

VIRGINIA:

Before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

In the Matter of

Paul Hampton Thomson

VSB Docket No. 12-000-088570

Attorney at Law

On August 24, 2011, came Paul Hampton Thomson and presented to the Board an Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation, of his license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth. By tendering his Consent to Revocation at a time when disciplinary charges are pending, he admits that the charges in the attached Statement of Facts are true.

The Board having considered the said Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation, and Bar Counsel having no objection, the Board accepts his Consent to Revocation. Accordingly, it is ordered that the license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth heretofore issued to the said Paul Hampton Thomson be and the same hereby is revoked, and that the name of the said Paul Hampton Thomson be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys of this Commonwealth.

Entered this 24th day of August, 2011

For the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

*By Barbara S. Lanier
Barbara Sayers Lanier, Clerk of the Disciplinary System*

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BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE
VIRGINIA STATE BAR

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IN THE MATTER OF PAUL HAMPTON THOMSON, ESQUIRE
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AFFIDAVIT DECLARING CONSENT TO REVOCATION

PAUL HAMPTON THOMSON, ESQUIRE, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. That he was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 2, 1984;
2. That, pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-28 of the *Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia*:
 - a. his consent to revocation is freely and voluntarily rendered, that he is not being subjected to coercion or duress, and that he is fully aware of the implications of consenting to a revocation of her license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
 - b. he is aware that there are proceedings against him involving a guilty plea to federal crimes, the docket number for which is set forth above, and the specific nature of which is set forth in the Statement of Facts attached to this affidavit, and incorporated herein by reference;
 - c. he acknowledges that the material facts upon which the allegations of misconduct set forth in the attached Statement of Facts are true; and
 - d. he submits this Affidavit and consents to the revocation of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia because he knows that if the disciplinary proceedings based on the said guilty plea were prosecuted to a conclusion, he could not successfully defend them.
3. That he understands that pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-28 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia the admissions offered in this Affidavit shall not be deemed an admission in any proceeding except one relating to his status as a member of the Virginia Bar.

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Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation

Executed and dated this 22 day of August, 2011.


PAUL HAMPTON THOMSON

STATE OF VIRGINIA AT LARGE, to wit:

I, Roberta Deane Hardy, a Notary Public in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that PAUL HAMPTON THOMSON, ESQUIRE appeared in person before me in the City County of Winchester, Virginia, on this 22 day of August, 2011, and was by me duly sworn and thereupon executed in my presence and acknowledged to me the truth of the contents and the voluntariness of execution of the foregoing Affidavit.

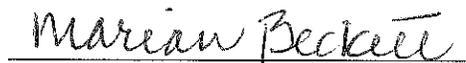
GIVEN under my hand this 22 day of August, 2011.

Roberta Deane Hardy
Notary Public
Commonwealth of Virginia
Reg. # 7271490
My Commission Expires Apr 30, 2013


Notary Public

My Commission expires: April 30, 2013.

SEEN, WITH NO OBJECTION TO ENTRY OF AN ORDER BY THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD REVOKING PAUL HAMPTON THOMSON'S LICENSE TO PRACTICE LAW IN THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA:


Marian L. Beckett
Assistant Bar Counsel

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

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STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Respondent was admitted to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 2, 1984.
2. On June 26, 2011, the Respondent pleaded guilty to multiple offenses in the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia.
3. The guilty plea was predicated on the following allegations:
 - a. corruptly altering and concealing a record and document, specifically a telephone company record, on or about August 28, 2010, with intent to impair the object's integrity and availability for use in an official proceeding;
 - b. corruptly altering, destroying, and concealing a record, document and object, specifically, text messages stored in a cellular telephone, in October of 2010, with the intent to impair the object's integrity and availability for use in an official proceeding before a judge and court of the United States and a Federal grand jury;
 - c. attempting to corruptly persuade and engage in misleading conduct toward Oscar Salvatierra-Jovel, on November 24, 2010, by encouraging Salvatierra-Jovel to provide false information to special agents of the Drug and Enforcement Administration, (DEA), with the intent to hinder and prevent the communication to special agents of the DEA;
 - d. attempting to corruptly persuade and engage in misleading conduct toward Oscar Salvatierra-Jovel, on January 9, 2011, by encouraging Salvatierra-Jovel to provide

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false information to special agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration, (DEA), with the intent to hinder and prevent the communication to special agents of the DEA; and

- e. knowingly and intentionally possessing cocaine.

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