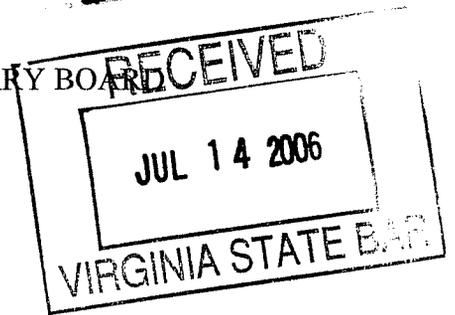


VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DARREN SCOTT HALEY

VSB DOCKET NO. 06-000-3730



**ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

**THIS MATTER** came on to be heard on Friday, June 23, 2006, at 9:00 a.m., before a panel of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board convening at the State Corporation Commission, Courtroom A, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Second Floor, Richmond, Virginia, 23219. The Board was comprised of Peter A. Dingman, Chair, Roscoe B. Stephenson, III, David R. Schultz, Russell W. Updike, and Steven A. Wannall, lay member. The Respondent, Darren Scott Haley, was present and proceeded pro se. The Virginia State Bar was represented by Marian L. Beckett, assistant bar counsel.

The Chair polled the members of the Board as to whether any of them were conscious of any personal or financial interest or bias which would preclude them from fairly hearing this matter and serving on the panel, to which inquiry each member responded in the negative.

The court reporter, Donna T. Chandler, of Chandler & Halasz, P.O. Box 9349, Richmond, Virginia, 23227, (804) 730-1222, after being duly sworn, reported the hearing and transcribed the proceedings.

The matter came before the Board on the Board's Rule to Show Cause why the Respondent's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia should not be suspended by reason of the disciplinary suspension of his license to practice law in the State of South Carolina.

Bar Counsel and Respondent made opening and closing statements, both requesting that the Board suspend Respondent's license for a period of thirty (30) days, effective May 25, 2006. The Board had previously received and read the order of the Supreme Court of South Carolina (Opinion No. 26064) imposing a "Definite Suspension" of respondent's license to practice law in that jurisdiction for a period of thirty days and related documents.

### **I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

Having considered the record, the Board unanimously finds by clear and convincing evidence, to wit:

(1) At all relevant times hereto, Darren Scott Haley, hereinafter the "Respondent," has been a lawyer duly licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and his address of record with the Virginia State Bar has been 5 Weston Street, Taylor, South Carolina, 29687. The Respondent was properly served with notice of this proceeding as required by Part Six, §IV, ¶13(E) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

(2) On June 30, 2005, Respondent executed an Agreement for Discipline by Consent with Henry B. Richardson, Jr., Disciplinary Counsel to the Supreme Court of South Carolina, wherein Respondent acknowledged conduct in violation of the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement in the State of South Carolina.

(3) On September 15, 2005, an investigative panel of the Commission of Lawyer Conduct considered the above-referenced Agreement for Discipline by Consent and voted unanimously to recommend to the court that the agreement be accepted. The investigative panel further voted to recommend to the court that a sanction of a definite suspension from the practice of law for a period of thirty (30) days be imposed on the Respondent. Respondent was suspended

from the practice of law in the State of South Carolina for a period of thirty (30) days effective November 14, 2005.

(4) By Rule to Show Cause and Order of Suspension and Hearing dated May 25, 2006, Respondent's license to practice law in Virginia was immediately suspended pursuant to the Rules of Court, Part Six, §IV, ¶13.I(7) and the Respondent was ordered to appear before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board at 9:00 a.m. to show cause why his license to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia should not be suspended.

## **II. DISPOSITION**

After hearing the evidence and argument of Assistant Bar Counsel and the Respondent, the Board finds, by clear and convincing evidence, that the Respondent was suspended from the practice of law in the State of South Carolina for a period of thirty (30) days, effective November 14, 2005.

It is therefore ORDERED that the license of the Respondent, Darren Scott Haley, to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and the same is hereby, suspended for a period of thirty (30) days, effective May 25, 2006.

It is further ORDERED that, as directed in the Board's Summary Order dated May 25, 2006, Respondent must comply with the requirements of Part Six, §IV, Paragraph 13M of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Respondent shall forthwith give notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the suspension of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to all clients for whom he is currently handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and presiding judges in pending litigation.

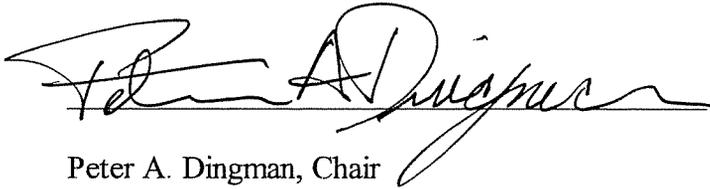
It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall mail an

attested copy of this Order to the Respondent, Darren Scott Haley, at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, 5 Weston Street, Taylor, South Carolina, 29687, by certified mail, return receipt requested, and a copy hand-delivered to Marian L. Beckett, Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, Virginia, 23219.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Part Six, §IV, Paragraph 13.B.8.c of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess all costs against the Respondent.

ENTERED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter A. Dingman", written over a horizontal line.

Peter A. Dingman, Chair

Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board