

SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

Attorney Grievance Comm'n v. Finke

Finke · No. AG No. 53 · Decided April 24, 2026

SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Maryland ordered a six-month suspension of Christopher Michael Finke for violations of specified Maryland Attorneys’ Rules of Professional Conduct. The suspension was stayed for one year subject to probation conditions, and Finke was ordered to reimburse the Attorney Grievance Commission \$1,196.40 in costs.

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Maryland
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Maryland
DECIDED	April 24, 2026
DOCKET	AG No. 53
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Attorney disciplinary proceeding resolved by the Supreme Court of Maryland upon the parties' joint petition for a six-month suspension stayed in favor of one year of probation.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published

TOPICS

administrative law remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics attorney discipline professional responsibility

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

- Whether the parties' joint petition for a six-month suspension stayed in favor of one year of probation should be approved.
- What disciplinary sanction and cost reimbursement should be imposed for the identified violations of the Maryland Attorneys' Rules of Professional Conduct.

HOLDINGS

1. The Supreme Court of Maryland approved the parties' proposed disciplinary disposition and suspended Christopher Michael Finke from practicing law in Maryland for six months, with the suspension stayed for one year under the terms and conditions of the probation agreement.
2. Respondent was ordered to pay \$1,196.40 to the Attorney Grievance Commission within 90 days as reimbursement for costs associated with the matter.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“ORDERED that Respondent, Christopher Michael Finke, be suspended from the practice of law in Maryland for a period of six months for violations of Rules 19-301.1; 19-301.3; 19-301.4(a) and (b); 19-303.2; and 19-308.4(a), (c), and (d) of the Maryland Attorneys’ Rules of Professional Conduct, with the suspension stayed for a period of one year under the terms and conditions of the parties’ probation agreement”

“ORDERED that, within 90 days of the date of this Order, the Respondent shall pay \$1,196.40 to the Attorney Grievance Commission as reimbursement for costs associated with this matter.”

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The order identifies violations of Maryland Attorneys' Rules of Professional Conduct 19-301.1, 19-301.3, 19-301.4(a) and (b), 19-303.2, and 19-308.4(a), (c), and (d). The parties jointly petitioned for a six-month suspension stayed in favor of one year of probation under specified probation terms and conditions. The court also ordered Respondent to reimburse the Attorney Grievance Commission \$1,196.40 for costs.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Attorney Grievance Commission and Christopher Michael Finke submitted a joint petition proposing a six-month suspension stayed for one year under a probation agreement. The Supreme Court of Maryland approved the disciplinary disposition, imposed the stayed suspension, and ordered reimbursement of costs.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

* IN THE

ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE

COMMISSION OF MARYLAND * SUPREME COURT

* OF MARYLAND

v. * AG No. 53

CHRISTOPHER MICHAEL FINKE

* September Term, 2025

ORDER

Upon consideration of the parties' joint petition for a six-month suspension stayed in favor of one year of probation under the terms and conditions of the parties' probation agreement, it is this 24th day of April 2026, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, a majority of the Court concurring, ORDERED that Respondent, Christopher Michael Finke, be suspended from the practice of law in Maryland for a period of six months for violations of Rules 19-301.1; 19-301.3; 19-301.4(a) and (b); 19-303.2; and 19-308.4(a), (c), and (d) of the Maryland Attorneys' Rules of Professional Conduct, with the suspension stayed for a period of one year under the terms and conditions of the parties' probation agreement; and it is further ORDERED that, within 90 days of the date of this Order, the Respondent shall pay \$1,196.40 to the Attorney Grievance Commission as reimbursement for costs associated with this matter. /s/ Matthew J. Fader Pursuant to the Maryland Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (§§ 10-1601 et seq. of the State Chief Justice Government Article) this document is authentic. 2026.04.24 '00'04- 14:15:12 Gregory Hilton, Clerk