

VIRGINIA:

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
RICHARD SCOTT GORDON**

VS. Docket No. 08-010-075370

**SUBCOMMITTEE DETERMINATION
(PUBLIC REPRIMAND)**

On March 26, 2010, a meeting in this matter was held before a duly convened First District Subcommittee consisting of Jack E. Wood, Thomas L. Watkins, Esq., and H. Woodrow Crook, Jr., Esq., Chair Presiding. The Subcommittee approved a written Agreed Disposition signed by Respondent and Assistant Bar Counsel.

Pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-15(B)(4)(c) and 13-15(E) of the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court, the First District Subcommittee of the Virginia State Bar hereby serves upon the Respondent the following Public Reprimand:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times material to this matter, the Respondent, Richard Scott Gordon (Gordon) was an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Richard G. Ornstein (Ornstein), as a representative of 81st Street Partnership L.P. (the Partnership), hired Gordon in the summer of 2007 to appeal a tax assessment on real property owned by the Partnership.
3. Gordon failed to timely file the appeal and failed to reasonably communicate with Ornstein and the Partnership.

4. Ornstein filed a bar complaint against Gordon in the summer of 2008. Gordon did not respond to a letter from the Bar enclosing the complaint, although he did later participate in an interview with the Bar's investigator.

II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

Such conduct by Richard Scott Gordon constitutes misconduct in violation of the following provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct:

RULE 1.3 Diligence

- (a) A lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.

RULE 1.4 Communication

- (a) A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

RULE 8.1 Bar Admission And Disciplinary Matters

An applicant for admission to the bar, or a lawyer already admitted to the bar, in connection with a bar admission application, any certification required to be filed as a condition of maintaining or renewing a license to practice law, or in connection with a disciplinary matter, shall not:

- (c) fail to respond to a lawful demand for information from an admissions or disciplinary authority, except that this Rule does not require disclosure of information otherwise protected by Rule 1.6;

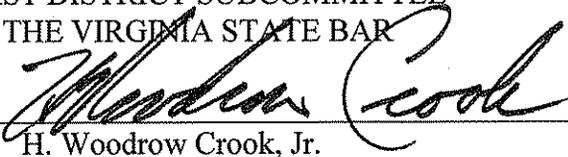
III. PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Accordingly, it is the decision of the Subcommittee to accept the Agreed Disposition signed by the parties and impose a Public Reprimand, and the Respondent is hereby so reprimanded.

Pursuant to Paragraph 13-9(E) the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs.

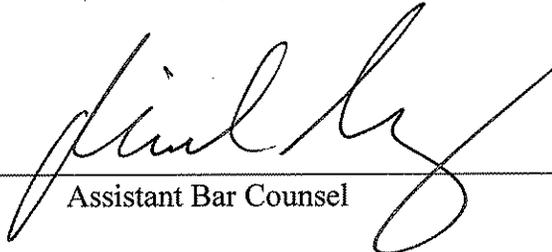
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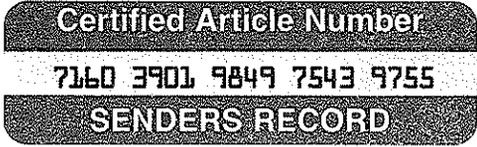

H. Woodrow Crook, Jr.
Subcommittee Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on April 2, 2010, I caused to be mailed by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, a true and correct copy of the Subcommittee Determination (Public Reprimand Without Terms) to Richard Scott Gordon, Esquire, Respondent, at, Richard S Gordon, PLC., Suite 1, 708 Thimble Shoals Boulevard, Newport News, VA 23606, his last address of record with the Virginia State Bar.


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AGREED DISPOSITION

Pursuant to the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court Rules of Court Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-15(B)(4), the Virginia State Bar, by Richard E. Slaney, Assistant Bar Counsel, and Richard Scott Gordon, Esq., Respondent, *pro se*, hereby enter into the following Agreed Disposition arising out of the referenced matter.

I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

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III. PROPOSED DISPOSITION

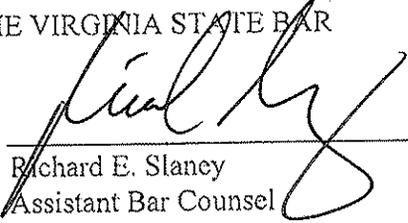
Accordingly, Assistant Bar Counsel and the Respondent tender to a subcommittee of the First District Committee for its approval the agreed disposition of a Public Reprimand as representing an appropriate sanction if this matter were to be heard through an evidentiary hearing by a panel of the First District Committee.

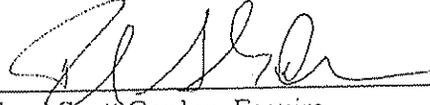
If the Agreed Disposition is approved, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess an administrative fee.

Pursuant to Rules of Court, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-30(B), the Respondent understands that his prior disciplinary record shall be furnished to the subcommittee considering this agreed disposition.

THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By


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Respondent, *pro se*

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REMARKS: See attached Order.