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Office of Disciplinary Counsel  
The Board on Professional Responsibility  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals  
515 Fifth Street, N.W. Building A, Room 117  
Washington, D.C. 20001

**RE: Complaint regarding Attorney Jerrauld Charles “Jay” Jones’ potential violation of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct**

To Whom It May Concern,

This complaint addresses potential violations of the D.C. Rules of Professional Conduct by Jerrauld Charles “Jay” Jones, a Washington, DC attorney and current candidate for Attorney General of Virginia. The violations are related to the recently uncovered messages in which Jones expressed desires to murder a former colleague in the Virginia House of Delegates by shooting him twice in the head. Jones also expressed desires to see this former colleague’s children murdered. Jones admitted to making these comments. Jones is a degenerate who is unfit to hold a law license in the District of Columbia. We ask you to immediately investigate and revoke Jones’ law license to protect District residents and all Americans. If expressing a desire to see your political opponent and his children murdered isn’t cause enough to lose one’s law license in D.C – what is?

**I. Who We Are**

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**II. Background**

Based upon information and belief, Jerrauld Charles “Jay” Jones is a licensed attorney in the District of Columbia and, as of this submission, is in good standing with the D.C. Bar.<sup>1</sup> He is

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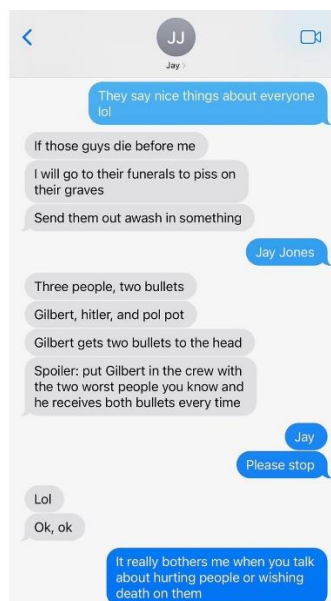
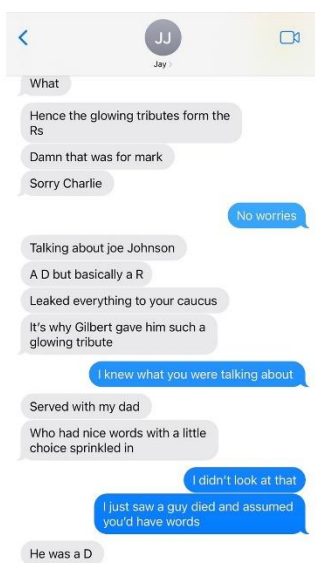
<sup>1</sup> Member Details, DC BAR, <https://my.dcbars.org/directorymemberships?id=0014z00001q5IakAAE>, (last visited Oct. 7, 2025).



currently running for the Attorney General of Virginia.<sup>2</sup> Formerly, Jones was a member of the Virginia House of Delegates and was an Assistant Attorney General for the District of Columbia.<sup>3</sup>

In early October 2025, it was revealed that Jones expressed violent and frightening desires to murder his political opponents. In 2022, Todd Gilbert, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, had made, according to Jones, “glowing tributes” to a recently deceased former House of Delegates member and Democrat Joe Johnson Jr.<sup>4</sup> Jones then texted a Republican House of Delegates member, Carrie Coyner.<sup>5</sup>

What he said<sup>6</sup> is disturbing:



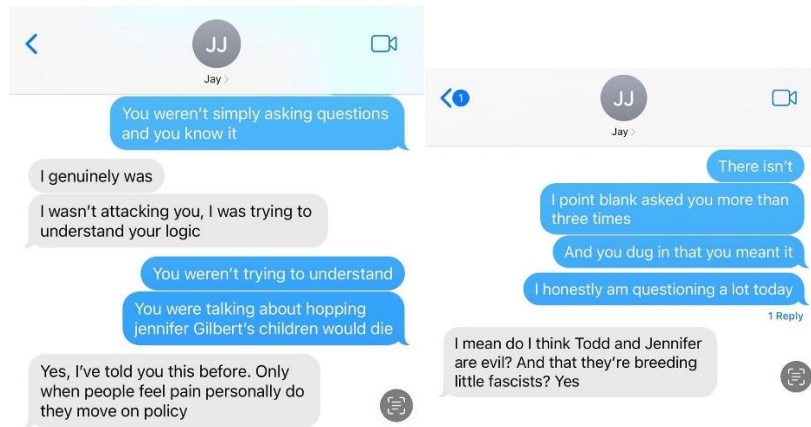
<sup>2</sup> Virginia Attorney General Election, 2025, BALLOTPEDIA, [https://ballotpedia.org/Virginia\\_Attorney\\_General\\_election,\\_2025](https://ballotpedia.org/Virginia_Attorney_General_election,_2025), (last visited Oct. 7, 2025).

<sup>3</sup> Meet Jay Jones, JAYJONES.COM, <https://www.jayjones.com/meet-jay/> (last visited Oct. 7, 2025).

<sup>4</sup> Victor Nava, *Dem Virginia AG Candidate Jay Jones Fantasized About a GOP Pol Getting ‘Two Bullets to the Head’ in Shocking text Messages*, NEW YORK POST (Oct. 3, 2025), <https://nypost.com/2025/10/03/us-news/dem-virginia-ag-candidate-jay-jones-fantasized-about-a-gop-pol-getting-two-bullets-to-the-head-in-shocking-text-messages/>.

<sup>5</sup> Id.

<sup>6</sup> National Review (@NRO), X (Oct. 3, 2025, 3:45 PM), <https://x.com/NRO/status/1974199234254811622>.



This does not appear to be a one-off comment from Jones. Coyner, before this tirade, said that “I just saw a guy died and assumed you’d have words.” “It really bothers me when you talk about hurting people or wishing death on them.” And Jones himself said “I’ve told you this before. Only when people feel pain personally do they move on policy.” This means he says these things as a pattern.

### III. Ethics Standards

Rule 8.4 likely governs and prohibits Jones’ conduct. It states in relevant part that:

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

- (a) Violate or attempt to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct, knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so through acts of another;
- (b) Commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer’s honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects[.]

### IV. Analysis

Jones violates the two prongs of Rule 8.4(b). First, his actions constitute a crime in both Washington D.C. and in Virginia, where these actions took place. In Washington D.C., it is a crime to “corruptly or, by threat or force, or by any threatening letter or communication, intimate, impede, interfere with, or retaliate against, or attempts to intimidate, impede, interfere with, or retaliate against any official or employee, while the official or employee is engaged in



the performance of his or her duties or on account of the performance of those duties.”<sup>7</sup> This applies if the person “threatens...any official or employee...while the official or employee is engaged in the performance of his or duties....”<sup>8</sup> It also applies to threats toward a family member.<sup>9</sup> Additionally, “whoever unlawfully assaults, or threatens another in a menacing manner,” is guilty of threatened assault.<sup>10</sup>

At the very least, Jones’ texts are threatening. Any reasonable person would perceive what he said as meaning, if Republicans do not change on policy, they deserve to be killed. Even if he did not mean it literally, the comments were designed to intimidate a public official (Coyner, Gilbert, or both). They are designed to impede and interfere with the democratic process in Virginia. It also occurred in light of remarks made by Gilbert during the legislative session, meaning they were made while an official was in the performance of his duties. His actions, at least under the preponderance of the evidence standard, constitute a threat to a public official in violation of D.C. Code §22-851. Even generally speaking, his words can be considered a “threat” in a “menacing manner,” in violation of D.C. Code §22-404.

Likewise, his conduct constitutes a crime in Virginia, where the actions took place. Va. Code Ann. §18.2-416 makes it a crime to use abusive language to another. “If any person shall, in the presence or hearing of another, curse or abuse such other person, or use any violent abusive language to such person concerning himself or any of his relations, or otherwise use such language, under circumstances reasonably calculated to provoke a breach of the peace, he shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor.” Here, he both texted and, apparently, called Coyner to use abusive language that would suggest two bullets to the head of a House Speaker, and advocated for the death of the House Speaker’s children. It is inarguable that the language is abusive. And, the language directed to Coyner was “concerning...any of [her] relations.” Indeed, it is a colleague of Coyner, in the same political party, that Jones spoke about in this manner.

Calling for the death of a public official or his children, without question, puts into question his trustworthiness or fitness to practice law. Jones was perhaps “honest” in sharing his horrific thoughts truthfully. But if Jones honestly wants to shoot a public official, or if he honestly wants the official’s family to suffer in order to move policy, can he be trustworthy? Is that level of depravity in the mind be considered to be fit to practice law? No.

Finally, it appears from this conversation that he was making a genuine effort to persuade another public official, Coyner, that death and suffering of public officials who disagree with

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<sup>7</sup> D.C. Code §22-851(b).

<sup>8</sup> D.C. Code §22-851(c).

<sup>9</sup> D.C. Code §22-851(d).

<sup>10</sup> D.C. Code §22-404.



Jones is needed. He was trying to convince Coyner to herself violate the underlying principles behind Rule 8.4(b). This violates Rule 8.4(a).

## **V. Conclusion**

Jones' disgusting, depraved worldview makes him unfit to practice law in Washington, DC. If, in his mind, the ends of "policy" goals are justified by "people feel[ing] pain personally," then Jones likely also would consider the ends justifying the means in his role as an attorney. He clearly has no moral compass guiding the limits of his role as an advocate, so he should not be able to exercise the privilege of practicing law. The citizens of D.C. and the United States of America need to be protected from this sick individual – revoking his law license is the least you can do to ensure that he cannot exert his violent tendencies upon those he disagrees.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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