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2012AP1977-D **OFFICE OF LAWYER REGULATION V. JOAN M. BOYD**

August 19, 2026

The Court has entered the following order:

In this disciplinary reinstatement proceeding, the referee filed her report and recommendation on December 8, 2025. On January 6, 2026, the respondent, Attorney Joan M. Boyd filed a document entitled both as an "Appeal from Referee's Report and Recommendation Entered on December 8, 2025," and as a "Petition for Review." This document, however, is formatted and drafted as an appellate brief in this reinstatement proceeding. It presents arguments and concludes by asking that this court "vacate the referee's order and order her reinstated to the practice of law . . . ." In the accompanying cover letter, Attorney Boyd described this document as "an appeal in the above captioned case." The clerk of this court docketed this filing as a notice of appeal, even though it does not follow the content of a notice of appeal.

The Office of Lawyer Regulation (OLR) subsequently filed a motion to dismiss the appeal on the ground that it was untimely. Under Supreme Court Rule (SCR) 22.33(1), a party in a reinstatement proceeding may file a notice of appeal from a referee's report "within 20 days after the filing of the referee's report." Given the filing of the referee's report on December 8, 2025, the deadline for Attorney Boyd to file a notice of appeal was December 29, 2025.

Attorney Boyd has not filed a response to the motion.

IT IS ORDERED that the OLR's motion is granted, the appeal is dismissed as untimely, and the court will not consider the appellate brief filed by Attorney Boyd on January 6, 2026. Attorney Boyd failed to file a notice of appeal within the 20-day deadline established by SCR 22.33(1), and her subsequent appellate brief was untimely, even if construed as a notice of appeal; and

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this court shall proceed with its review of this matter pursuant to SCR 22.33(3), without briefing.

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Clerk of Supreme Court

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