

**VIRGINIA :**

**BEFORE THE EIGHTH DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
ERIC LEE SISLER**

**VS** **Docket No. 12-080-090035**

**SUBCOMMITTEE DETERMINATION  
(PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS)**

On April 18, 2013 a meeting was held in this matter before a duly convened Eighth District Subcommittee consisting of Malissa L. Giles, Esquire, Tambera D. Stephenson, lay member, and Allegra M.C. Black, Esquire, Chair. During the meeting, the Subcommittee voted to approve an agreed disposition for a **PUBLIC Reprimand without Terms** pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-15.B.4. of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The agreed disposition was entered into by the Virginia State Bar, by Paulo E. Franco, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel, and Eric Lee Sisler, Respondent, pro se.

WHEREFORE, the Eighth District Subcommittee of the Virginia State Bar hereby serves upon Respondent the following **PUBLIC Reprimand without Terms**:

**I. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. At all times relevant, Respondent was a member in good standing with the Bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Respondent was admitted to the practice of law in Virginia on September 2, 1969.
3. Respondent was counsel of record in the case of Stanford Howard v. Commonwealth, Supreme Court of Virginia Record No. 101302.
4. The Virginia Supreme Court advised the Virginia State Bar that Mr. Howard's appeal from the Virginia Court of Appeals was denied due to the fact that Respondent failed to timely file a petition for appeal pursuant to Rule 5:17 (a) (2) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

5. During the course of the investigation, Respondent met with an investigator from the Virginia State Bar.

6. During that interview, Respondent stated that he knew he missed the filing deadline and could not offer any reason for missing the deadline.

## II. FINDINGS OF MISCONDUCT

Such conduct by Respondent constitutes misconduct in violation of the following provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct:

### **RULE 1.3 Diligence**

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

## III. PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS

Accordingly, having approved the agreed disposition, it is the decision of the Subcommittee to impose a **PUBLIC Reprimand Without Terms** and Eric Lee Sisler is hereby so reprimanded. Pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-9.E of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs.

EIGHTH DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE  
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By: Allegra M.C. Black  
Allegra M.C. Black  
Subcommittee Chair

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I certify that on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014, a true and complete copy of the Subcommittee Determination (PUBLIC Reprimand Without Terms) was sent by certified mail to Eric Lee Sisler, Respondent, at P.O, Box 743, Lexington, Virginia 24450, Respondent's last address of record with the Virginia State Bar.



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Paulo E. Franco, Jr.  
Assistant Bar Counsel