

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE FOURTH DISTRICT SECTION I  
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

IN THE MATTER OF  
LAWRENCE SCHWARTZ

VSB Docket No. 07-041-070566

DISTRICT COMMITTEE DETERMINATION  
(DISMISSAL)

On September 9, 2009, a hearing in this matter was held before a duly convened Fourth District Section I District Committee Panel consisting of Lisa W. Wilson, Esquire, Patricia E. Bruce, Esquire, Debra Fitzgerald-O'Connell, Esquire, Brendan K. Feeley, Esquire, Dennis Cuppy, Lay Member, Edward M. Johnson, Lay Member, and Romaine Frances O'Brien, presiding.

Respondent appeared in person, *pro se*. Kathleen M. Uston appeared as counsel for the Virginia State Bar.

Pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-16.W of the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court, the Fourth District Section I Committee of the Virginia State Bar hereby serves upon the Respondent the following Dismissal:

I. NATURE OF ALLEGED MISCONDUCT

It is the determination of the Fourth District Section I Committee that:

1. The Charge of Misconduct alleging a violation of Rule 1.5(a) is hereby dismissed upon the basis of Paragraph 13-16.W.2, in that there was insufficient evidence presented to establish that the fee charged by respondent was unreasonable and thus there was no clear and convincing evidence as to this factor.

2. The Charges of Misconduct alleging a violation of Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15(a) and 1.15(c)(4) were withdrawn upon motion of the Virginia State Bar, which Motion was not objected to by the Respondent, and was granted.

II. DISMISSAL

Accordingly, it is the decision of the Fourth District Section I Committee to dismiss this case and the matter is hereby so dismissed.

FOURTH DISTRICT SECTION I COMMITTEE  
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Romaine Frances O'Brien  
Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of Sept., 2009, I caused to be mailed a true and complete copy of the District Committee Determination (Dismissal) to Lawrence Schwartz, Respondent, at #318N, 1600 South Eads Street, Arlington, VA 22202, Respondent's last address of record with the Virginia State Bar.



Kathleen M. Uston