

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
WADE TRENT COMPTON**

VSB Docket No. 09-000-077172

IMPAIRMENT SUSPENSION ORDER

This matter came for consideration upon the Virginia State Bar's Petition for Impairment Examination and Releases for Respondent Wade Trent Compton's Psychiatric, Psychological and Medical Records ("Petition for Releases"), which was filed in response to Wade Trent Compton's Petition to Suspend License for Impairment. Respondent Wade Trent Compton ("Respondent") represents to the Board that he suffers from depression so as to materially impair his ability to practice law and that he has ceased the practice of law. Respondent incorporates by reference the letter from a health care provider submitted with his Petition to Suspend License for Impairment as well as the attached letter dated February 12, 2009, in which Respondent's health care provider states that Respondent suffers from depression which materially impairs Respondent's ability to practice law. Exh. A. As such, Respondent currently suffers from an Impairment that materially impairs his fitness to practice law. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the license of Wade Trent Compton to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia is SUSPENDED indefinitely due to Impairment, the suspension to commence upon entry of this Order. It is further ORDERED that nothing in this Impairment Suspension Order affects, alters, or in any way impacts any other findings or Orders relating to Respondent, including the Memorandum Order for VSB Docket No. 06-102-3595 entered by a Three Judge Panel against Respondent. It is further

ORDERED that Respondent shall comply with the requirements of Paragraph 13.M. Issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required shall be determined by the Board, which may impose a sanction of revocation or further suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph. It is further

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ORDERED that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall send a certified copy of this Order to:

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By Hand Delivery

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By First Class Mail, Postage Prepaid

ENTERED this 20th day of February, 2009

THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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We Ask for This:

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12 February 2009

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Re: Wade Compton, Esq.

Dear Mr. Rigsby:

I have seen Mr. Compton for eleven sessions. I still believe he is not ready to return to the practice of law as he is depressed and has not had sufficient time to deal with the underlying traumatic causes of his behavior.

He is cooperative and energetic in his psychotherapy and so my positive prognosis remains.

Very truly yours,



Murray Scher, Ph.D.

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EXHIBIT

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