

Official Georgia Supreme Court Disciplinary Case Citations

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1. In the Matter of Chadrick A. Mance

In the Matter of Chadrick A. Mance, 316 Ga. __ (Feb. 18, 2025).

Georgia Supreme Court decision issuing a public reprimand for violation of Rule 1.1 (Competence).

2. In the Matter of Melnick

In the Matter of Melnick, 315 Ga. __ (Aug. 13, 2024).

Georgia Supreme Court decision imposing a six-month suspension for violations of Rules 1.3 (Diligence), 1.4 (Communication), and 8.4(a)(4) (Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit, or Misrepresentation).

3. In re: Anthony O. Van Johnson

In re: Anthony O. Van Johnson, 289 Ga. 392 (2011).

Georgia Supreme Court decision clarifying that the maximum penalty for violations of Rule 1.4 (Communication) and Rule 1.16(d) (Termination of Representation) is a public reprimand.

4. In the Matter of Christian Coomer

In the Matter of Christian Coomer, 314 Ga. 185 (Aug. 2023).

Georgia Supreme Court decision removing Judge Coomer from the bench and suspending his law license for two years for multiple ethical violations, including client exploitation and misuse of campaign funds.

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- Provide a link or reference to the official opinion when possible.