

VIRGINIA:

Before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

In the Matter of

Henry Leigh Adkins, Jr.

Attorney at Law

On November 13, 2007, came Henry Leigh Adkins, Jr., 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 resignation at a time when disciplinary charges are pending, he admits that the charges in the attached Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation are true.

The Board having considered the said Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation accepts his resignation. Accordingly, it is ordered that the license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth heretofore issued to the said Henry Leigh Adkins, Jr., be and the same hereby is revoked, and that the name of the said Henry Leigh Adkins, Jr., be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys of this Commonwealth.

Enter this Order this 14th day of November, 2007

For the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

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

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

IN THE MATTER OF
HENRY LEIGH ADKINS, JR.

VSB Docket Nos: 06-080-3599
06-080-4137
07-080-0836
07-080-1014
07-080-1195

AFFIDAVIT DECLARING CONSENT TO REVOCATION

Henry Leigh Adkins, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. I am over the age of twenty-one and competent to make the statements contained herein.
2. I was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1993.
3. Prior to March 2006, I was a sole practitioner.
4. In March 2006, due to severe depression, I closed my law office. I have been battling depression for years.
5. When I closed my law office, I did not notify the clients described below, nor did I refund any of the advance legal fees they had paid.
6. After I closed my law practice, I joined another law firm. I did not disclose to my new firm any of the information described in this affidavit, nor did I advise the firm that the Virginia State Bar had opened misconduct investigations against me.
7. I recently apologized to all my clients described below, and have sent them full refunds of the fees paid.
8. I have no prior disciplinary record. I am consenting to a revocation of my license because I no longer wish to practice law.

VSB Docket No. 06-080-3599

Complainant: Shelia D. Call

9. In December 2004, Sheila D. Call retained and paid me \$1200 to trademark two business names.

10. I filed the applications, but did not complete the work.

11. During the representation, Ms. Call attempted to contact me, but I did not return her calls.

12. I admit that my failure to complete the work on these applications may constitute a violation of Rule 1.3(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

13. I admit that my failure to return Ms. Call's telephone calls may constitute a violation of Rule 1.4(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

14. I admit that my failure to withdraw from the representation when I became severely depressed may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(a)(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

15. I admit that my abandonment of Ms. Call's case may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

VSB Docket No. 06-080-4137

Complainant: Jose Laterrade

16. In September 2004, Jose Laterrade retained and paid me \$250 to represent him in a divorce.

17. I filed a bill of complaint for divorce, but I did not complete the work.

18. During the representation, Mr. Laterrade attempted to contact me by telephone but I did not return his calls.

19. I admit that my failure to complete the work on Mr. Laterrade's divorce may constitute a violation of Rule 1.3(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

20. I admit that my failure to return Mr. Laterrade's telephone calls may constitute a violation of Rule 1.4(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

21. I admit that my failure to withdraw from the representation when I became severely depressed may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(a)(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

22. I admit that my abandonment of Mr. Laterrade's case may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

VSB Docket No. 07-080-0836
Complainant: Renee Hernandez

23. In 2004, Renee Hernandez retained and paid me \$500 to represent her in a divorce.

24. I filed an answer and cross-bill of complaint, but did not complete the work.

25. During the representation, Ms. Hernandez attempted to contact me, but I did not return her calls.

26. I admit that my failure to complete the work on Ms. Hernandez's divorce may constitute a violation of Rule 1.3(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

27. I admit that my failure to communicate with Ms. Hernandez may constitute a violation of Rule 1.4(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

28. I admit that my failure to withdraw from the representation when I became severely depressed may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(a)(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

29. I admit that my abandonment of Ms. Hernandez's case may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

VS B Docket No. 07-080-1014
Complainant: Domenick J. Mizio

30. Complainant Domenick J. Mizio is an attorney who represents Gabriel Jocelyn. In 2005, Ms. Jocelyn retained me to handle an immigration matter. She made three payments of \$150, \$560, and \$500 for a total of \$1210.

31. I did not resolve the immigration matter for Ms Jocelyn.

32. I admit that my failure to complete the work on Ms. Jocelyn's case may constitute a violation of Rule 1.3(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

33. I admit that my failure to communicate with Ms. Jocelyn about the closing of my law office may constitute a violation of Rule 1.4(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

34. I admit that my failure to withdraw from the representation when I became severely depressed may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(a)(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

35. I admit that my abandonment of Ms. Jocelyn's case may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

VS B Docket No. 07-080-1195
Complainant: Elizabeth H. Martinez

36. In September 2004, Elizabeth H. Martinez retained and paid me \$1000 to handle an immigration matter for her and her husband. Ms. Martinez later paid another \$100.

37. I filed a petition, but did not complete the work.

38. In February 2006, Ms. Martinez requested her client file via e-mail. I replied that I would send the file. However, I did not send it.

39. I admit that my failure to complete the work on Ms. Martinez's case may constitute a violation of Rule 1.3(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

40. I admit that my failure to communicate with Ms. Martinez about the closing of my law practice may constitute a violation of Rule 1.4(a) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

41. I admit that my failure to withdraw from the representation when I became severely depressed may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(a)(2) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

42. I admit that my abandonment of Ms. Martinez's case may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(d) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

43. I admit that my failure to send Ms. Martinez her file may constitute a violation of Rule 1.16(e) of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

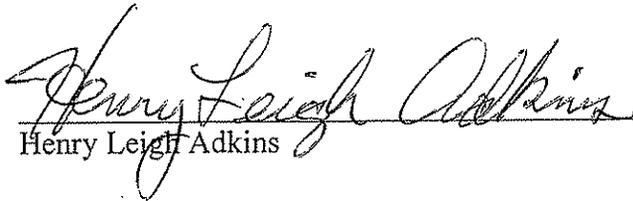
44. Pursuant to Part Six, § IV, ¶ 13.L. of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, I state that:

- a. My consent to revocation is freely and voluntarily rendered, that I am not being subjected to coercion or duress, and that I am fully aware of the implications of consenting to a revocation of my license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
- b. I am aware that there is currently pending investigations into complaints involving allegations of misconduct, the docket numbers of which are set forth above, and the specific nature of which is set forth above;
- c. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the allegations of misconduct set forth above are true; and

- d. I submit this affidavit and consent to the revocation of my license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia because I know that if the disciplinary proceedings based on the said alleged misconduct were prosecuted to a conclusion, I could not successfully defend them.

45. Pursuant to Part Six, § IV, ¶ 13.L, I understand the foregoing admissions may not be deemed an admission in any proceeding except one relating to my status as a member of the Virginia State Bar.

Executed this 9th day of November, 2007.


Henry Leigh Adkins

STATE OF VIRGINIA
AT LARGE, to wit:

I, Hyun Ah Park, a Notary Public in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Henry Leigh Adkins appeared in person before me in the City/County of Alexandria, Virginia, on this 9 day of November, 2007, 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 9 day of November, 2007.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: Dec-31-2009.

