

SUPREME COURT OF MARYLAND

Attorney Grievance Comm'n v. Wagner

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SUMMARY

The Supreme Court of Maryland denied Brenda C. Wagner’s motion for an extension of time to respond to an order to show cause. The Court imposed reciprocal discipline and reprimanded Wagner based on a public censure by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for violating District of Columbia Rule of Professional Conduct 4.2(a).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	Supreme Court of Maryland
JURISDICTION	Supreme Court of Maryland
DECIDED	February 20, 2026
DOCKET	AG No. 36
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	Attorney disciplinary proceeding on the Attorney Grievance Commission's petition for disciplinary or remedial action seeking corresponding discipline based on discipline imposed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	Published
PARTIES	Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland v. Brenda C. Wagner

TOPICS

appellate procedure

remedies

PRACTICE AREAS

legal ethics

attorney discipline

professional responsibility

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the respondent's motion for an extension of time to respond to the show-cause order should be granted after the response deadline had passed.

2. What discipline should be imposed in Maryland corresponding to the public censure imposed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.

HOLDINGS

1. The motion for an extension of time to respond to the show-cause order is denied.
2. The respondent, Brenda C. Wagner, is reprimanded.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“it is this 20th day of February 2026, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, ORDERED that respondent’s motion for extension of time is denied; and it is further ORDERED that the respondent, Brenda C. Wagner, is reprimanded.” (Order)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals found that Brenda C. Wagner violated District of Columbia Rule of Professional Conduct 4.2(a) and imposed a public censure. The Attorney Grievance Commission sought corresponding discipline in Maryland. Wagner did not timely respond to the Maryland court's show-cause order and filed a motion for an extension after the deadline had expired.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Attorney Grievance Commission petitioned the Supreme Court of Maryland to impose discipline corresponding to a public censure imposed on Brenda C. Wagner by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for violating District of Columbia Rule of Professional Conduct 4.2(a). The Maryland court issued a show-cause order under Maryland Rule 19-737(c); after the response deadline passed, Wagner moved for an extension. The court denied the extension and reprimanded Wagner.

DISPOSITION

other

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

* IN THE

ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION

OF MARYLAND * SUPREME COURT

* OF MARYLAND

v. * AG No. 36

BRENDA C. WAGNER

* September Term, 2025

ORDER

In its petition for disciplinary or remedial action, the Attorney Grievance Commission requests that the Court impose discipline on the respondent, Brenda C. Wagner, corresponding to the public censure imposed by the District of Columbia Court Appeals after it found that the respondent violated the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 4.2(a). Upon the filing of the petition, and pursuant to Rule 19-737(c), the Court issued an order requiring the respondent to show cause why corresponding discipline should not be imposed. Bar Counsel filed a response to the Court's order to show cause. After the deadline to respond to the order had already passed, the respondent filed a motion for an extension of time to respond to the Court's order to show cause. Upon consideration of the petition for disciplinary or remedial action, Bar Counsel's response to the petition, and the respondent's motion for extension of time, it is this 20th day of February 2026, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, ORDERED that respondent's motion for extension of time is denied; and it is further ORDERED that the respondent, Brenda C. Wagner, is reprimanded. Pursuant to the Maryland Uniform Electronic Legal Materials Act (§§ 10-1601 et seq. of the State Government Article) this document is authentic. /s/ Matthew J. Fader Chief Justice 2026.02.20 '00'05- 08:52:11 Gregory Hilton, Clerk