

PRESS RELEASE

From: Jessica L. Tyler
Chief Disciplinary Counsel

Date: May 6, 2026

Re: **Delaware Supreme Court Orders Immediate Interim Suspension of Delaware Lawyer**

In accordance with Rules 14(e) and 16(g) of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure ("DLRDP"), the Delaware Office of Disciplinary Counsel submits the following notice of imposition of public discipline on a Delaware lawyer:

By Order dated May 5, 2026, the Delaware Supreme Court suspended Christopher M. Donnelly, Esquire immediately from the practice of law in Delaware pursuant to Rule 16(a) of the DLRDP, pending the disposition of this matter under the DLRDP.

The Court ordered that during the period of interim suspension, Mr. Donnelly shall:

- (a) not practice law in Delaware directly or indirectly, nor shall he provide any law-related services unless he is directly supervised by a Delaware lawyer;
- (b) not have any contact, direct or indirect, with clients, prospective clients, witnesses, or prospective witnesses for purposes of the practice of law or the provision of law-related services;
- (c) not attend any court proceeding or ancillary court proceeding on behalf of a client, address a court on behalf of a client, or make any legal argument on behalf of a client;
- (d) not advertise any law or law-related services;
- (e) not independently, or with another lawyer, own, operate, serve as an officer or director of, or share any interest whatsoever, in any law firm, association, corporation, or other business entity, the purpose of which is, in whole or in part, the practice of law;

- (f) not display to the public any indicia that he is a member of a law firm or available to take clients, including any signage, letterhead, or other written forms, websites, social media accounts or other internet web-based pages;
- (g) provide a copy of this Interim Suspension Order to all employers whose purpose is in whole or in part the practice of law, regardless of whether he is a W-2 employee or a 1099 independent contractor;
- (h) fully cooperate with ODC in any efforts to monitor his compliance with this Interim Suspension Order and these conditions;
- (i) report any change in employment (including the name of his employer and job responsibilities) to ODC within ten calendar days of his date of hire; and
- (j) not share in any legal fees arising from clients or cases referred by him during the period of suspension to any other lawyer or in any legal fees earned for services by others during such period of suspension.

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