

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

IN THE MATTER OF  
REUBEN VOLL GREENE.

*Respondent*

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VSB DOCKET NO.: 14-000-098387

**ORDER OF REVOCATION**

This matter came to be heard on June 27, 2014, before a duly convened panel of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (the "Board") on the Rule to Show Cause issued by the Board on May 14, 2014, ordering Reuben Voll Greene (the "Respondent") to appear and show cause why his license to practice law should not be suspended or revoked for failing to comply with Part 6, §IV, ¶ 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Board impaneled for this matter consisted of Whitney G. Saunders, Second Vice Chair, Robert L. Hobbs, John A. C. Keith, Melissa W. Robinson and Stephen A. Wannall, Lay Member (collectively, the "Board"). Sandra W. Montgomery, a new Lay Member of the Board was also in attendance for observation purposes only. The Virginia State Bar was represented by Edward L. Davis, Bar Counsel. The Respondent was neither present nor represented by counsel.

The Chair opened the hearing by calling the case in the hearing room and causing the Assistant Clerk to call Respondent's name three times in the adjacent hall. The Chair then polled the members of the Board as to whether any of them had any personal or financial interest or bias which would prevent any of them from fairly hearing this matter and serving on the panel, and each member responded that the member had no such interest or conflict. Tracy J. Stroh, a certified court reporter, Chandler & Halasz, PO Box 9349, Richmond, Virginia 23227 (804) 730-1222, after duly being sworn, reported the hearing and transcribed the proceedings.

Virginia State Bar Exhibits 1 – 6 were admitted without objection. Bar Counsel summarized the evidence contained in the exhibits as follows:

1. Exhibit 1 was the Notice of Hearing, sent by certified mail to Respondent on May 14, 2014 together with a copy of the Rule to Show Cause and the Petition for Show Cause Hearing. The notice informed Respondent, *inter alia*, of his right to summon witnesses and to be present at the hearing.
2. Exhibit 2 was an affidavit from the Virginia State Bar Director of Member Compliance as to the Respondent's address of record.
3. Exhibit 3 was an affidavit from the Clerk of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary System stating that the Respondent was given repeated notices of his responsibility to notify his clients of the suspension of his license to practice law effective August 23, 2013 and to comply with all the requirements of Part 6, §IV. ¶13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The affidavit further states that the Respondent did not furnish proof to the Virginia State Bar of compliance with said requirements.
4. Exhibit 4 was an affidavit from the Honorable Bradley B. Cavado, Judge of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond stating that two defendants appeared before him on September 17, 2013 who had been represented by Respondent, both of whom had been advised telephonically by Respondent shortly before their scheduled hearings of the suspension of his license and consequent inability to appear on their behalf.
5. Exhibit 5 was the deposition transcript of Virginia State Bar Chief Investigator, Cam Moffatt, in which she explained her investigation of this matter.
6. Exhibit 6 was a letter dated June 23, 2014 from Bar Counsel to Respondent indicating that a set of Exhibits 1 through 5 had been sent to Respondent on that date by courier and reiterating the date and time for the hearing.

One of the clients who appeared before Judge Cavado on September 17, 2013, Debbie Johnson, was present at the hearing and prepared to testify. Bar Counsel proffered to the Board the content of Ms. Johnson's anticipated testimony which confirmed that she had not received any written notice of Respondent's suspension from the practice of law and only learned about it from him by telephone on the night before her scheduled sentencing hearing.

At the conclusion of the evidence and argument of Bar Counsel, the Board recessed to consider the evidence presented and to deliberate. After due deliberation, the Board reconvened and stated its finding that the Virginia State Bar had established by clear and convincing evidence that the Respondent had violated the provisions of Part 6, §IV, ¶ 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Thereafter, the Board received further evidence of aggravation and mitigation from the Bar, including the Respondent's prior disciplinary record. Respondent's disciplinary record and Certification thereof was distributed and entered into evidence, without objection, as Virginia State Bar Exhibit 7. The Board recessed to deliberate what sanction to impose upon its findings of misconduct by Respondent. After due deliberation, the Board reconvened to announce the sanction imposed. The Chair announced the sanction as revocation of Respondent's license effective June 27, 2014.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that the license of the Respondent, Reuben Voll Greene, to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia is REVOKED effective June 27, 2014.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent must comply with the requirements of Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Respondent shall forthwith give notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the revocation of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia to all clients for whom is he currently handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and presiding judges in pending litigation. Respondent shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his client(s). Respondent shall give such notice within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of revocation, and make such arrangements as required herein within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of revocation. The Respondent shall also

furnish proof to the Bar within sixty (60) days of the effective date of revocation if such notices have been timely given and such arrangements made for the disposition of matters.

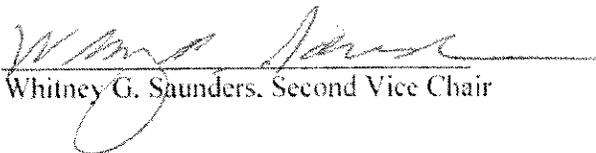
It is further ORDERED that if the Respondent is not handling any client matters on the effective date of revocation, he shall submit an Affidavit to that effect to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System of the Virginia State Bar. All issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required by Paragraph 13-29 shall be determined by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board, unless the Respondent makes a timely request for a hearing before a three-judge court.

It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Part Six, §IV, ¶13-9 E. 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 by certified mail to Respondent, Reuben Voll Greene, at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, being 3102 Moss Side Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23222; and shall hand-deliver a copy to Edward L. Davis, Bar Counsel, at 1111 East Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, Virginia 23219-3565.

ENTERED this 16 day of July, 2014.

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

By:   
Whitney G. Saunders, Second Vice Chair