

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD  
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

IN THE MATTER OF  
ANGELA MARIE HENSLEY

VS. Docket No.: 15-000-100112

**OPINION AND ORDER**

This matter came to be heard on September 26, 2014, before a panel of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (the “Board”) comprised of Michael A. Beverly, Lucas Hobbs, Melissa Robinson, Anderson W. Douthat, IV, and William H. Atwill, Jr., Second Vice Chair.

The Virginia State Bar (“the Bar”) was represented by Alfred L. Carr, Assistant Bar Counsel (“Bar Counsel”). Angela Marie Hensley (the “Respondent”) appeared *pro se* on her own behalf. Beverly Lukowsky, Registered Professional Reporter of Chandler & Halasz, P.O. Box 9349, Richmond, Virginia 23227, (804-730-1222), having been duly sworn, reported the hearing.

The Chair inquired of the members of the panel whether any of them had a personal or financial interest, or any bias, which would preclude, or could be perceived to preclude, their hearing the matter fairly and impartially. Each member of the panel, including the Chair, answered the inquiry in the negative.

The matter came before the Board upon a Rule to Show Cause and Order of Suspension and Hearing entered on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2014 and forwarded to the Respondent from the Clerk by certified mail on August 29, 2014, pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22 A.

## NATURE OF THE MISCONDUCT

The Certification required Respondent to show cause why her license to practice law should not be further suspended or revoked pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22A based upon her having been convicted in the Circuit Court of Culpeper of a Crime, namely possession of cocaine in violation of Virginia Code Section 18.2-250, as defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 31-1.

### PROCEEDINGS:

Respondent testified in her own behalf and moved the admission of Hensley Exhibits 1 and 2, which were received without objection. The Bar called no witness but moved the admission of Bar Exhibits 1 through 5, which were received without objection.

### FINDINGS OF FACT:

The Board found the following facts:

1. Respondent was licensed to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia on June 10, 2004.
2. Respondent was convicted of a Crime, as defined by the Rules of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22 A.
3. Respondent had pled guilty to a crime, possession of cocaine in violation of Virginia Code Section 18.2-250, in the Circuit Court of Culpepper County, July 3, 2007, Case No. CR07000013-01, irrespective of the sentence that she received.

4. Respondent has been convicted of a Crime, as defined by the Rules of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22 A.

#### DISPOSITION

Upon review of the foregoing findings of fact, upon review of exhibits presented by Bar Counsel, and upon Respondent's own testimony, and at the conclusion of the evidence regarding misconduct, the Board recessed to deliberate. After due deliberation the Board reconvened and stated its findings as follows:

Respondent failed to show cause by clear and convincing evidence why her license to practice law should not be further suspended or revoked pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22 A based upon her having been convicted in the Circuit Court of Culpeper of a Crime, namely possession of cocaine in violation of Virginia Code Section 18.2-250, as defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 31-1.

Thereupon the Board heard evidence and argument regarding sanctions. The Board was informed of the absence of any prior disciplinary record of the Respondent.

After due deliberation, the Board reconvened and imposes the following sanction: Respondent's license to practice law in Virginia is suspended for a period of two (2) years, effective September 26, 2014.

It is further ORDERED that as directed in the Bar's August 28, 2014 Rule to Show Cause and Order of Suspension Hearing in this matter, a copy of which was served on Respondent by certified mail, Respondent must comply

with the requirements of Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Respondent shall forthwith give notice by certified mail, of the suspension of her license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia to all clients for whom she is currently handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and presiding Judges in pending litigation. The Respondent shall give notice within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the Order and make such arrangements as are required within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the Order. The Respondent shall also furnish proof to the VSB within sixty (60) days that 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 the suspension, she shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the Clerk. All issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required by ¶13-29 shall be determined by the Board.

It is further ORDERED that Part Six, Section IV, ¶13-9(E) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk shall assess all costs against Respondent.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk shall send an attested copy of this Order and Opinion to Respondent, Angela Marie Hensley, by certified mail at her address of record, 8422 Tall Oak Drive, Culpeper, VA 22701, and hand-delivered to Alfred L. Carr, Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar, 1111 East Main St, Suite 700, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

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ENTERED THIS 31st DAY OF OCTOBER, 2014  
VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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William H. Atwill, Jr., Second Vice Chair