

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**In the Matter of**

**VS B Docket No. 07-000-2170**

**Meek Daniel Clark,**

**Respondent**

**ORDER  
(SUSPENSION OF 5 YEARS)**

On March 23, 2007, a duly-convened 5-member panel of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board consisting of Robert E. Eicher, Esquire, Chair, Dr. Theodore Smith, Lay Member, Joseph R. Lassiter, Jr., Esquire, William H. Monroe, Jr., Esquire, and Rhysa G. South, Esquire, met and heard the Agreed Disposition of the parties, Respondent Meek Daniel Clark (“Mr. Clark” or “the Respondent”), by counsel Michael L. Rigsby, and the Virginia State Bar, by Assistant Bar Counsel Kathryn R. Montgomery. The Chair polled the members of the Board Panel as to whether any of them was conscious of any personal or financial interest or bias which would preclude any of them from fairly hearing this matter and serving on the panel, to which inquiry each member responded in the negative. Teresa McLean, court reporter, Chandler & Halasz P.O. Box 9349 Richmond, VA 23227, (telephone: 804-730-1222), after being duly sworn, reported the hearing and transcribed the proceedings. The Board considered the Agreed Disposition as a joint stipulation of the parties and thereafter pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13.B.5.c of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia accepted the parties proposed Agreed Disposition as follows.

## STIPULATION OF AGREED FACTS

1. On December 18, 2006, Mr. Clark pled NOLO CONTENDERE to taking Indecent Liberties with a Minor, in violation of Virginia Code Section 18.2-370, in the Circuit Court of the County of Chesterfield, Case No. CR06F01807-01. Mr. Clark received a sentence of five (5) years, suspended for ten (10) years and was placed under supervised probation for an indefinite period of time.

2. As a consequence of his plea of NOLO CONTENDERE, the license of M. Daniel Clark to practice law was suspended by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (the "Board") pursuant to the Rules of Court, Part 6 §IV, Paragraph 13. I. 5. b., on January 26, 2007 and he was required to show cause why his license to practice law should not be revoked.

3. The incident that resulted in the plea of NOLO CONTENDERE occurred sometime between in or about June 1, 1976 and December 31, 1976, thirty (30) years before it was reported.

4. M. Daniel Clark cooperated fully, without counsel and without reservation, when the incident was made known to the Chesterfield County authorities in or about September 2006.

5. Mr. Clark has no history of criminal conduct of any kind.

6. Mr. Clark was licensed to practice law in Virginia on September 24, 1976 and practiced law continuously since that time without incurring a disciplinary record until his January 26, 2007 suspension.

7. Mr. Clark was not required to serve any active time in prison, but his freedom is limited by the breadth of his Conditions of Probation. The Conditions of Probation place no limitation on Mr. Clark's ability to work and he continues to remain gainfully self-employed.

### **STIPULATION OF AGREED DISPOSITION**

Based on the foregoing, the parties stipulated that a suspension of Mr. Clark's license for a period of five (5) years was appropriate, with Mr. Clark liable for the payment of costs which the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess against him.

### **III. DISPOSITION**

The Board hereby approves the Agreed Disposition, and ORDERS that:

The Respondent's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia be and hereby is suspended for a period of five (5) years beginning January 26, 2007.

It is further ORDERED that, as directed in the Board's January 26, 2007, Summary Order in this matter, Respondent must comply with the requirements of Part Six, § IV, ¶ 13(M) 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. The Respondent shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his clients. Respondent shall give such notice within 14 days of the effective date of the suspension, and make such arrangements as are required herein within 45 days of the effective date of the suspension. The Respondent shall also furnish proof to the Bar within 60 days of the effective day of the suspension that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements made for the disposition of matters.

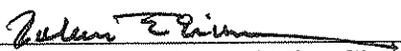
It is further ORDERED that if the Respondent is not handling any client matters on the effective date of suspension, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System at the Virginia State Bar. All issues concerning the adequacy of the notice

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.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Part Six, § IV, ¶ 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.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall mail an attested copy of this order to respondent at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, being Building 3, Suite A, 10043 Midlothian Turnpike, Richmond, Virginia 23235-4856, by regular mail to Michael L. Rigsby, Respondent's Counsel, at Forest Plaza II, Suite 310, 7275 Glen Forest Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23226, and to Kathryn R. Montgomery, Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar, Eighth and Main Building, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

ENTERED THIS 20<sup>th</sup> DAY OF April, 2007.

  
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Robert E. Eicher, Second Vice Chair  
Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

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