

IN THE MATTER OF THE
RECERTIFICATION OF CERTAIN
ATTORNEYS TO PRACTICE LAW
IN MARYLAND

* IN THE
* SUPREME COURT
* OF MARYLAND

ORDER

By the Court's September 8, 2005 and April 11, 2006 Orders, attorney Joyce A. Ward (AIS No. 9206170313) was prohibited from the further practice of law in the State of Maryland for failure to comply with the obligations imposed by Rules 19-409, 19-503, and 19-605. Attorney Ward has now requested reinstatement pursuant to Rules 19-409(5)(F), 19-503(c)(6), and 19-606(c), and the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Trustees of the Client Protection Fund have confirmed attorney Ward's compliance with Rules 19-409, 19-503, and 19-605.

By the Court's March 26, 2015 Order, attorney Michael A. Yuffee (AIS No. 9412150309) was prohibited from the further practice of law in the State of Maryland for failure to comply with the obligations imposed by Rule 19-605. Attorney Yuffee has now requested reinstatement pursuant to Rule 19-606(c), and the Trustees of the Client Protection Fund have confirmed attorney Yuffee's compliance with Rule 19-605.

By the Court's March 24, 2016 Order, attorney Amy R. Wong (AIS No. 0506140078) was prohibited from the further practice of law in the State of Maryland for failure to comply with the obligations imposed by Rule 19-605. Attorney Wong has now requested reinstatement pursuant to Rule 19-606(c), and the Trustees of the Client Protection Fund have confirmed attorney Wong's compliance with Rule 19-605.

By the Court's April 18, 2019 Order, attorney Michael G. O'Connell (AIS No. 1106150197) was prohibited from the further practice of law in the State of Maryland for failure to comply with the obligations imposed by Rule 19-605. Attorney O'Connell has now requested reinstatement pursuant to Rule 19-606(c), and the Trustees of the Client Protection Fund have confirmed attorney O'Connell's compliance with Rule 19-605.

By the Court's March 25, 2021 Order, attorney Bryan J. Reddix (AIS No. 1206200201) was prohibited from the further practice of law in the State of Maryland for failure to comply with the obligations imposed by Rule 19-605. Attorney Reddix has now requested reinstatement pursuant to Rule 19-606(c), and the Trustees of the Client Protection Fund have confirmed attorney Reddix's compliance with Rule 19-605.

By the Court's March 25, 2021 Order, attorney Rakeshkumar S. Patel (AIS No. 9706250350) was prohibited from the further practice of law in the State of Maryland for failure to comply with the obligations imposed by Rules 19-409(c) and 19-503(c). Attorney Patel has now requested reinstatement pursuant to those Rules, and the Administrative Office of the Courts has confirmed attorney Patel's compliance with Rules 19-409(c) and 19-503(c).

By the Court's March 24, 2022 Order, attorney Cherisse M. Rivera (AIS No. 0512150095) was prohibited from the further practice of law in the State of Maryland for failure to comply with the obligations imposed by Rule 19-605. Attorney Rivera has now requested reinstatement pursuant to Rule 19-606(c), and the Trustees of the Client Protection Fund have confirmed attorney Rivera's compliance with Rule 19-605

By the Court's March 20, 2025 Order, attorney Polly A. J. Berman (AIS No. 2311281030) was prohibited from the further practice of law in the State of Maryland for failure to comply with the obligations imposed by Rules 19-409(c) and 19-503(c). Attorney Berman has now requested reinstatement pursuant to those Rules, and the Administrative Office of the Courts has confirmed attorney Berman's compliance with Rules 19-409(c) and 19-503(c).

By the Court's March 20, 2025 Order, attorney Demitri M. Dawson (AIS No. 2310120013) was prohibited from the further practice of law in the State of Maryland for failure to comply with the obligations imposed by Rules 19-409, 19-503, and 19-605. Attorney Dawson has now requested reinstatement pursuant to Rules 19-409(5)(F), 19-503(c)(6), and 19-606(c), and the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Trustees of the Client Protection Fund have confirmed attorney Dawson's compliance with Rules 19-409, 19-503, and 19-605.

By the Court's March 20, 2025 Order, attorney Nichole C. Wilson (AIS No. 1112150285) was prohibited from the further practice of law in the State of Maryland for failure to comply with the obligations imposed by Rule 19-605. Attorney Wilson has now requested reinstatement pursuant to Rule 19-606(c), and the Trustees of the Client Protection Fund have confirmed attorney Wilson's compliance with Rule 19-605

Accordingly, it is this 31st day of March 2025, by the Supreme Court of Maryland, ORDERED that attorneys

Joyce A. Ward (AIS No. 9206170313),
Michael A. Yuffee (AIS No. 9412150309),
Amy R. Wong (AIS No. 0506140078),
Michael G. O'Connell (AIS No. 1106150197),
Bryan J. Reddix (AIS No. 1206200201),
Rakeshkumar S. Patel (AIS No. 9706250350),
Cherisse M. Rivera (AIS No. 0512150095),
Polly A. J. Berman (AIS No. 2311281030),
Demitri M. Dawson (AIS No. 2310120013), and
Nichole C. Wilson (AIS No. 1112150285)

are restored to good standing by the Court and are again permitted to practice law in the State of Maryland; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall forward a copy of this Order to the Clerk of the Appellate Court of Maryland, the clerks of the circuit courts for the counties and Baltimore City, the Chief Clerk of District Court of Maryland, the Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States, the Clerk of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, and the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.



/s/ Matthew J. Fader
Chief Justice

Filed: March 31, 2025

/s/ Gregory Hilton
Clerk

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Gregory Hilton, Clerk