

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF

VSB DOCKET NO.: 09-000-076567

ADAM HARRISON BRYANT

ORDER OF REVOCATION

THIS MATTER came before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (Board) for hearing on October 24, 2008, upon the Virginia State Bar (VSB) having been notified that the Respondent, Adam Harrison Bryant, had pled guilty to a crime, and a Rule to Show Cause and Order of Suspension and Hearing (Show Cause) having been served on the Respondent and certified notice of same having been sent by the Clerk of the Disciplinary System to the Respondent on October 6, 2008, all pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13.1.5.b of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

A panel was duly convened to hear this matter, such panel consisting of Glenn M. Hodge, Acting Chair, presiding; lay member Stephen A. Wannall, and lawyer members John Casey Forrester, Martha JP McQuade and Russell W. Updike. The Virginia State Bar was represented by Senior Assistant Bar Counsel Seth M. Guggenheim. Respondent did not appear and was not represented by counsel. The proceedings were recorded and reported by Teresa L. McLean, Chandler & Halasz, P.O. Box 9349, Richmond, Virginia 23227, telephone number (804) 730-1222, after she was duly sworn by the Chair.

The Chair opened the hearing by polling the Board members to ascertain whether any of them had any personal or financial interest or bias which would interfere with or influence his or her determination, and each member, including the Chair, responded that there were no such conflicts.

The Chair explained that, pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13.1.5.b of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, if the Board were to find that the Respondent has been found guilty or convicted of a crime by a judge or jury, pled guilty or entered a plea wherein the facts found by a Court would justify a finding of guilt, an Order would be entered either continuing the Respondent's suspension for a period not in excess of five years or revoking Respondent's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The Chair admitted into evidence the Show Cause and all attachments

including the plea agreement filed on July 24, 2008, in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in the case of United States of America v Adam Bryant, wherein the Respondent pled guilty to a two count Information, charging him with one count of traveling in interstate commerce for the purpose of engaging in illicit sexual conduct in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 2423(b), and one count of enticing a child or minor in violation of 22 D.C. Code § 3010. Included among the attachments was a Revised Statement of Offense which sets forth with graphic specificity the sordid details of the crimes committed.

Respondent filed a four-page letter dated October 19, 2008, with 47 pages of attachments, all of which was admitted into evidence. Respondent specifically requested that the Board allow the letter and attachments to "serve as my appearance at the hearing. The Board, after Bar Counsel expressed no objection to Respondent's request, proceeded to hear the case.

The Board found by clear and convincing evidence that the Respondent pled guilty to two crimes, and pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, paragraph 1 3.1.5.b of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, that his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia should be suspended for a period not in excess of five years or revoked.

The Board thereafter considered evidence of aggravation and mitigation. The Respondent's prior disciplinary record reflected no prior disciplinary action.

Bar Counsel recommended revocation of Respondent's license. Respondent, by letter dated October 19, 2008, asked the Board to impose an Order of Suspension for a period not in excess of five years.

DISPOSITION

After due deliberation in closed session, the Board reconvened to announce the sanction imposed. The Chair announced the Board's sanction that Respondent's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia be revoked effective immediately.

Accordingly, and in conformance with the Board's October 24, 2008, decision in this matter, it is:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia be and hereby is REVOKED effective October 24, 2008.

It is further ORDERED that the Respondent comply with the requirements

of Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13(M) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. He shall forthwith give notice of the revocation of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to all clients for whom he is handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and presiding judges in pending litigation. He shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters currently in his case in conformity with the wishes of each client. He shall give such notice within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the revocation and make such arrangements as are required within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of revocation. Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of revocation, he shall also furnish proof to the Bar that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements made for the disposition of matters.

If the Respondent is not handling any client matters on the effective date of his revocation, he must submit an affidavit to that effect to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System.

It is further ORDERED that all issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required by Paragraph 13(M) shall be determined by the Board, unless the Respondent makes a timely request for hearing before a three-judge court.

It is further ORDERED that the Respondents license shall not be reinstated unless and until the Respondent has fully complied with the provision of Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13.1.8.(b) of the Rules of the Supreme Court.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13.B.8(c) of the Rules, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess all costs in this matter against the Respondent; and

The Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall mail an attested copy of this Order, by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Respondent, Adam Harrison Bryant, at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, 5908 Sierra Orande Drive, Austin, Texas 78759 and shall also mail a copy by regular mail to Seth M. Guggenheim, Senior Assistant Bar Counsel, 100 North Pitt Street, Suite 310, Alexandria, VA 22314-3133.

ENTERED this ^{20TH} day of NOV. 2008.

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

By: Glenn M. Hodge
Glenn M. Hodge, Acting Chair