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BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

JUN 21 2010

IN THE MATTER OF
JAMES BERKLEY PRIEST

VSB CLERKS OFFICE

VSB DOCKET NO. 10-000-081192

CONSENT ORDER FOR IMPAIRMENT SUSPENSION

This day came the Virginia State Bar (the Bar), by Assistant Bar Counsel Renu Brennan; the Respondent, James Berkley Priest (Respondent), and his guardian *ad litem*, Frank Uvanni, Esq., and represented to the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board of the Bar (the Board) that Respondent suffers from an Impairment, related to alcohol dependence and bipolar disorder, which materially impairs Respondent's ability to practice law. The Bar and Respondent, upon the review and recommendation of Respondent's guardian *ad litem*, submitted a Joint Petition to the Board for an Impairment Suspension;

WHEREAS, Respondent has, with the review and recommendation of his guardian *ad litem*, by this Consent Order agreed that he suffers from an Impairment, as defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Respondent has, with the review and recommendation of his guardian *ad litem*, by this Consent Order agreed that that, pursuant to the rules of Court, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-23.A., Respondent shall be suspended from the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Virginia because he has an Impairment, and that the term of Respondent's suspension shall be indefinite, and, except as provided at Paragraph 13-23, shall be terminated only upon determination by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board that Respondent no longer has the Impairment; and

Whereas the instant proceeding is a private and confidential matter, no professionals' findings will be released by the Bar to the public; and

WHEREAS, it appearing proper to do so under Paragraph 13-23, and by consent of Respondent and recommendation of his guardian *ad litem*:

1. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the license of James Berkley Priest to practice law in Commonwealth of Virginia is SUSPENDED indefinitely.

2. IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent shall comply with the

requirements of Paragraph 13-29. Issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required shall be determined by the Board, which may impose a sanction of revocation or further suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of this paragraph.

3. It is hereby ORDERED that a copy of this Order be mailed by first-class mail, postage prepaid, to the guardian *ad litem*, Frank Uvanni, Esq., at Uvanni & Associates, PC, 2410 Atlee Commerce Blvd., Suite 2, Ashland, Virginia 23005, hand-delivered to Renu Brennan, Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar, 707 E. Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, VA 23219 and mailed by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to James Berkley Priest at The Law Firm of James Berkley Priest, 420 Hamilton Blvd., South Boston, Virginia 24592, Respondent's last address of record with the Bar.

ENTERED THIS 21st DAY OF
JUNE, 2010

Barbara S. Lamer, Clerk
for the VIRGINIA STATE BAR
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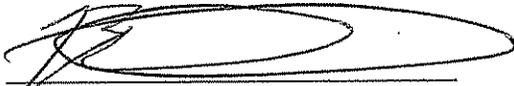
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