

IN THE SUPREME COURT
OF THE
STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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In the Matter of the	)	JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT
Discipline of	)	
DYLAN A. WILDE,	)	#31657
as an Attorney at Law.	)	
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The Disciplinary Board of the State Bar of South Dakota served and filed the attached petition for temporary suspension pending final hearing on September 21, 2026.

On September 25, 2026, the Board filed with the Court the attached resignation executed by respondent Dylan A. Wilde in which he states that he does not desire to contest the petition or defend against the complaints and is consenting to disbarment pursuant to the provisions of SDCL 16-19-65. Now, therefore, in compliance with the provisions of SDCL 16-19-66, it is

ORDERED that Dylan A. Wilde is hereby disbarred from practicing as an attorney and counselor at law in all of the courts of this state, and the license to practice law heretofore granted by this Court to said attorney is hereby canceled and revoked and the Clerk of the Court is authorized and directed to strike the name of Dylan A. Wilde from the roll of licensed attorneys and counselors at law on file in the office of the Clerk.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with the provisions of SDCL 16-19-77 through 16-19-81 and that noncompliance shall constitute contempt. SDCL 16-19-82.

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#31657, Judgment of Disbarment

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Shirley A. Jameson-Fergel
Clerk

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant to SDCL 16-19-77, the disbarment of Respondent shall become effective as of the date of this judgment.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the judgment of disbarment be forwarded to all Courts and State Bar Associations where Respondent is authorized to practice and the American Bar Association.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that when the Court receives and files the Disciplinary Board's statement of itemized costs and expenses for these proceedings allowed pursuant to SDCL 16-19-70.2 and 16-19-70.3 a supplemental order for said costs and expenses will be entered.

DATED at Pierre, South Dakota this 28th day of September 2026.

BY THE COURT:

Steven R. Jensen
Steven R. Jensen, Chief Justice

ATTEST: *[Signature]*
Clerk of the Supreme Court
(SEAL)

(Justice Robert Gusinsky disqualified.)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
In the Supreme Court
I, Shirley A. Jameson-Fergel, Clerk of the Supreme Court of South Dakota, hereby certify that the within instrument is a true and correct copy of the original thereof as the same appears on record in my office. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court at Pierre, S.D. this
28 day of Sept, 2026

Shirley A. Jameson-Fergel
Clerk of the Supreme Court
Deputy

PARTICIPATING: Chief Justice Steven R. Jensen and Justices Mark E. Salter, Patricia J. DeVaney and Scott P. Myren.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINE
OF DYLAN A. WILDE AS AN
ATTORNEY AT LAW

PETITION FOR TEMPORARY
SUSPENSION (SDCL 16-19-35.1)

CASE NO. _____

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Comes now the Disciplinary Board of the State Bar of South Dakota ("Board"), by and through its Chairperson, Amy R. Bartling Jacobsen, pursuant to SDCL 16-19-35.1, and hereby petitions the Court for an Order immediately and temporarily suspending Dylan A. Wilde ("Wilde") from the practice of law. This Petition is based upon the following:

1. On or around April 16, 2026, a complaint was filed with the Board with respect to Wilde. The complaint dealt with Wilde's lack of communication, billing issues and inappropriate and unprofessional questions and/or comments to his client ("Client #1"). A copy of the complaint is attached hereto as Exhibit A but due to the personal and sensitive nature of the contents of the complaint, the Board requests that all exhibits referenced in this Petition and all filings supporting this Petition which are submitted herein or any response from Wilde be filed under seal so as to protect the identity and privacy of the complaining clients.
2. Wilde was notified of the complaint on April 29, 2026, with instructions to respond to Board within ten (10) days which he did on May 14, 2026.
3. Wilde's requests of the client included request for photos of mesh leggings and tattoos under the guise that they were necessary to ensure that nothing would be brought up in court related to Client #1's appearance and its affect on her child. Wilde

inserted comments about Client #1 looking good in the mesh leggings and other comments of a flirtatious nature which were unneeded for proper representation.

4. Wilde also was inquiring about Client #1 driving her significant other to/from jail for work and was advised that Client #1 could not do so since she was female and the inmate was male. Wilde asked Client #1 about conjugal visits to which Client #1 replied to keep it professional. Wilde's response was "uhm, OK" without an apology.
5. A letter dated April 24, 2026 was received by the Board in June which contained a complaint from another of Wilde's clients ("Client #2") alleging Wilde had engaged in inappropriate and unprofessional communications with her. The Board requested that Client #2 provide additional documentation to support the allegations in her letter and later received 67 pages of screenshots of text messages between Wilde and Client #2. A copy of the complaint and text messages are attached hereto as Exhibit B.
6. Wilde responded to both complaints and acknowledged that the messages between Client #2 and Wilde were explicit and contained strong sexual innuendo.
7. The messaging between Wilde and Client #2 occurred on a Sunday evening before a scheduled Monday morning hearing related to child custody issues for which Wilde was representing Client #2.
8. The messaging between Wilde and Client #2 continued the morning of the scheduled hearing where Wilde continually detracted from legal advice and pursued Wilde's hopes of having sex with Client #2.
9. Client #2's hearing was cancelled.
10. Client #2 went to the courthouse in hopes of getting to appear before the Court but ultimately was directed by Wilde to return to his office.
11. Client #2 returned to Wilde's office.
12. While in Wilde's office, Client #2 alleges that Wilde sexually assaulted her by reaching up her skirt while

she showing him text messages from her ex-husband related to the subject of the canceled hearing.

13. A letter from Judge Scott Roetzel dated September 3, 2026, was sent to the Board and law enforcement which indicated that one of Wilde's clients ("Client #3") was fearful of Wilde and feared retaliation. The letter had been delivered to Judge Roetzel on the day that Client #3 appeared in court with Wilde.
14. The Board contacted Client #3, who was embarrassed and hesitant to provide additional information because of its explicit nature. Before the Board's September 18, 2026 hearing with Wilde, Client #3 had not submitted details of her concerns, but reported that her employer's legal counsel believed Wilde's conduct was unethical and constituted coercion and blackmail.
15. On September 18, 2026, the Board conducted a hearing on the complaints of Clients #1 & #2.
16. Client #2 testified at the hearing and asserted that Wilde reached up her skirt and touched and possibly penetrated her genitalia in his office on the day in which her scheduled hearing was canceled.
17. Wilde appeared at the hearing and testified that he did not touch Client #2.
18. The Board found Client #2's testimony regarding an inappropriate touching by Wilde to be more credible than Wilde's testimony.
19. Wilde acknowledged that his texting with Client #2 was a violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct.
20. Wilde also testified that he had not engaged in inappropriate communications/interactions with any other client, witness, potential witness or any person with whom he would be involved through his law practice.
21. The Board kept the record open regarding Wilde's hearing which allows it to continue with its investigation into his conduct.

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22. Following Wilde's hearing, Client #3 forwarded a formal complaint letter with supporting screenshots of s text messages between herself and Wilde. Client #3's complaint alleges more of the same conduct including requests for photos, sexual acts etc. A copy of Client #3's complaint and accompanying texts is attached hereto as Exhibit C.
23. Client #3 felt she had no choice but to cheat on her significant other with Wilde as she was relying on him to assist her with her custody issues and could not afford to retain another attorney.
24. Wilde is a solo practitioner who practices in Spearfish, South Dakota and practices primarily in the areas of family law and civil litigation.
25. Wilde has been divorced twice and was recently arrested and charged with various crimes although the charges were subsequently dismissed.
26. Wilde has a history of complaints which the Board has investigated, including a 2022 caution related to requesting and receiving nude photos from a person with whom he had a prior relationship. Wilde was attempting to renew his relations with the female at a time when she was vulnerable and Wilde was contemplating representation of her brother. Wilde received a caution from the Board since there was no attorney/client relationship.
27. Wilde is unable to control his sexual urges and uses his position of trust to prey upon vulnerable clients who rely on him to advocate for them at a time of great need.
28. Wilde is licensed to practice in South Dakota, Wyoming, and North Dakota.

Wilde's conduct poses an extreme danger to the public and Wilde's clients. Further, Wilde's conduct remains under investigation and will result in a Board recommendation of suspension or disbarment at its conclusion which makes an immediate temporary suspension proper under the circumstances.

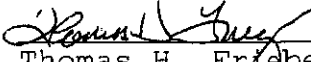
WHEREFORE, the Disciplinary Board respectfully requests that the Supreme Court enter an order immediately suspending

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Dylan A. Wilde's license to practice law pending the completion of the Board's investigation and formal proceedings or issue such order as the Supreme Court deems appropriate.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2026.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
STATE BAR OF SOUTH DAKOTA
Amy R. Bartling Jacobsen, Chairperson

By: 
Thomas H. Frieberg
Board Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that he mailed a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition for Temporary Suspension by email and first class mail to the following:

Personal & Confidential

Mr. Michael Wheeler
Attorney at Law
516 5th Street,
Rapid City, SD 57701
mvw@demjen.com

postage prepaid thereon by emailing to Mr. Wheeler and depositing the same in the U.S. Mail, all on this 21st day of September, 2026.


Thomas H. Frieberg
Counsel and Board Secretary
Disciplinary Board
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In the matter of the Discipline)
of DYLAN A. WILDE, as an)
Attorney at Law)

AFFIDAVIT OF RESIGNATION

#31657

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
:SS
COUNTY OF Lawrence)

I, Dylan A. Wilde, being duly sworn on oath, depose and state that I maintain a business address at 210 W. Grant Street, Spearfish, South Dakota, 57783, and that my residential address is 1221 W. Jackson Blvd Spearfish South Dakota, 57783 I hereby tender my resignation from membership in the State Bar of South Dakota and request and consent to my removal from the roster of those admitted to practice before the courts of this state and from membership in the State Bar.

I am aware that there is pending against me three formal complaints concerning alleged misconduct and/or that complaints, allegations or instances of alleged misconduct by me are under investigation by the State Bar Disciplinary Board and that such complaints, allegations and/or instances include: alleged misconduct in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct,

Rule 1.3, Rule 1.4, Rule 1.8, Rule 8.4 (a) and (d), and SDCL § 16-19-33. The complaints allege, among other things, that I have engaged in explicit messaging with clients seeking sexual gratification, pursued sexual relations with clients, and sexually assaulted one client, all at times when the clients were actively being represented by me.

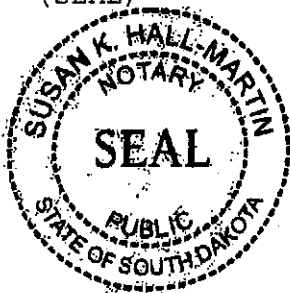
I do not desire to contest or defend against the above-described complaints, allegations or instances of alleged misconduct. I am aware of the rules of the Supreme Court and of the bylaws and rules of procedure of the State Bar of South Dakota with respect to admission, discipline, resignation, and reinstatement of members of the State Bar, including SDCL § 16-19-80. I understand that I shall not be permitted to practice law or act as a legal assistant within the State of South Dakota except as provided by §§ 16-18-34.4 to 16-18-34.7, inclusive. I understand that any future application by me for reinstatement will be treated as an application by one who has been disbarred for misconduct, and that, on such application, I shall not be entitled to a reconsideration or reexamination of the facts, complaints, allegations or instances of alleged misconduct upon which this resignation is predicated. I am aware that the Supreme Court may impose judgment for costs pursuant to SDCL § 16-19-70.1.

Dated at Speartish, South Dakota, this 25th day of
September, 2026.

Dylan A. Wilde
Dylan A. Wilde

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of
September, 2026.

(SEAL)



Susan K. Hall-Martin
Notary Public, South Dakota
My commission expires: 1-30-31