

VIRGINIA :

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF  
PATRICK JOHN BLACKBURN

VS B Docket No. 06-000-3412

ORDER

This matter came before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board, pursuant to a Rule to Show Cause issued in accordance with Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13, I, 7.b. and f. of the Rules of Court.

The Rule to Show Cause alleged that Mr. Blackburn had been disbarred by the Supreme Court of Alaska effective April 8, 2003. A hearing was held before the Disciplinary Board on May 19, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. in the State Corporation Commission, Courtroom A, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. The Disciplinary Board Panel consisted of James L. Banks, Jr., Second Vice-Chair, William C. Boyce, Jr., Nancy C. Dickenson, William E. Glover, and Dr. Theodore Smith (lay member). The Bar was represented by Interim Bar Counsel Harry M. Hirsch, and the Respondent, Patrick John Blackburn., was not represented by counsel. The proceedings were recorded by Tracy J. Stroh, P.O. Box 9349, Richmond, Virginia 23227, (804)730-1222, after being duly sworn by the Second Vice-Chair.

At 9:00 a.m., Mr. Blackburn was not in the courtroom and his name was called three times in the hall prior to the commencement of the hearing with no response. The hearing proceeded in Mr. Blackburn's absence.

The Panel was polled as to whether any conflict existed which might interfere with the members' ability to hear the matter fairly and all responded in the negative, including the Second Vice-Chair.

The Bar introduced evidence of Mr. Blackburn's disbarment in the form of the Disbarment Order of the Supreme Court of Alaska effective April 8, 2003. The disbarment order reflected 17 complaints in Alaska alleging violations of various disciplinary rules similar to the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct. Those allegations were deemed to be admitted. Each of the three exhibits offered by the Virginia State Bar were received by the Panel and entered as evidence in the matter.

Mr. Hirsch informed the Panel that he had telephoned the telephone number of record for Mr. Blackburn and had not succeeded in speaking with him or receiving any return communication.

No evidence was presented as to why Mr. Blackburn's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia should not be revoked.

Therefore, it is ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia be and hereby is revoked, effective May 19, 2006.

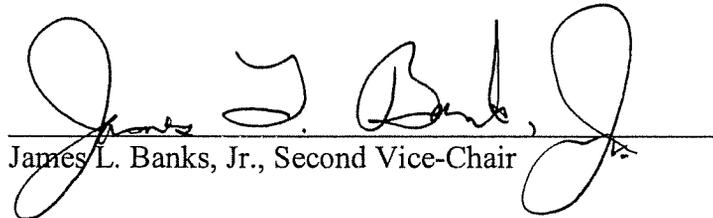
The Respondent must comply with the requirements of Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13.M of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia and notify all appropriate persons about the revocation of his license if he is handling any client matters at the time. If the Respondent is not handling any client matters on the effective date of his license suspension, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System at the Virginia State Bar. All issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required by Paragraph 13.M shall be determined by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board, unless the Respondent makes a timely request for hearing before a three-judge court.

Pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13.B.8(c) of the Rules, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall mail an attested copy of this order to respondent Patrick John Blackburn at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, P.O. Box 232286, Anchorage Alaska, 99523-2286 by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by regular mail to Interim Bar Counsel Harry M. Hirsch, Virginia State Bar, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

ENTERED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD



James L. Banks, Jr., Second Vice-Chair