



The State Bar of California  
180 Howard St.  
San Francisco, CA 94105  
Attn: Attorney Misconduct Complaint

**RE: Attorney Misconduct Complaint regarding Attorney Eric Swalwell**

To Whom it May Concern,

This complaint addresses potential violations of the California Business and Professions Code by Attorney Eric Swalwell. We ask that you initiate an investigation into Swalwell to determine if he committed acts of moral turpitude due to multiple accusations from several women including rape, sexual assault, and others which led to his resignation from Congress and the suspension of his campaign to be California's next Governor.

**I. Who We Are**

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**II. Background<sup>1</sup>**

Based upon information and belief, Eric Michael Swalwell is a licensed attorney in the state of California and, as of this submission, is in good standing with the California Bar.<sup>2</sup> On April 14, 2026, he resigned the congressional seat for the Fourteenth Congressional District of California, but will continue in that role under the supervision of the Clerk of the House of Representatives.<sup>3</sup> He also suspended his campaign for Governor of California.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This is a developing story. The allegations herein should not be considered exhaustive, should additional accusers move forward. However, there is plenty of material that, if true, the State Bar of California has justification to discipline Swalwell's license.

<sup>2</sup> "Attorney Profile-Eric Michael Swalwell #244361," State Bar of California, accessed April 16, 2026, <https://apps.calbar.ca.gov/attorney/Licensee/Detail/244361>.

<sup>3</sup> Clerk-United States House of Representatives, "Office of the Fourteenth Congressional District of California," accessed April 16, 2026, <https://clerk.house.gov/members/CA14/vacancy>.

<sup>4</sup> Andrea Gonzalez-Ramirez, "All the Allegations Against Eric Swalwell," *The Cut*, April 15, 2026, <https://www.thecut.com/article/all-the-allegations-against-eric-swallow.html>.



The context is shameful<sup>5</sup> and numerous. First, on April 10, 2026, the San Francisco Chronicle published a story of an anonymous woman who claims Swalwell sexually assaulted her at a hotel room in 2024.<sup>6</sup> The woman alleged that Swalwell began pursuing her weeks after she was hired at age 21 to work in his Castro Valley office. He messaged her on Snapchat, sending images of his genitals and asking her to send nude photos. She alleged that he tried to kiss her in her car when she drove him home from a meeting. Then, a few weeks later when she was again driving him, he pulled out his genitals and asked her to perform oral sex, to which she complied. In September 2019, he invited her to drinks and became severely intoxicated. She woke up the next morning without clothes and could feel the effects of intercourse. He then distanced himself from her. Swalwell was married at the time and was 45 years old.<sup>7</sup>

Roughly five years later, she met him again at a charity event (she no longer worked for him), she again became intoxicated and only remembers snippets of the night, but does remember that she had pushed him away and told him “No” at some point in the night.<sup>8</sup>

In a separate report, three other women accused Swalwell of misconduct.<sup>9</sup> One woman, who connected online with Swalwell over her interest in Democratic politics, ended up extremely drunk in his hotel room, with little memory of what occurred. She remembered him kissing and touching her leg without consent earlier that night.<sup>10</sup>

Another woman, Ally Sammarco, a social media creator, said she reached out to Swalwell over Twitter to talk politics. She described receiving unsolicited nude messages from Swalwell.<sup>11</sup>

Another woman reached out to Swalwell online in 2025 over Instagram. She joked that she might run against him, to which he followed up and said she should get involved and gave his phone number. After a couple of weeks of texting, he asked to meet. She described that at dinner, he kept sitting closer to her. When she would move away, he would again move closer. She began to feel intoxicated and “fuzzy,” then he tried to kiss her and continued to touch her. She then woke up in a hotel room without memory of how she got there.<sup>12</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> Assuming, of course, the allegations against him are true.

<sup>6</sup> Alexi Koseff and Sophia Bollag, “Ex-staffer says Eric Swalwell, Candidate for California Governor, Sexually Assaulted Her,” *San Francisco Chronicle*, April 10, 2026, <https://www.sfchronicle.com/politics/article/eric-swallow-allegations-22198271.php>.

<sup>7</sup> Ibid.

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> Allison Gordon et. al., “Exclusive: Four Women Describe Sexual Misconduct by Rep. Eric Sawllwell, Including a Former Staffer Who Says He Raped Her,” *CNN*, April 16, 2026, [https://www.cnn.com/2026/04/10/us/eric-swallow-sexual-misconduct-allegations-invs?cid=ios\\_app](https://www.cnn.com/2026/04/10/us/eric-swallow-sexual-misconduct-allegations-invs?cid=ios_app).

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

<sup>11</sup> Ibid.

<sup>12</sup> Ibid.



Two other women told CNN that Swalwell sent them unsolicited photos of his genitals and other sexual messages on Snapchat.<sup>13</sup>

A woman named Lonna Drews alleged that she met Swalwell in 2018 while working as a model. She claims that Swalwell drugged her drink and then lured her to his hotel room where he raped and choked her to the point of losing consciousness. She said “I thought I died.”<sup>14</sup> She said “I did not consent to any sexual activity...I would never have engaged in a consensual sexual encounter with Eric Swalwell.”<sup>15</sup>

### III. Ethics Standards

“The Commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty or corruption, whether the act is committed in the course of his relations as an attorney or otherwise, and whether the act is a felony or misdemeanor or not, constitutes a cause for disbarment or suspension.”<sup>16</sup> Importantly, “If the act constitutes a felony or misdemeanor, conviction thereof in a criminal proceeding is *not a condition precedent* to disbarment or suspension from practice therefor.”<sup>17</sup>

There are several crimes that Swalwell would have committed, if the allegations are true, including rape,<sup>18</sup> sexual battery,<sup>19</sup> assault with the intent to commit rape or sexual offenses,<sup>20</sup> Forcible Sexual Penetration,<sup>21</sup> Oral Copulation By Force,<sup>22</sup> or potentially other crimes. Additionally, in California, sending nude photos unsolicited is illegal and can lead to civil causes of action and could potentially be an act of moral turpitude.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>13</sup> Ibid.

<sup>14</sup> Rebecca Ellis and Melody Gutierrez, “Beverly Hills Model Accuses Swalwell of Rape After Drugging Her Drink in 2018,” *Los Angeles Times*, April 14, 2026, <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2026-04-14/eric-swallow-rape-drugged-drink-beverly-hills-allegations>.

<sup>15</sup> Breaking911 (@Breaking911), “Lana Dres on Eric Swalwell: ‘He raped me, and he choked me. And while he was choking me, I lost consciousness. And I thought I died. I did not consent to any sexual activity...I would never have engaged in a consensual sexual encounter with Eric Swalwell.’” X, April 14, 2026, 12:43 p.m., <https://x.com/Breaking911/status/2044094252083282250?s=20>.

<sup>16</sup> Cal. Bus. & Prof. Code §6106(2026).

<sup>17</sup> Id. (emphasis added).

<sup>18</sup> Ca. Penal Code §§261; 264.

<sup>19</sup> Ca. Penal Code §243.4.

<sup>20</sup> Ca. Penal Code §220.

<sup>21</sup> Ca. Penal Code §289.

<sup>22</sup> Ca. Penal Code §287.

<sup>23</sup> Cal Civil Code §1708.88; to the Complainant’s knowledge, California has not ruled on whether unsolicited sexting is an act of moral turpitude).



Actions that constitute Rape by Force,<sup>24</sup> Sexual Battery,<sup>25</sup> Forcible Sexual Penetration,<sup>26</sup> or other crimes of a similar nature are acts of moral turpitude.

#### **IV. Analysis**

The allegations against Swalwell clearly involve acts of moral turpitude.<sup>27</sup> The State Bar of California should not wait for criminal convictions to occur, as the law in California explicitly states that a conviction is not needed to disbar or suspend an attorney.

Swift action is warranted in a matter such as this, where the allegations are significant and egregious. Swalwell should never be enabled to be in a position of any authority whatsoever. No power dynamics over women should ever exist. If Swalwell remains a licensed attorney, the potential exists for him to have female clients, where he could abuse that position just as he did in his role as a congressman.

Here, he is alleged to have had nonconsensual sex with multiple women. He has touched and kissed multiple women without their consent. He has exposed himself to multiple women and at least one performed oral sex on him. He has sent nude photos to multiple women. An investigation should be opened immediately. If the facts are substantiated, the State Bar should not wait a minute longer than necessary to initiate a complaint and have Swalwell's license revoked or suspended.

#### **V. Conclusion**

For the reasons stated herein, the California State Bar should investigate whether Swalwell committed an act of moral turpitude and should pursue discipline accordingly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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<sup>24</sup> *People v. Lewis*, 191 Cal. App. 3d 1288 (1987).

<sup>25</sup> *People v. Chavez*, 84 Cal.App. 4<sup>th</sup> 25 (2000).

<sup>26</sup> *People v. Burns*, 2022 Cal.App. Unpub. Lexis 184 (2022) (as an unpublished opinion, this case is merely instructive, not authoritative).

<sup>27</sup> Assuming the allegations are true.