

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE SECOND DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
Mattia Jestelle Corse**

**VSB Docket No. 14-022-098580**

**SUBCOMMITTEE DETERMINATION  
(PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS)**

On September 10, 2014 a meeting was held in this matter before a duly convened Second District Subcommittee consisting of Mr. Clarke H. Crenshaw, Sr., lay member, Wanda Jones Cooper, Esquire, and Charisse Lee Black, Esquire, Chair presiding. During the meeting, the Subcommittee voted to approve an agreed disposition for a PUBLIC Reprimand without Terms pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-15.B.4. of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The agreed disposition was entered into by the Virginia State Bar, by Paul D. Georgiadis, Assistant Bar Counsel, Mattia Jestelle Corse, Respondent, and Carl Arthur Eason, Esquire, counsel for Respondent.

WHEREFORE, the Second District Subcommittee of the Virginia State Bar hereby serves upon Respondent the following PUBLIC Reprimand without Terms:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent Mattia Jestelle Corse has been an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Respondent was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in October, 2012. Thereafter, Respondent registered with the bar which included providing the bar with an address of record and an e-mail address for sending notices concerning her law license.

3. Thereafter, the bar used the addresses Respondent provided to send her numerous notices regarding her obligation to pay her annual license fees or bar dues to maintain her law license.
4. On or about June 14, 2013, the bar sent Respondent a dues statement for her bar dues. The statement gave notice of the July 31, 2013 deadline for payment.
5. On or about July 18, the bar sent Respondent an e-mail reminder of the July 31, 2013 annual deadline for the payment of her annual bar dues.
6. Notwithstanding said notices, Respondent failed to pay her bar dues by the July 31, 2013 deadline.
7. Thereafter the bar sent Respondent repeated past due notices via U.S. mail to her address of record and to her e-mail address. The notices indicated not only a past due amount but a pending suspension should Respondent not pay her bar dues.
8. On or about October 10, 2013, the bar sent Respondent a notice of suspension of her law license due to non-payment of bar dues.
9. On November 16, 2013, Respondent accepted a position as trial counsel with a law firm. Thereafter, she actively practiced law by making formal appearances in cases, communicating with clients, and accepting and opening new litigation matters.
10. On or about February 7, 2014, Respondent's employer discovered that Respondent's law license was not in good standing as the bar had suspended her law license for failure to pay annual bar dues. The employer notified Respondent of this discovery and ordered her to cease all legal work.
11. On February 7, 2014, Respondent reinstated her law license by paying all delinquent dues and fees.

12. Since February 7, 2014, Respondent has voluntarily ceased practicing law pending the resolution of this bar complaint.
13. Respondent has fully cooperated with the bar and with her employer.
14. Based upon a review by independent counsel for Respondent's employer, the parties believe that no clients have been prejudiced by Respondent's actions.

## II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

Such conduct by Respondent constitutes misconduct in violation of the following provision of the Rules of Professional Conduct:

### RULE 5.5 UNAUTHORIZED PRACTICE OF LAW; MULTIJURISDICTIONAL PRACTICE OF LAW

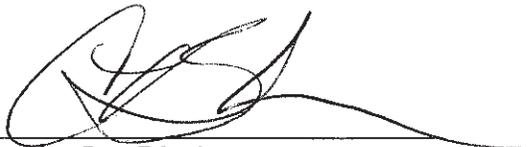
(c) A lawyer shall not practice law in a jurisdiction in violation of the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction, or assist another in doing so

## III. PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS

Accordingly, having approved the agreed disposition, it is the decision of the Subcommittee to impose a PUBLIC Reprimand Without Terms, and Mattia Jestelle Corse is hereby so reprimanded. Pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-9.E of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs.

SECOND DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Charrise Lee Black  
Subcommittee Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2014, a true and complete copy of the Subcommittee Determination (PUBLIC Reprimand Without Terms) was sent by certified mail to Mattia Jestelle Corse, Respondent, at Mattia Jestelle Corse, Esq., 1804 Colonial Arms Circle Apt 1B, Virginia Beach, VA 23454, Respondent's last address of record with the Virginia State Bar, and by first class mail, postage prepaid to Carl Arthur Eason, counsel for Respondent, at Wolcott Rivers P.C., Convergence Center IV, Suite 500, 301 Bendix Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23452-1385.



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