disbarment, as this is an appropriate sanction for her admitted violation of Rule 8.4(a)(2).

See In the Matter of Bui, 322 Ga. 462 (2025) (accepting petition for voluntary surrender of license where attorney’s felony convictions violated Rule 8.4(a)(2)); In the Matter of Huber, 320 Ga. 314 (2024) (same); In the Matter of Hardwick, 315 Ga. 840 (2023) (same).

Accordingly, it is ordered that the name of Shaquandra Woods be removed from the rolls of persons authorized to practice law in the State of Georgia. Woods is reminded of her duties pursuant to Bar Rule 4-219(b). Petition for voluntary surrender of license accepted. All the Justices concur.