

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
MUFEED WADIE SAID**

VSB DOCKET NOS.

**11-031-084823
11-031-085301
11-031-086073
11-031-086457
11-031-086622
11-031-088306
12-031-090062**

MEMORANDUM ORDER

These matters came on to be heard on June 27, 2012 by the Disciplinary Board of the Virginia State Bar (the Board) by teleconference upon an Agreed Disposition between the parties, which was presented to a panel of the Board consisting of William H. Monroe, Jr., Bruce Taylor Clark, Peter A. Dingman, Jody D. Katz, and Paul M. Black, Chair, presiding (the Panel).

Kara L. McGehee, Assistant Bar Counsel, appeared as counsel for the Virginia State Bar, and Respondent appeared *pro se*.

Pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.H, the Bar and Respondent entered into a written proposed Agreed Disposition and presented same to the Panel.

The Chair swore the Court Reporter and polled the members of the Panel to determine whether any member had a personal or financial interest that might affect or reasonably be perceived to affect his or her ability to be impartial in these matters. Each member, including the

Chair, verified they had no such interests.

The Panel heard argument from counsel and reviewed Respondent's prior disciplinary record with the Bar and thereafter retired to deliberate on the Agreed Disposition. Having considered all the evidence before it, a majority of the Panel accepted the Agreed Disposition.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Disciplinary Board finds the following facts by clear and convincing evidence:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent, Mufeed Wadie Said (Said) was an attorney in good standing, licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
 - A. **11-031-084823 (Thomas)**
2. Ticorya Thomas is the sister of Darrius Thomas. Mr. Thomas decided to hire Mr. Said to pursue a habeas corpus petition on his behalf while he was incarcerated. Mr. Thomas's girlfriend, Tonya Jones, met with Mr. Said on or about October 12, 2009. According to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Said quoted him \$3000.00 to represent him for the habeas petition. Mr. Said agreed to do some initial research on the case for \$750.00, which was paid by Jones. Ms. Thomas later sold Mr. Thomas's car, and paid \$1400.00 of the proceeds to Mr. Said.
3. None of the money paid to Mr. Said was deposited into a trust account as required by Rule 1.15. Mr. Said did not keep records of the deposits with his file and did not keep track of when he had earned the money.
4. At some point later and after conducting research on the case, Mr. Said told Mr. Thomas he would not pursue the petition, and offered to refund some of the money. The conversation took place during a three-way conference call that included Ms. Jones, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Said. During the call, Mr. Said agreed to refund \$1500.00 of the money that had been paid. Mr. Thomas told Mr. Said to give the money to Ms. Jones. Mr. Said gave a check for \$1500.00 to Ms. Jones, even though she had only paid him \$750.00.
5. Ms. Thomas was upset that Mr. Said paid Ms. Jones the full \$1500.00. He wrote Ms. Thomas a check for \$1500.00 from his escrow account on August 23, 2010, after

depositing \$1500.00 in cash into the account the same day. He then filed suit and obtained a judgment against Ms. Jones for the money he paid her.

B. 11-031-085301 (Gordon)

6. Jerome Gordon hired Said to represent him on felony charges involving sexual abuse of a minor. The offense date for all of the charges was June 22, 2008. Mr. Gordon was arrested on June 24, 2008. Said negotiated with the prosecutor to have Mr. Gordon plead guilty to solicitation of child pornography and carnal knowledge; in exchange, the Commonwealth nolle prossed four other felony charges. There was no agreement as to sentence, and the written plea agreement was signed by Mr. Gordon, Mr. Said, and the deputy commonwealth's attorney, David Rigler, on July 23, 2009. The court ordered a psychosexual evaluation as part of the presentence report, and continued the matter for sentencing. Mr. Gordon was sentenced to serve 27 years in prison by order entered November 2, 2009. Mr. Said charged Mr. Gordon \$6500.00 to represent him on all of the charges.
7. By letter dated November 6, 2009, Mr. Gordon requested a copy of his presentence report, the plea agreement, discovery motion, and transcript. Said complied with his request. On or about April 25, 2011, Mr. Gordon requested that he send a copy of the psychosexual evaluation and in a letter to the Virginia State Bar on May 18, 2011, Mr. Gordon requested a "breakdown" of how the \$6,500.00 fee was earned. Mr. Said complied with this request by letter dated June 13, 2011, however, the "breakdown" included inaccurate dates, and did not show when Said deposited the retainer, into which account the retainer was deposited or when he paid himself from the funds.
8. The ledger Mr. Said provided shows the following credits: \$7,500.00 on July 16, 2008, \$900.00 on January 17, 2009, \$1,850.00 on September 11, 2008, and \$3,750.00 on July 16, 2008. The notation beside the last three entries says "undeposited funds."
9. In his interview with the Bar investigator, Mr. Said said he was paid \$6,500.00 but initially asked for \$7,500.00. The retainer agreement in Mr. Said's file does not have Mr. Gordon's signature on it, and does not corroborate the information on the account ledger.

C. 11-031-086073 (Glaze)

10. Mr. Said was appointed to represent Darryl Glaze on a distribution of cocaine charge in the Richmond Circuit Court on or about January 19, 2010. Said represented him through a bench trial and sentencing, which took place on May 20, 2010. Mr. Glaze was sentenced to an active term in prison of 4 years. Mr. Glaze asked Mr. Said to file an appeal during a meeting in the Richmond jail after the trial.
11. Mr. Glaze tried to call Mr. Said's office to inquire about the appeal's status, as did his mother, Patricia Glaze. Mr. Said did not return calls to Mr. Glaze or his mother. Mr. Said has not communicated with Mr. Glaze since the post-trial meeting at the Richmond jail.
12. Mr. Said never filed an appeal. The deadlines for filing an appeal and for filing a request for a late appeal have passed, leaving Mr. Glaze without a remedy.

D. 11-031-086457

(Shackleford)

13. Monica Shackleford hired Said to represent her on numerous felony drug distribution charges in 2008. She entered a plea of guilty, and was sentenced to an aggregate of 25 years in prison. The sentencing order was entered on March 24, 2009, *nunc pro tunc* to March 19, 2009.
14. Ms. Shackleford filed a Notice of Appeal *pro se* with the circuit court on April 27, 2009. The notice stated "I need my appeal to be rushed because I'm close to my 30 day deadline. My paid lawyer didn't put the notice in when I asked him to."
15. Ms. Shackleford did not hire Mr. Said for the appeal; she requested appointed counsel in her Notice of Appeal. The Richmond Circuit Court appointed Mr. Said to represent Ms. Shackleford by order dated May 6, 2009.
16. Ms. Shackleford filed numerous pleadings with the Court of Appeals *pro se* after the appointment order was entered, including a letter dated October 1, 2009 inquiring about the status of a request for rehearing. The clerk forwarded that letter to Mr. Said on October 5, 2009, instructing him to take whatever action he deems appropriate in response to the letter.

17. The Court of Appeals file shows that correspondence was copied to Mr. Said numerous times, including from the clerk's office itself on September 1, 2009 and August 14, 2009. In one pleading Ms. Shackelford filed, she requested that the Court of Appeals appoint new counsel, stating, "I have done everything in my power to contact my current counsel and have not gotten anywhere yet."
18. The Court of Appeals dismissed Ms. Shackelford's appeal for failure to file a Petition for Appeal, and her request for rehearing was also denied, by order dated October 21, 2009.
19. Mr. Said never filed anything on Ms. Shackelford's behalf after the sentencing. He did not advise her of the dismissal or her right to pursue a delayed appeal.
20. Mr. Said did not keep detailed records of Ms. Shackelford's payments or trust accounting. There is one Quickbooks transaction record, which shows a payment of \$5,000.00 on August 4, 2008, a payment of \$500.00 on November 17, 2008, and \$2,500.00 on August 4, 2008. Mr. Said did not maintain copies of receipts, cancelled checks, or disbursements for Ms. Shackelford.

(Venable-Johnson)

21. Said was appointed by the Richmond Circuit Court to represent Terrell Venable-Johnson on a felony cocaine distribution charge. After a bench trial, Mr. Venable-Johnson was found guilty and sentenced to prison on November 6, 2009.
22. Mr. Venable-Johnson told Said he wanted to appeal, in writing. Mr. Said filed the notices of appeal on November 20, 2009, but without a filing fee. Mr. Said sent Mr. Venable-Johnson a letter on November 23, 2009, explaining the procedure for the appeal.
23. The Court of Appeals sent Mr. Said a letter on November 30, 2009, requesting a filing fee. Mr. Said sent his own firm check in the amount of \$50.00 for the filing fee on December 4, 2009.
24. The transcripts were filed on January 7, 2010. The Petition for Appeal was due March 10, 2010. Mr. Said never filed a Petition for Appeal.
25. The Court of Appeals dismissed the appeal by order dated March 26, 2009. Mr. Said did not communicate with Mr. Venable-Johnson or his family about the status of the case.

He did not advise anyone about the availability of a delayed appeal, and took no further action whatsoever after the transcripts were filed.

(Washington)

26. Mr. Said represented Duante Washington for a felony cocaine distribution charge in the Richmond Circuit Court. Mr. Washington was sentenced to ten years in prison with five years suspended by order of June 9, 2010. Mr. Said filed a Notice of Appeal on June 30, 2010.
27. Mr. Said did not communicate in writing with Mr. Washington after the Notice of Appeal was filed.
28. The Court of Appeals Clerk's office sent Mr. Said a notice on September 10, 2010, advising him that the record had been received and that the petition for appeal had to be filed no later than 40 days from that date, or October 20, 2010.
29. Mr. Said never filed the Petition, and the court dismissed the appeal by order dated November 5, 2010. Mr. Said did not request payment from the Court for his work on the appeal. He did not notify Mr. Washington in writing that the appeal had been dismissed.

(Porter)

30. Mr. Said was appointed to represent Karon Porter in Chesterfield County Circuit Court, where he was tried for assault on a law enforcement officer, a felony. He was found guilty after a bench trial, and was sentenced to over a year in jail.
31. Mr. Said filed a Notice of Appeal on August 18, 2010. The Court of Appeals clerk's office sent him a notice on September 30, 2010, notifying him that the petition was due by November 9, 2010.
32. Mr. Said never filed the Petition, and the appeal was dismissed by order dated November 24, 2010. Mr. Said told Mr. Porter's mother that he fired his secretary because she "messed up" the appeal.

E. 11-031-086622

(McMahon)

33. Jordan McMahon was charged with felony assault in Richmond Circuit Court. He was represented at trial by another attorney, and hired Said to file an appeal after his October

- 11, 2006 sentence where he was ordered to serve over 2 years in prison. In early 2007, Mr. McMahon tried to find out about the status of his appeal. Mr. Said told him he had made a mistake and did not file the appeal on time. He mentioned a habeas corpus. Mr. McMahon did not hear back from Mr. Said after that conversation.
34. Mr. Said timely filed the notices of appeal on October 26, 2006, however, he only filed partial transcripts from the trial court before the deadline. On January 9, 2007, the Court of Appeals issued an order requiring Mr. Said to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed. In his response to the show cause, Mr. Said said the missing transcripts were indispensable to the case.
35. As a result, the appeal was dismissed by order dated January 25, 2007. On March 27, 2007, the Court of Appeals dismissed Mr. Said's request for rehearing. Mr. Said did not file a request for a delayed appeal.
36. In an affidavit Mr. Said signed for a habeas corpus petition filed by Mr. McMahon's subsequent attorney, he admitted, "I inadvertently failed to file a timely petition for appeal in the Court of Appeals," and admitted that the failure constituted ineffective assistance of counsel. The Supreme Court of Virginia granted the writ of habeas corpus, giving Mr. McMahon leave to appeal his conviction and sentence to the Court of Appeals.
37. Mr. Said failed to keep accurate and complete records of the payments made by or on behalf of Mr. McMahon. In a ledger for Mr. McMahon's file, there is a payment of \$5,000.00 listed on October 19, 2006, check 1201 listed as -\$135.00 on November 30, 2006, and additional \$1,500.00 and \$50.00 credits on October 19, 2006 and January 5, 2007, respectively. The ledger does not show when Mr. Said disbursed any of the funds, nor does it indicate whether the money was deposited into trust. There is a copy of a check from Mr. Said's firm to a court reporter, signed by his secretary, Christina, dated December 14, 2006, for \$10.50, as well as checks to the same company on October 24, 2006, for \$93.00 and on October 23, 2006 for \$455.00. There is no record of those transactions on the ledger. There are also bills that are not shown as paid in the ledger,

such as a bill from the court reporter for \$63.30 on November 7, 2006, and a request for a \$50.00 filing fee from the Court of Appeals.

(Branch)

38. Anthony Branch hired Mr. Said to represent him for an appeal of an August 10, 2006 conviction for grand larceny. Mr. Branch had a series of attorneys prior to hiring Mr. Said on February 4, 2009.
39. Mr. Branch filed a habeas corpus petition *pro se*, which was granted by the Supreme Court of Virginia on November 19, 2007. In that order, he was given leave to file an appeal from the March 7, 2007 Court of Appeals order denying the appeal.
40. On February 4, 2009, Mr. Said filed a motion for extension of time to file an appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Court granted the motion, allowing him to file a notice of appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia from the December 27, 2007 Court of Appeals decision, which was a denial of the appeal on the merits. The Notice and Petition were due on March 6, 2009.
41. Mr. Said did not timely file the Petition, and sent a letter to the clerk of the Supreme Court of Virginia on March 6, 2009, explaining that he had a computer malfunction which rendered him unable to file the Petition. The Court allowed him to file a late Petition, which was ultimately filed on June 17, 2009.
42. The Supreme Court of Virginia heard argument and refused the appeal by Order dated January 28, 2010.
43. Mr. Said never communicated with Mr. Branch about the dismissal of the appeal, although he sent Mr. Branch a copy of the March 6, 2009 letter to the clerk.

(Savage)

44. Derrick Savage retained Mr. Said to appeal his conviction from the Prince George Circuit Court. A jury convicted Mr. Savage of robbery, and he was sentenced to serve 3 ½ years in prison on November 6, 2008. Mr. Said did not represent him at trial.
45. Mr. Said properly pursued the appeal to the Court of Appeals, which denied the petition for appeal on the merits in a per curiam decision on July 15, 2009. Mr. Said filed an unsigned request for a three judge panel on July 16, 2009, which was denied on

September 11, 2009. Mr. Savage has not heard from Mr. Said about the status of his case since the Court of Appeals dismissal.

46. Mr. Said missed the deadline for filing an appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia.

(Mack)

47. Mr. Said represented Keith Mack in the Henrico County Circuit Court on numerous felony charges including robbery, breaking and entering, abduction, and sodomy. Mr. Mack entered a guilty plea to several of the charges, and as part of an agreement with the Commonwealth, the prosecution moved to nolle prosequere several additional felony charges.

48. Mr. Mack was sentenced to serve 50 years in prison on September 3, 2008. Mr. Said moved to withdraw Mr. Mack's pleas of guilt prior to sentencing, but his motion was denied. Although Mr. Said was retained at the trial level, he was appointed by the circuit court to represent Mr. Mack on appeal.

49. Mr. Said filed a notice of appeal with the Circuit Court on October 2, 2008. The record of proceedings was filed on December 19, 2008, and Mr. Said filed the Petition for Appeal on January 29, 2009. The Court of Appeals granted the appeal on March 24, 2009, and issued an unpublished opinion on September 22, 2009, affirming the trial court's rulings.

50. Mr. Said filed a motion for a delayed appeal with the Supreme Court of Virginia on February 1, 2010. In that motion, he claimed that he did not receive the Court of Appeals decision until November, and as a result he did not note his appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia on time.

51. The Supreme Court of Virginia granted his motion to file a late appeal by order of March 2, 2010, and Mr. Said filed a Notice of Appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia with the Court of Appeals on April 7, 2010. He filed a Petition with the Supreme Court of Virginia on April 6, 2010. The court refused the petition on the merits by order of September 8, 2010.

52. Mr. Said did not communicate directly with Mr. Mack about the status of his case during the course of the appeals.

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F. 11-031-088306

54. Mr. Said was appointed to represent Billy Fortune for an appeal of a first degree murder conviction in Richmond Circuit Court. Mr. Said did not represent him at trial or sentencing, which took place on May 21, 2008.
55. Mr. Said filed the appeal with the Court of Appeals of Virginia. The appeal was denied on the merits on December 10, 2008. Mr. Said requested a three judge panel, which was denied on March 25, 2009.
56. Mr. Said failed to communicate with Mr. Fortune about the outcome of the appeal. The last correspondence he sent to Mr. Fortune was March 18, 2009, after oral argument at the Court of Appeals. Mr. Said never filed an appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia, and never filed a habeas corpus petition, despite requests from Mr. Fortune that he do so.

G. 12-031-090062

57. In 2009, William T. Wallace ("Wallace") hired Said to pursue an appeal of a conviction from the Chesterfield County Circuit Court to the Court of Appeals of Virginia.
58. The Court of Appeals denied Wallace's appeal on the merits by Order dated January 29, 2010.
59. Said appealed to the Supreme Court of Virginia, and filed the Notice of Appeal on February 25, 2010.
60. The Supreme Court of Virginia refused the appeal on the merits after argument before the writ panel. The Order refusing the petition was entered by the Clerk on July 14, 2010.
61. Said did not send a copy of the Order to Wallace at that time.
62. Wallace sent a request for information to Said's office in late 2011. Said's secretary mailed Wallace a copy of the Order on November 29, 2011 in response to his inquiry.

II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

The Disciplinary Board finds that such conduct by Mufeed Wadie Said constitutes misconduct in violation of the following Rules of Professional Conduct:

In cases **11-031-086073**, **11-031-086457**, **11-031-086622**, and **11-031-088306**, Mr. Said violated

Rule 1.3: Diligence

(a): A lawyer shall act with reasonable diligence and promptness in representing a client.

In cases **11-031-085301, 11-031-086073, 11-031-086457, 11-031-086622, 11-031-088306, 12-031-090062**, Mr. Said violated

Rule 1.4: Communication

(a) A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

In cases **11-031-084823, 11-031-085301, 11-031-086457, and 11-031-086622**, Said violated

Rule 1.15: Safekeeping Property

(a) All funds received or held by a lawyer or law firm on behalf of a client, other than reimbursement of advances for costs and expenses, shall be deposited in one or more identifiable escrow accounts maintained at a financial institution in the state in which the law office is situated and no funds belonging to the lawyer or law firm shall be deposited therein except as follows:

- (1) funds reasonably sufficient to pay service or other charges or fees imposed by the financial institution may be deposited therein; or
- (2) funds belonging in part to a client and in part presently or potentially to the lawyer or law firm must be deposited therein, and the portion belonging to the lawyer or law firm must be withdrawn promptly after it is due unless the right of the lawyer or law firm to receive it is disputed by the client, in which event the disputed portion shall not be withdrawn until the dispute is finally resolved.

(c) A lawyer shall:

- (3) maintain complete records of all funds, securities, and other properties of a client coming into the possession of the lawyer and render appropriate accounts to the client regarding them.

(e) Record-Keeping Requirements, Required Books and Records. As a minimum requirement every lawyer engaged in the private practice of law in Virginia, hereinafter called "lawyer," shall maintain or cause to be maintained, on a current basis, books and records which establish compliance with Rule 1.15(a) and (c). Whether a lawyer or law firm maintains computerized records or a manual accounting system, such system must produce the records and information required by this Rule.

- (1) In the case of funds held in an escrow account subject to this Rule, the required books and records include:

(i) a cash receipts journal or journals listing all funds received, the sources of the receipts and the date of receipts. Checkbook entries of receipts and deposits, if adequately detailed and bound, may constitute a journal for this purpose. If separate cash receipts journals are not maintained for escrow and non-escrow funds, then the consolidated cash receipts journal shall contain separate columns for escrow and non-escrow receipts;

(ii) a cash disbursements journal listing and identifying all disbursements from the escrow account. Checkbook entries of disbursements, if adequately detailed and bound, may constitute a journal for this purpose. If separate disbursements journals are not maintained for escrow and non-escrow disbursements then the consolidated disbursements journal shall contain separate columns for escrow and non-escrow disbursements;

(iii) subsidiary ledger. A subsidiary ledger containing a separate account for each client and for every other person or entity from whom money has been received in escrow shall be maintained. The ledger account shall by separate columns or otherwise clearly identify escrow funds disbursed, and escrow funds balance on hand. The ledger account for a client or a separate subsidiary ledger account for a client shall clearly indicate all fees paid from trust accounts;

(iv) reconciliations and supporting records required under this Rule;

(v) the records required under this paragraph shall be preserved for at least five full calendar years following the termination of the fiduciary relationship.

III. IMPOSITION OF SANCTION

Having considered all the evidence before it and determined to accept the Agreed Disposition, the Disciplinary Board **ORDERS** that Respondent shall receive a Public Reprimand with Terms. The terms with which the Respondent must comply are as follows:

1. Not later than September 1, 2012, Respondent shall install and maintain trust account and billing management software. He shall perform monthly reconciliations for a period of one year, and shall allow a Bar investigator to have access to the data contained therein with or without notice during that period.

2. Not later than October 1, 2012, Respondent shall participate in an evaluation conducted by Lawyers Helping Lawyers ("LHL") and shall implement all of LHL's recommendations. Respondent shall enter into a written contract with LHL for a minimum period of one (1) year and shall comply with the terms of such contract, including, *inter alia*, personally meeting with LHL and its professionals, as directed. Respondent shall authorize LHL (i) to provide periodic reports to the Office of Bar Counsel stating whether Respondent is in compliance with LHL's

contract with Respondent, and (ii) to notify the Office of Bar Counsel promptly if Respondent fails to follow the LHL-prescribed program, or ends participation in the LHL-prescribed program sooner than the expiration of the LHL contract.

3. For the time period September 1, 2012 to September 1, 2013, meet with a member of the Virginia Bar once a quarter (for a total of four meetings) to discuss law office management, calendaring, and Respondent's caseload and deadlines. The person selected must be approved in advance by Assistant Bar Counsel Kara L. McGehee or her designee. Within one week of each meeting, Respondent shall send to Assistant Bar Counsel Kara L. McGehee or her designee a written summary of the meeting and the items discussed.

3. Not later than October 1, 2012, Respondent shall read the publication "Lawyers and Other People's Money," and shall certify, in writing, by letter to Assistant Bar Counsel, that he has done so.

4. No later than January 1, 2013, Respondent shall complete 6 hours of continuing legal education credits by attending courses approved by the Virginia State Bar in the subject matter of criminal procedure and/or appellate practice, and 2 hours of continuing legal education credit in the subject matter of ethics. The Respondent's Continuing Legal Education attendance obligation set forth in this paragraph shall not be applied toward his Mandatory Continuing Legal Education requirement in Virginia or any other jurisdictions in which the Respondent may be licensed to practice law. The Respondent shall certify his compliance with the terms set forth in this paragraph by delivering a fully and properly executed Virginia MCLE Board Certification of Attendance form (Form 2) to Assistant Bar Counsel, promptly following his attendance of each such CLE program(s.)

Upon satisfactory proof that such terms and conditions have been met, this matter shall be closed. If, however, all the terms and conditions are not met by the deadlines imposed above, the Respondent agrees that the Disciplinary Board shall impose a one (1) year suspension pursuant to Rules of Court, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-18.O. Any Proceeding initiated due to failure to comply with terms will be considered a new matter, and an administrative fee and costs will be assessed pursuant to Paragraph 13-9.E of the Rules of Court.

It is further **ORDERED** that costs shall be assessed by the Clerk of the Disciplinary System pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-9.E.

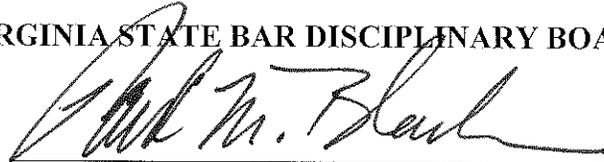
It is further **ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall send a certified copy of this order to Mufeed Wadie Said at his last address of record with the Virginia State Bar, 7 South First Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, and hand delivered to Assistant Bar Counsel Kara L. McGehee for the Virginia State Bar, 707 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

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ENTERED: June 29, 2012

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

By:



Paul M. Black, Chair Designate