

STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

In re: Thomas Melone
PRB File No. 120-2025

**CONFLICT DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL'S OBJECTION TO
RESPONDENT'S MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAL THE HEARING
PANEL ORDERS OF JANUARY 5, 2026 AND JANUARY 15, 2026**

On December 15, 2025, Thomas Melone filed *Respondent's Motion for Permission to Appeal*.

On December 29, 2025, I filed *Conflict Disciplinary Counsel's Objection to Thomas Melone's Motion for Permission to Appeal*.

On January 5, 2026, the Hearing Panel denied Mr. Melone's *Motion for Permission to Appeal*.

On January 12, 2026, Mr. Melone filed *Respondent's Motion to Vacate the Order of January 5, 2026*.

On January 15, 2026, the Hearing Panel denied Mr. Melone's *Motion to Vacate the Order of January 5, 2026*.

As is almost always the case, Mr. Melone was not deterred by the Hearing Panel's two rulings. On January 20, 2026, Mr. Melone filed *Respondent's Motion for Permission to Appeal the Hearing Panel Orders of January 5, 2026 and January 15, 2026*.

Not including motions filed in the Supreme Court, Mr. Melone has filed three motions with the Hearing Panel seeking permission to appeal from its interlocutory orders. For the reasons stated in the Hearing Panel's orders dated January 5 and January 15, 2026, for the reasons stated in *Conflict Disciplinary Counsel's Objection to Thomas Melone's Motion for*

Permission to Appeal, and because even when piecemeal appeals are allowed they are greatly disfavored, Mr. Melone's third motion seeking permission to appeal should be denied.

Dated: January 21, 2026

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I filed *Conflict Disciplinary Counsel's Objection to Respondent's Motion for Permission to Appeal the Hearing Panel Orders of January 5, 2026 and January 15, 2026* with the Professional Responsibility Program by sending the same via email to:

SupremeCourt@vtcourts.gov

with a copy to the Respondent via email to:

Thomas.Melone@gmail.com

Dated: January 21, 2026

/s/Michael F. Hanley
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