

# The Supreme Court of Ohio

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Case No. 2015-0591

Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association,  
Relator,  
v.  
Francis Edward Sweeney Jr.,  
Respondent.

ON CERTIFIED REPORT BY THE  
BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL  
CONDUCT OF THE SUPREME COURT

CLERK OF COURT  
SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

## ORDER

The Board of Professional Conduct filed its final report in this court on April 13, 2015, recommending that, pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(12)(A)(3), respondent, Francis Edward Sweeney Jr., be suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months with the entire six months stayed on condition. No objections to said final report were filed, and this cause was considered by the court.

On consideration thereof, it is ordered and adjudged by this court that pursuant to Gov.Bar R. V(12)(A)(5), respondent, Francis Edward Sweeney Jr., Attorney Registration No. 0058723, last known business address in Mayfield Heights, Ohio, is publicly reprimanded, and this entry shall constitute the public reprimand. This public reprimand shall be considered as a factor that may justify an increase in the degree of discipline to be imposed for subsequent misconduct.

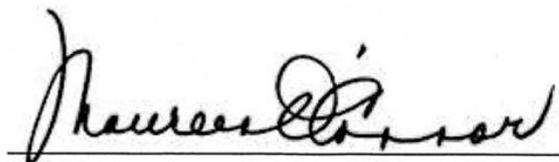
It is further ordered that respondent be taxed the costs of these proceedings in the amount of \$3,528.82, which costs shall be payable to this court by cashier's check or money order on or before 90 days from the date of this order. It is further ordered that if these costs are not paid in full on or before 90 days from the date of this order, interest at the rate of 10% per annum shall accrue as of 90 days from the date of this order on the balance of unpaid board costs. It is further ordered that if costs are not paid in full on or before 90 days from the date of this order, the matter may be referred to the Attorney General for collection. It is further ordered that respondent is liable for all collection costs pursuant to R.C. 131.02 if the debt is certified to the Attorney General for collection. It is further ordered that respondent may be found in contempt and may be suspended until costs, including accrued interest, are paid in full.

It is further ordered by the court that within 90 days of the date of this order respondent shall reimburse any amounts that have been awarded against respondent by the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F). It is further ordered by the court that if after the date of this order, the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection awards any amount against respondent pursuant to Gov.Bar R. VIII(7)(F), respondent shall reimburse that amount to the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection within 90 days of the notice of that award.

It is further ordered that respondent shall keep the clerk, the Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, and disciplinary counsel advised of any change of address where respondent may receive communications.

It is further ordered that service shall be deemed made on respondent by sending this order, and all other orders in this case, to respondent's last known address.

It is further ordered that the clerk of this court issue certified copies of this order as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(17)(D)(1) and that publication be made as provided for in Gov.Bar R. V(17)(D)(2).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen O'Connor", written over a horizontal line.

Maureen O'Connor  
Chief Justice