

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

SUPREME COURT

ORDER

LD-2026-0002, In the Matter of Robert F. Johnson, III, Esquire

On January 27, 2026, the Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) filed a petition recommending that Attorney Robert F. Johnson, III, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two years. In accordance with Supreme Court Rule 37(16)(c), the court provided notice to Attorney Johnson of that recommendation and ordered him to file a response on or before February 27, 2026, identifying any legal or factual issues relating to the PCC's recommendation that he wished the court to review. The court's order of notice, along with the PCC's recommendation, was sent to Attorney Johnson by first-class and certified mail at the latest address provided by him to the New Hampshire Bar Association. See Supreme Court Rule 42E(c). Attorney Johnson did not file a response to the order of notice.

In the disciplinary matter that gives rise to the pending recommendation for a two-year suspension, Attorney Johnson did not respond to requests by the Attorney Discipline Office (ADO) for information during its investigation, did not file an answer to the ADO's notice of charges, and did not attend a scheduled sanction hearing before a Hearing Panel. The PCC found that Attorney Johnson violated Rule 8.1(b) of the Rules of Professional Conduct, which provides that a lawyer in connection with a disciplinary matter shall not knowingly fail to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority.

After reviewing the PCC's recommendation and record, the court accepts the PCC's findings and its recommendation that Attorney Johnson be suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire for a period of two years, with the potential for one year of the suspension being suspended.

THEREFORE, the court orders as follows:

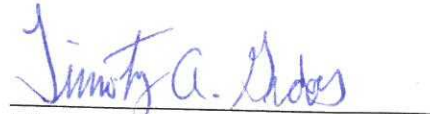
- (1) Attorney Robert F. Johnson, III, is suspended from the practice of law in New Hampshire for a period of two years, with the potential for one year of the suspension being suspended upon reassurance satisfactory to the Professional Conduct Committee that Attorney Johnson is working on the issue or issues that brought him into noncompliance with the Rules of Professional Conduct.

(2) Attorney Johnson is ordered to reimburse the Attorney Discipline Office for all costs and expenses incurred by the attorney discipline system in the investigation and prosecution of this matter.

MacDonald, C.J., and Donovan, Countway, Gould, and Will, JJ., concurred.

DATE: May 13, 2026

ATTEST:


Timothy A. Gudas, Clerk

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