

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
JOSEPH GRAHAM PAINTER, JR.,**
Respondent

VSB Docket # 13-000-095463

IMPAIRMENT SUSPENSION ORDER

It appearing to the Board that Joseph Graham Painter, Jr. is a member of the Virginia State Bar authorized to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

It further appearing by an Order entered by the Circuit Court of the County of Montgomery in the Matter of Joseph Graham Painter, Jr., No. CR13000929-00 & CR13001172-00, that Joseph Graham Painter, Jr. has been adjudicated by a court of competent jurisdiction to have an impairment;

Pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-23A of the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Joseph Graham Painter, Jr. shall be suspended from the practice of law due to a finding of Impairment for an indefinite period of time; and

It is further **ORDERED** that Joseph Graham Painter, Jr.'s license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia is suspended upon entry of this Order; and

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 suspension 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(s). Respondent shall give such notice within 14 days of the effective date of the suspension, 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, unless the Respondent makes a timely request for hearing before a three-judge court.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall send an attested copy of this order by certified mail to Joseph Graham Painter, Jr. at his last address of record with the Virginia State Bar, PO Box 51, Blacksburg, VA 24063, and by certified mail to Joseph Graham Painter, Jr. at his alternate address of record with the Virginia State Bar, Suite 4-C, 1901 South Main Street, Blacksburg, VA 24060-6628, and to his Guardian *ad litem*, Elliott P. Park, Esquire, at Park and Company, P.C., Suite 300, 1011 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219-3537, and hand-delivered to Edward J. Dillon, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, VA 23219.

ENTERED THIS 20th DAY OF December, 2013

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD



John S. Barr, Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board