

Attorney Research Analysis: John David Du Wors

Comprehensive Timeline of Bar Admissions, Disciplinary Actions, and Public Records

Research Analysis

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

John David Du Wors is a Seattle-based attorney whose legal career spans multiple jurisdictions and has been marked by significant disciplinary proceedings. Originally admitted to practice law in Washington State in 2003, Du Wors subsequently obtained bar admissions in California (2004) and New York (2012). His practice focused on intellectual property, business litigation, employment law, and technology-related matters through his association with Newman Du Wors LLP. Beginning in 2014, Du Wors' criminal convictions initiated a cascade of professional discipline across multiple jurisdictions, culminating in his disbarment in Delaware in July 2025 and suspension with actual discipline in California in September 2025. Du Wors is currently not eligible to practice law in California and faces significant restrictions on his ability to practice in other jurisdictions.

I. SUBJECT IDENTIFICATION

Full Legal Name: John David Du Wors (also appears as: John D. Du Wors, John DuWors, John D. DuWors, John Wors)

Professional Address: Du Wors Law, 4162 Sorrel Way NE, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110-4077¹

Law Firm Affiliations:

- Du Wors Law (current solo practice)
- Newman Du Wors LLP (prior affiliation), Seattle, WA

Education: Seattle University School of Law, Seattle, WA; University of Washington (undergraduate)²

Practice Areas: Business litigation, intellectual property, employment law, technology law, internet law, e-commerce, digital marketing³

II. BAR ADMISSIONS CHRONOLOGY

A. Washington State Bar Association

¹California State Bar Attorney Profile

²*Id.*

³Super Lawyers Profile

Field	Detail
Bar Number	WSBA No. 33987
Date Admitted	2003
Current Status	Active (disciplinary history) ⁴
Jurisdiction	Washington Supreme Court

B. State Bar of California

Field	Detail
Bar Number	233913
Date Admitted	December 1, 2004
Current Status	Not Eligible to Practice Law (as of September 19, 2025) ⁵
Discipline Case	23-C-30879
Jurisdiction	Supreme Court of California / State Bar Court

C. New York State Bar

Field	Detail
Date Admitted	2012
Current Status	Currently Registered ⁶
Jurisdiction	Appellate Division, New York Supreme Court

D. Delaware (Pro Hac Vice)

Field	Detail
Status	Pro Hac Vice admission (April 2023)
Current Status	Disbarred (July 25, 2025) ⁷
Case Number	In the Matter of John Du Wors, Case No. 17, 2025
Jurisdiction	Delaware Supreme Court

III. CRIMINAL HISTORY TIMELINE

The criminal convictions underlying Du Wors' professional discipline originated from incidents in Bainbridge Island, Washington. Court records from Bainbridge Island Municipal Court document the following criminal matters:⁸

⁴Washington State Bar News, November 2023 Discipline Notices

⁵California State Bar Attorney Profile

⁶Avvo Attorney Profile

⁷Delaware Supreme Court Press Release (July 28, 2025)

⁸johndduwors.wordpress.com

Case No.	Year	Charge	Disposition	Probation End
20704302	2014	Assault	Guilty	Closed 8/30/2016
20704303	2017	Hit and Run	Guilty	4/24/2020
20704307	2019	DUI	Guilty	7/30/2024

The DUI and hit-and-run convictions formed the factual basis for Du Wors' Washington State Bar discipline. The Washington Supreme Court's disciplinary order specifically cited Du Wors' false statements to police and his insurance company in connection with the automobile accident and related insurance claim.

IV. DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS TIMELINE

A. Washington State Bar Discipline (2023)

Effective Date: August 24, 2023

Sanction: Six-month suspension

Proceeding: Stipulation to Suspension approved by Washington Supreme Court⁹

Rules Violated:

- RPC 8.4(c) – Dishonesty, Fraud, Deceit or Misrepresentation
- RPC 8.4(d) – Prejudicial to the Administration of Justice
- RPC 8.4(i) – Moral Turpitude, Corruption or Disregard of Rule of Law

Factual Basis: Du Wors stipulated to suspension based on his conduct related to an automobile accident and insurance claim. Specifically, he admitted to committing acts resulting in convictions for hit and run (unattended vehicle) and driving under the influence, making false statements to police, and making false statements to his insurance company regarding both the hit and run incident and the resulting insurance claim.¹⁰

Counsel:

- Disciplinary Counsel: Marsha Matsumoto, Marina Busse
- Respondent's Counsel: Todd Maybrown
- Hearing Officer: Anthony A. Russo
- Settlement Hearing Officer: Joseph M. Mano Jr.

B. Delaware Supreme Court Discipline (2025)

Effective Date: July 25, 2025

Sanction: Disbarment (unconditional exclusion from admission to or exercise of any privilege to practice law in Delaware)

Case: In the Matter of John Du Wors, Case No. 17, 2025

Rules Violated:

⁹Washington State Bar News, November 2023 Discipline Notices

¹⁰*Id.*

- Rule 3.3(a)(1) - False statement of fact or law to tribunal (two counts)
- Rule 3.4(c) - Knowingly disobeying tribunal obligation
- Rule 5.5(c)(3) - Unauthorized practice during suspension
- Rule 8.4(c) - Dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation (two counts)
- Rule 8.4(d) - Conduct prejudicial to administration of justice (two counts)

Factual Basis: In April 2023, Du Wors sought and obtained pro hac vice admission in Delaware Superior Court. His certification represented that he was not the subject of pending disciplinary proceedings in another jurisdiction. This statement was false: disciplinary proceedings were pending against Du Wors in Washington at that time. Du Wors failed to correct the false certification and subsequently participated in mediation of the Delaware Superior Court case while suspended from practice in Washington.¹¹

Procedural History:

Date	Event
April 2023	Du Wors admitted pro hac vice to Delaware Superior Court
August 24, 2023	Washington suspension becomes effective
June 2024	ODC files Petition for Discipline
October 2024	Sanctions hearing before Board Panel
January 2025	Board Panel issues Report
July 25, 2025	Delaware Supreme Court orders disbarment
July 28, 2025	ODC issues press release

Du Wors did not answer the Petition for Discipline. Pursuant to Delaware Lawyers’ Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 9(d)(2), all allegations and charges were deemed admitted. Du Wors filed objections to the Board’s Report with the Delaware Supreme Court, but the Court upheld the Board’s recommendations.¹²

According to the Law.com report, Du Wors disputed the characterization of the sanction as “disbarment,” arguing the term is inapplicable to an attorney who appeared pro hac vice and was not a licensed member of Delaware’s bar. Du Wors indicated plans to challenge the decision directly and in federal court.¹³

C. California State Bar Discipline (2025)

Effective Date: September 19, 2025

Sanction: Discipline with Actual Suspension

Case Numbers: SBC-23-C-30879, SBC-23-C-30881, 23-C-30941, 23-C-30945

Current Status: Not Eligible to Practice Law in California¹⁴

Procedural History:

¹¹ALABnews (Aug. 20, 2025)

¹²*Id.*

¹³Law.com Delaware Business Court (July 28, 2025)

¹⁴California State Bar Attorney Profile

Date	Event
September 14, 2023	Conviction records transmitted to State Bar Court (23-C-30879, 23-C-30881)
October 23, 2023	Conviction record transmitted (23-C-30941)
October 25, 2023	Conviction record transmitted (23-C-30945)
September 19, 2025	Discipline with actual suspension effective

The California discipline resulted from the transmission of Du Wors' criminal conviction records to the State Bar Court. Under California's attorney discipline procedures, conviction of certain crimes triggers mandatory State Bar Court proceedings.

V. PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

A. Newman Du Wors LLP

Du Wors was a named partner at Newman Du Wors LLP, a Seattle-based intellectual property and litigation firm. The firm maintained offices in Los Angeles, Malibu, San Francisco, and Seattle, with approximately 13-15 attorneys practicing primarily in Internet and intellectual-property law.¹⁵ The firm represented digital marketing companies and handled matters related to corporate governance, risk management, and intellectual property protection.

B. Professional Recognition (Historical)

Prior to his disciplinary proceedings, Du Wors received professional recognition including:

- Super Lawyers selection (2020-2023)¹⁶
- Rising Star designation
- Areas of recognition: General Litigation, Business/Corporate, Employment & Labor, Intellectual Property

C. Representative Cases

Federal court dockets indicate Du Wors represented DiscoverOrg Data, LLC and DiscoverOrg, LLC as plaintiff's counsel in multiple copyright infringement actions in the Western District of Washington between 2018-2019.¹⁷

VI. CURRENT STATUS SUMMARY

Jurisdiction	Bar/Status	Current Standing
Washington	WSBA No. 33987	Active (suspension completed)
California	Bar No. 233913	Not Eligible to Practice Law
New York	Admitted 2012	Currently Registered

¹⁵RocketReach Company Profile

¹⁶Super Lawyers Profile

¹⁷Justia Dockets & Filings

Jurisdiction	Bar/Status	Current Standing
Delaware	Pro Hac Vice	Disbarred (July 2025)

Avvo Rating: 1.0 (Extreme Caution)¹⁸ – This rating reflects the disciplinary actions and indicates significant concerns about professional conduct.

VII. SOURCE INDEX

A. Official Bar Association Records

Source	URL
California State Bar	https://apps.calbar.ca.gov/attorney/Licensee/Detail/233913
Washington State Bar Discipline	https://www.mywsba.org/personifyebusiness/DisciplineNoticeDirectory.aspx
Delaware Courts ODC	https://courts.delaware.gov/odc/

B. Discipline Notices & Orders

Source	Date	URL
Delaware Supreme Court Press Release	July 28, 2025	https://courts.delaware.gov/Forms/Download.aspx?id=299408
Washington State Bar News	November 16, 2023	https://wabarnews.org/2023/11/16/nov-2023-discipline-other-regulatory-notices/

C. News & Legal Publications

Source	Date	URL
ALABnews	August 20, 2025	https://alabnews.com/attorney-john-du-wors-disbarred-in-delaware-for-failing-to-disclose-washington-disciplinary-action/

¹⁸Avvo Attorney Profile

Source	Date	URL
Law.com Delaware Business Court	July 28, 2025	https://www.law.com/delbizcourt/2025/07/28/delaware-orders-disbarment-for-washington-state-attorney/

D. Attorney Directories

Source	URL
Avvo	https://www.avvo.com/attorneys/98101-wa-john-wors-33110.html
Super Lawyers	https://profiles.superlawyers.com/washington/seattle/lawyer/john-d-du-wors/db1078e0-ef35-4da4-9480-ee98673f0583.html
Lawyer.com	https://www.lawyer.com/john-du-wors.html
Justia Dockets	https://dockets.justia.com/search?query=John+Du+Wors&state=washington

E. Additional Sources

Source	URL
Crunchbase	https://www.crunchbase.com/person/john-du-wors
Newman Du Wors LLP (archived)	https://www.martindale.com/organization/newman-du-wors-llp-1410979/

VIII. CHRONOLOGICAL TIMELINE

Date	Event	Jurisdiction
2003	Admitted to Washington State Bar (WSBA No. 33987)	Washington
December 1, 2004	Admitted to California State Bar (Bar No. 233913)	California
2012	Admitted to New York Bar	New York

Date	Event	Jurisdiction
2014	Assault conviction (Case 20704302)	Washington
August 30, 2016	Assault case probation ends	Washington
2017	Hit and Run conviction (Case 20704303)	Washington
2019	DUI conviction (Case 20704307)	Washington
April 24, 2020	Hit and Run probation ends	Washington
April 2023	Pro hac vice admission to Delaware Superior Court	Delaware
August 24, 2023	Six-month suspension effective (Washington)	Washington
September 14, 2023	Conviction records transmitted to CA State Bar Court	California
October 2023	Additional conviction records transmitted to CA	California
November 2023	Washington discipline published in Bar News	Washington
February 2024	Washington suspension concludes	Washington
June 2024	Delaware ODC files Petition for Discipline	Delaware
July 30, 2024	DUI probation ends	Washington
October 2024	Delaware sanctions hearing	Delaware
January 2025	Delaware Board Panel issues Report	Delaware
July 25, 2025	Delaware Supreme Court orders disbarment	Delaware
July 28, 2025	Delaware ODC press release issued	Delaware
September 19, 2025	California discipline with actual suspension effective	California

END OF RESEARCH ANALYSIS

This analysis was compiled from publicly available records and is provided for informational purposes. Official disciplinary records should be verified directly with the relevant bar associations and courts.