

**BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

OFFICE OF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL,	:	No. 71 DB 2026
Petitioner	:	
	:	File No. C4-24-1121 & C4-25-911
v.	:	
	:	Attorney Registration No. 33350
JAMES S. VERGOTZ	:	
Respondent	:	(Allegheny County)

O R D E R

AND NOW, this 24th day of June, 2026, in accordance with Rule 208(a)(5), Pa.R.D.E., the determination by a Review Panel of the Disciplinary Board of the above captioned matter is accepted; and it is

ORDERED that the said JAMES S. VERGOTZ of Allegheny County, be subjected to a **PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITH CONDITION** by the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania as provided in Rule 204(b) and Rule 205(c)(8) of the Pennsylvania Rules of Disciplinary Enforcement.

Within thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall submit to the Board Prothonotary and Disciplinary Counsel proof that he has:

1. Informed the Co-Executors of the Belmont Estate of his inability to continue representing them and the need for them to hire successor counsel.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall be placed on PROBATION for a period of 18 months, subject to the following Conditions:

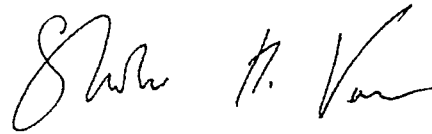
1. Respondent shall obtain a practice monitor, approved by the Office of Disciplinary Counsel;

The Practice Monitor shall do the following:

- a. Meet with Respondent on a monthly basis, either in person, virtually, or by phone;
- b. Obtain the status of each of Respondent's active cases;
- c. Discuss with Respondent whether each case can be concluded within a reasonable time and, if not, establish a timeframe for Respondent to inform each client of the need to retain successor counsel;
- d. Ensure that Respondent keeps each client informed of the status of their matters;
- e. Where appropriate, ensure that Respondent informs each affected client of any limitation on Respondent's ability to continue the representation;
- f. If Respondent has already informed any clients of his inability to continue a representation, determine whether he has also informed such client of the need to obtain successor counsel who can conclude their matter;
- g. File quarterly written reports with the Disciplinary Board and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel in which the practice monitor will state:
 - a. Whether the monitor has met with Respondent monthly;
 - b. Whether Respondent has communicated with each of his clients about the status of each legal matter
 - c. Where appropriate, whether Respondent has communicated with an affected client that he is unable to continue the representation;
 - d. Whether Respondent has abided by the Rules of Professional Conduct; and
 - e. whether the practice monitor has any concerns about Respondent's practice of law.

Costs shall be paid by the Respondent.

BY THE BOARD:

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Board Chair

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Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marcee D Sloan", written over a horizontal line.

Marcee D. Sloan, Board Prothonotary
The Disciplinary Board of the
Supreme Court of Pennsylvania