

**SUPREME COURT OF ARIZONA  
FIDUCIARY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF FIDUCIARY  
LICENSE:** )  
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**LINDA KOHL** )  
License Number [REDACTED] )  
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No. FID-NFC-23-0034

**FINAL ORDER**

On October 2, 2025, the Fiduciary Board (“Board”), pursuant to Arizona Code of Judicial Administration (“ACJA”) §7-201(H)(13), filed a Notice of Formal Statement of Charges and Right to Hearing in the above-captioned matter with the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, the Honorable Lisa A. Vandenberg.

Craig Collins (“Collins”), counsel for Linda Kohl (“Kohl”), agreed to accept service for Kohl. On October 2, 2025, Kohl, via Collins, was formally served the Notice of Formal Statement of Charges and Right to Hearing. On October 17, 2025, Collins filed a Notice of Appearance on behalf of Kohl. On the same date, Collins, for Kohl, timely filed an Answer to Notice of Formal Statement of Charges and Right to Hearing and Affirmative Defenses and filed a Request for Hearing, pursuant to ACJA §7-201(H)(11) and (13). A hearing was set for December 3, 2025.

On October 28, 2025, Collins, on behalf of Kohl, submitted a Motion to Change Hearing Date requesting that the hearing be reset from December 3, 2025 to January 9, 2026. There were no objections to the Motion. Hearing officer, Michael J. Donovan, reset the hearing to January 9, 2026.

On November 26, 2025, Kohl, via Collins, filed a Withdrawal of Answer and of Request for Hearing and Vacating Hearing. Hearing Officer, Michael J. Donovan, ordered Kohl’s

1 Answer to Notice of Formal Statement of Charges and Right to Hearing and Request for Hearing  
2 withdrawn; and further ordered the hearing set for January 9, 2026 vacated.

3 Kohl, by and through counsel, timely filed an Answer to the Notice of Formal Statement  
4 of Charges and requested a hearing. Kohl's decision to vacate the January 9, 2026, hearing and  
5 her consent to the issuance of a censure renders the Allegations of Misconduct contained in  
6 Exhibit A (Investigation Summary, Determination, Probable Casue Review and  
7 Recommendation), as deemed admitted.

8 The Board holds the authority to proceed with this action pursuant to ACJA §§7-  
9 201(D)(5)(c) and 7-201(H)(9).

### 10 JURISDICTION

11 Pursuant to ACJA §7-201(D)(1)(a) the Arizona Supreme Court ("AOC") is responsible  
12 for administering the Fiduciary Program and for adopting rules for the implementation and  
13 administration of all certification programs, including minimum qualifications, certification and  
14 disciplinary processes and a code of conduct.

15 Pursuant to ACJA §7-201(D)(5)(c)(1)(g) and ACJA §7-202(D)(5), the AOC's regulatory  
16 boards make all final decisions on the disposition of a complaint.

17 Pursuant to ACJA §7-201(H)(10), the Board served Notice of Formal Statement of  
18 Charges and Right to Hearing to Kohl, via Collins, on October 2, 2025. The Board has  
19 jurisdiction over this matter as Kohl was licensed as an individual fiduciary on March 10, 1999,  
20 and her license was renewed without interruption and remains active through the current  
21 licensure period.  
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23 Pursuant to ACJA §7-201(H) and ACJA §7-202(H), the matter was investigated, and  
24 Kohl was provided an opportunity to respond to the complaint, participate in the investigation of  
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1 the complaint, file an Answer to the Notice of Formal Statement of Charges, and request a  
2 hearing.

### 3 **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

4 A. On October 24, 2023, the Certification and Licensing Division (“Division”) received a  
5 complaint from Christiane Donner (“Donner”) involving Kohl.

6 B. On November 1, 2023, the Division, via United States Postal Service Certified Mail and  
7 email to the email address of record, forwarded Kohl a copy of the complaint and notice of the  
8 ACJA §7-201(H)(3)(c) requirement that Kohl submit a written response to the complaint within  
9 thirty (30) days. Division records confirm delivery of the mailing on November 6, 2023.

10 C. Kohl, by and through counsel, requested an extension of time to file a written response  
11 to the complaint. On November 20, 2023, Division Director, Aaron Nash, determined that good  
12 cause existed to extend the time for submission of a written response to the complaint to  
13 December 18, 2023. Kohl, by and through counsel, provided a timely written response to the  
14 complaint as required by ACJA §7-201(H)(3)(c).

15 D. The Division’s investigation addressed the complaint’s allegations that:

- 16 1. Linda Kohl failed to timely distribute and settle the estate.
- 17 2. Linda Kohl failed to keep the qualified beneficiaries reasonably informed  
18 about the trust administration and the material facts necessary for them to  
19 protect their interests.
- 20 3. Linda Kohl engaged in a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of  
21 interest.  
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23 E. On September 2, 2025, pursuant to ACJA §7-201(H)(5)(a)(3), Probable Cause Evaluator  
24 Jeffrey Schrade entered a finding probable cause exists in Allegations 1, 2, and 3, as detailed in  
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1 the Investigation Summary, Determination, Probable Cause Review, and Recommendation  
2 Report (“Investigation Summary”), attached as Exhibit A, in complaint number 23-0034.

3 F. On September 11, 2025, the Fiduciary Board accepted the finding of the Probable Cause  
4 Evaluator and entered a finding for formal disciplinary action as to Allegations 1, 2, and 3  
5 pursuant to ACJA §7-201(H)(6)(a). The particular sections of laws, court rules, ACJA, and  
6 orders relevant to complaint number 23-0034 are:

7 1. Kohl violated ACJA §§7-201(H)(6)(a) and 7-201(H)(6)(k)(6), (7), and (8);  
8 ACJA §§ 202(J)(7); and A.R.S. §§14-10801, 14-10802, and 14-10804 by  
9 failing to timely distribute and settle the estate, constituting grounds for  
10 discipline pursuant to ACJA §7-201(H)(6).

11 2. Kohl violated ACJA §§7-201(H)(6)(a) and 7-201(H)(6)(k)(6), (7), and (8);  
12 ACJ §§7-202(J)(7); and A.R.S. §§14-10801, 14-10804, and 14-10813(A) and  
13 (C) by failing to keep the qualified beneficiaries reasonably informed about  
14 the trust administration and the material facts necessary for them to protect  
15 their interests, constituting grounds for discipline pursuant to ACJA §7-  
16 201(H)(6).

17 3. Kohl violated ACJA §§7-201(H)(6)(a) and 7-201(H)(6)(k)(6), (7), and (8);  
18 ACJA §§7-202(J)(2)(b)(1) and (2), 7-202(J)(2)(f), and 7-202(J)(7) by  
19 engaging in a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest,  
20 constituting grounds for discipline pursuant to ACJA § 7-201(H)(6).  
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22 G. On October 2, 2025, Kohl, via Collins, was served with a Notice of Formal Statement of  
23 Charges and Right to Hearing in complaint number 23-0034. Kohl, by and through counsel,  
24 timely requested a hearing and on November 26, 2025, Kohl filed a Motion requesting that the  
25 January 9, 2026, hearing be vacated and consenting to the issuance of a censure.

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**FINDINGS OF FACTS**

The Board adopts the Findings of Fact in Exhibit A as the Findings of Fact in this matter.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board adopts the Conclusions of Law contained in Exhibit A as the Conclusions of Law in this matter.

**FINAL DECISION and ORDER**

Having adopted the above-referenced findings and conclusions, the Board orders the following disciplinary sanction in complaint number 23-0034:

- a) Issue a Censure to Linda Kohl’s fiduciary license, license number [REDACTED], pursuant to ACJA §7-201(H)(24)(a)(6)(b).

DATED this 8th day of January, 2026.

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The Hon. Jennifer Perkins, Chair  
Fiduciary Board

1 A copy of the foregoing mailed and/or emailed this 8 day of January 2026, to:

2 Linda Kohl

3 [Redacted]

4 Craig Collins, Esq. (Counsel for Linda Kohl)  
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