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BEFORE THE SEVENTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

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IN THE MATTER OF
WILLIAM L. STABLES, JR.

VSB Docket No. 14-070-098677

DISTRICT COMMITTEE DETERMINATION
(PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS)

On March 19, 2014, a hearing in this matter was held before a duly convened Seventh District Committee panel consisting of Vice Chair, Mary L. Daniel, Esquire, Secretary, Zaida C. Thompson, Esquire, Joshua E. Hummer, Esquire, James S. Kulp, Esquire, David W. Thomas, Esquire, and Alfred J. Sisley, Lay Member.

Respondent did not appear. Alfred L. Carr, Assistant Bar Counsel appeared as counsel for the Virginia State Bar.

Pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-16.Z of the Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court, the Seventh District Committee of the Virginia State Bar hereby serves upon the Respondent the following Public Reprimand:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 3, 2013, a meeting was held in this matter before a duly convened Seventh District Subcommittee consisting of Zaida Cordero Thompson, Esquire, Alfred James Sisley, Lay member, and Mary Louise Costello Daniel, Esquire, who presided as Subcommittee Chair.
2. During the meeting, the Subcommittee voted to approve an agreed disposition for a PUBLIC Admonition with Terms pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-15.8.4 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The agreed disposition was

entered into by the Virginia State Bar, by Alfred L. Carr, Assistant Bar Counsel, and William L. Stables, ("Respondent") pro se.

3. Respondent, under the June 3, 2013 Subcommittee Determination (PUBLIC Admonition with Terms), was to have completed the terms contained therein as follows:

   a. Respondent shall schedule and attend a meeting with Lawyers Helping Lawyers ("LHL") before August 30, 2013. Respondent hereby authorizes LHL to release to the Virginia State Bar the confidential report as to the outcome of the meeting.

   b. Respondent shall mail a copy of the report to Assistant Bar Counsel Alfred L. Carr, at 707 East Main Street, 15th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 22319-2800 on or before September 15, 2013.

4. To date, Respondent has not complied with the agreed to terms contained in paragraph 3 of this document.

II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

Such conduct by William L. Stables, Jr. 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.

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.

RULE 8.1 Bar Admission And Disciplinary Matters

An applicant for admission to the bar, or a lawyer in connection with a bar admission application, in connection with any certification required to be filed as a condition of maintaining or renewing a license to practice law, in connection with a disciplinary matter, shall not:

(c) fail to respond to a lawful demand for information from an admissions or disciplinary authority, except that this Rule does not require disclosure of information otherwise protected by Rule 1.6;

III. PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS

Accordingly, it is the decision of the district committee to impose a Public Reprimand Without Terms and the Respondent is hereby so reprimanded.

Pursuant to Paragraph 13-9.E of the Rules of Court, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs.

SEVENTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By Mary Costello Daniel
Mary L. Daniel, Esquire
Vice Chair Seventh District Committee
Virginia State Bar

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on April 1, 2014, 2014, a true copy of the District Committee Determination (Public Reprimand) was sent by certified mail to William L. Stables, Jr., Respondent, at Suite 209, 57 South Main Street, Harrisonburg, VA 22801, Respondent's last address of record with the Virginia State Bar.

Alfred L. Carr
Virginia State Bar