

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
JOSEPH BARNWELL HARVIN

VSB DOCKET NO. 13-000-096130

AGREED DISPOSITION MEMORANDUM ORDER

On Friday, August 16, 2013, this matter was heard by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board upon the joint request of the parties for the Board to accept the Agreed Disposition signed by the parties and offered to the Board as provided by the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The panel consisted of Tyler E. Williams, III, First Vice Chair, Anderson Wade Douthat, IV, Lay Member, John A.C. Keith, Melissa W. Robinson and Samuel R. Walker. The Virginia State Bar was represented by Kara L. McGehee. Joseph Barnwell Harvin was present and was not represented by counsel. The Chair polled the members of the Board as to whether any of them were aware of any personal or financial interest or bias which would preclude any of them from fairly hearing the matter to which each member responded in the negative. Court Reporter Jennifer Hairfield, Chandler and Halasz, P.O. Box 9349, Richmond, Virginia 23227, telephone (804) 730-1222, after being duly sworn, reported the hearing and transcribed the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, upon consideration of the Agreed Disposition, the Rule to Show Cause, Respondent's Disciplinary Record and any responsive pleadings of counsel,

It is **ORDERED** that:

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The Board accepts the Agreed Disposition and the Respondent shall receive a

THIRTY (30) DAY SUSPENSION OF RESPONDENT'S LICENSE TO

PRACTICE LAW IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, EFFECTIVE THIS DATE.
as set forth in the Agreed Disposition, which is attached to this Memorandum Order.

It is further **ORDERED** that:

2. The sanction is effective:

August 16, 2013

It is further **ORDERED** that:

The Respondent's certification that he has no clients or pending matters within the Commonwealth of Virginia is accepted as compliance with Paragraph 13-29.

3. The Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs pursuant to ¶ 13-9 E. of the Rules.

4. A copy teste of this Order shall be mailed by Certified Mail to Joseph Barnwell Harvin, at his last address of record The Harvin Law Firm, Suite 303, 636 Gause Boulevard, Slidell, LA 70458 with the Virginia State Bar and hand-delivered to Kara L. McGehee, Assistant Bar Counsel, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

ENTERED THIS 16th DAY OF AUGUST, 2013

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD


Tyler E. Williams, III, First Vice Chair

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(THIRTY DAY SUSPENSION)

Pursuant to the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court Rules of Court Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.H., the Virginia State Bar, by M. Brent Saunders, Assistant Bar Counsel and Joseph Barnwell Harvin, Respondent, *pro se*, hereby enter into the following Agreed Disposition arising out of the referenced matter.

I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. At all relevant times, Respondent was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Respondent is also admitted to practice law in the state of Louisiana, except as indicated below.
2. By Order, entered May 24, 2013, the Supreme Court of Louisiana suspended the Respondent's license to practice law in the state of Louisiana for three months, with all but thirty days of the suspension deferred. The Court also ordered that, following the active period of the suspension, the Respondent shall be placed on a one-year period of unsupervised probation effective the date of the execution of a probation plan. The Respondent executed the probation plan on July 10, 2013. The misconduct found, the terms of the deferred portion of the suspension, and the probation plan are attached hereto and incorporated herein.
3. The sanction imposed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana has become final.

II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

Such conduct by the Respondent constitutes misconduct in violation of the Rules of Professional Conduct as set forth in the Order of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, entered May 24, 2013. Such findings of misconduct would constitute professional misconduct in the Commonwealth of Virginia and be grounds for similar discipline in Virginia.

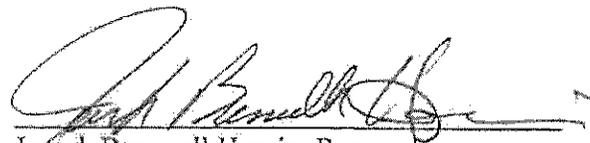
III. PROPOSED DISPOSITION

Accordingly, Assistant Bar Counsel and the Respondent tender to the Disciplinary Board for its approval the agreed disposition of a thirty (30) day suspension of the Respondent's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, effective August 23, 2013.

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

THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By: 
M. Brent Saunders, Assistant Bar Counsel


Joseph Barnwell Harvin, Respondent