

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF  
ROBERT EDWARD HOWARD

VSB DOCKET NO. 18-042-108189

INTERIM SUSPENSION ORDER

Pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6 G.3. of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, it is ORDERED that Robert Edward Howard's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia be and hereby is suspended effective October 24, 2018. The suspension shall remain in effect until the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board determines that Robert Edward Howard has fully complied with the subpoena *duces tecum* served on July 23, 2018.

It is further ORDERED that Robert Edward Howard must comply with the requirements of Part Six, § IV, ¶ 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 suspension or revocation of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to all clients for whom he is currently handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and presiding judges in pending litigation. The Respondent shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his client. Respondent shall give such notice within 14 days of the effective date of the sanction, and make such arrangements as are required herein within 45 days of the effective date of the suspension. The Respondent shall also furnish proof to the Bar within 60 days of the effective day of the suspension 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, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System at 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.

It is further ORDERED that all notices specified in Paragraph 13-29 must be given even if the Respondent is reinstated within 14 days of the Suspension.

It is further ORDERED that an attested copy of this Order be mailed by Certified Mail to the Respondent, Robert Edward Howard at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, at 2207 Fort Ward Place, Alexandria, VA 22304, and a copy hand-delivered to Kathleen M. Uston, Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, Virginia 23219-0026.

ENTERED THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MB', written over a horizontal line.

Michael A. Beverly, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair