
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

Respondent's Name	Address of Record	Action	Effective Date
DISCIPLINARY BOARD			
Warren Jay Bronsnick	Short Hills, NJ	Revocation	June 6, 2016
David Peter Buehler	New Orleans, LA	Revocation	April 22, 2016
Jane Karen Eshagpoor	Richmond, VA	Suspension – 2 years	May 27, 2016
Clifton Carlyle Hicks	Norfolk, VA	Public Reprimand w/Terms	April 22, 2016
Richard Morris Gummere	La Plata, MD	Revocation	May 20, 2016
Chung Suk Oh	Falls Church, VA	Suspension – 9 Months w/Terms	July 21, 2016
Kenneth Hansen Rosenau	Washington, DC	Suspension – 30 Days	June 1, 2016

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

James Willis Hilldrup	Fredericksburg, VA	Public Reprimand w/Terms	June 29, 2016
Emmett Franklin Robinson	Lake Ridge, VA	Public Reprimand	June 6, 2016
Kevin Peter Shea	Hampton, VA	Public Reprimand	June 27, 2016

Suspension – Failure to Pay Disciplinary Costs	Effective Date	Lifted
Lori Kellermann Battaile	Gainesville, FL	July 18, 2016
Gerald Isadore Katz	McLean, VA	May 25, 2016
Tawana Denise Shephard	Alexandria, VA	May 26, 2016
Nnika Evangeline White	Richmond, VA	July 12, 2016

Reinstatement Petition of License to Practice Law

Catherine Ann Lee	Mechanicsville, VA	March 1, 2016
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DISCIPLINARY SUMMARIES

The following are summaries of disciplinary actions for violations of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) (Rules of the Virginia Supreme Court Part 6, § II, eff. Jan. 1, 2000) or another of the Supreme Court Rules.

Copies of disciplinary orders are available at the Web link provided with each summary or by contacting the Virginia State Bar Clerk's Office at (804) 775-0539 or clerk@vsb.org. VSB docket numbers are provided.

DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Warren Jay Bronsnick

Short Hills, New Jersey
16-000-106150

On June 6, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board revoked Warren Jay Bronsnick's license to practice law based on his guilty plea to a crime in the US District Court District of New Jersey. In consenting to the revocation, Bronsnick acknowledged that the charges against him are true and that he could not successfully defend against them. His license was summarily suspended on June 3. Rules Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-22 and 13-28
www.vsb.org/docs/Bronsnick-080216.pdf

David Peter Buehler

New Orleans, Louisiana
15-033-101485, 16-000-105090

On April 22, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board revoked David Peter Buehler's license to practice law for failing to notify clients about an earlier suspension and for violating rules that govern diligence, declining or terminating representation, and bar admission and disciplinary matters. Buehler failed to comply with the terms of a December 13, 2013, six-month suspension for violating professional rules that govern diligence, meritorious claims and contentions, candor toward the tribunal, fairness to opposing party and counsel, respect for rights of third persons, and misconduct. RPC 1.3(a), 1.16(d), 8.1(c), 3.1, 3.3(a)(1), 3.4(g), 4.4, 8.4(c)
Rules of Court, Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-29
www.vsb.org/docs/Buehler-062716.pdf
www.vsb.org/docs/Buehler-final-062716.pdf

Jane Karen Eshagpoor

Richmond, Virginia
15-031-102631

Effective May 27, 2016, the Virginia State Bar suspended Jane Karen Eshagpoor's license to practice law for two years for vio-

lating professional rules that govern diligence, communication, safekeeping property, fairness to opposing party and counsel, and misconduct. RPC 1.3(a), 1.4(a), 1.15(b)(5), 3.4(d), 8.4(c)
www.vsb.org/docs/Eshagpoor-062416.pdf

Clifton Carlyle Hicks

Norfolk, Virginia
15-021-101486

Effective April 22, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board issued a public reprimand with terms to Clifton Carlyle Hicks for violating professional rules that govern diligence, communication, safekeeping property, bar admission and disciplinary matters, and misconduct. RPC 1.3(a); 1.4(b); 1.15(a)(1); 8.1(a); 8.4(c)
www.vsb.org/docs/Hicks-080116.pdf

Richard Morris Gummere

La Plata, Maryland
16-000-105640

On May 20, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board revoked Richard Morris Gummere's license to practice law based on his January 29, 2016, disbarment by the Court of Appeals of Maryland. Gummere's license had been summarily suspending in Virginia on April 27, 2016. Rules Part Six, § IV, ¶ 13-24
www.vsb.org/docs/Gummere-080216.pdf

Chung Suk Oh

Falls Church, Virginia
16-052-103653, 16-052-103654, 15-052-100693

On July 21, 2016, the Virginia State Bar suspended Chung Suk Oh's license to practice law for nine months, with terms, for violating professional rules that govern competence, diligence, communication, safekeeping property, declining or terminating representation, and unauthorized practice of law; multijurisdictional practice of law. This was an agreed disposition of misconduct charges. RPC 1.1; 1.3(a-c); 1.4(a,b); 1.15(a)(1),(b)(2,3,4); 1.16(c,d); 5.5(c)
www.vsb.org/docs/Oh-080216.pdf

Kenneth Hansen Rosenau

Washington, DC
16-000-105644

Effective June 1, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board suspended Kenneth Hansen Rosenau's license to practice law for thirty days based on his thirty-day suspension by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. His license had been summarily suspended effective June 1 pending a June 24, 2016, show-cause hearing. This was an agreed disposition. Rules Part Six, § IV, ¶ 13-24
www.vsb.org/docs/Rosenau-080216.pdf

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

James Willis Hilldrup

Fredericksburg, Virginia
15-060-102221

On June 29, 2016, the Sixth District Subcommittee of the Virginia State Bar issued a public reprimand with terms to James Willis Hilldrup for violating professional rules that govern competence, diligence, communication, bar admission and disciplinary matters, and misconduct. This was an agreed disposition of misconduct charges. RPC 1.1, 1.3(a), 1.4(a-c), 8.1(c), 8.4(c)

www.vsb.org/docs/Hilldrup-080216.pdf

Emmett Franklin Robinson

Lake Ridge, Virginia
16-052-104143

On June 6, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Fifth District Committee, Section II issued a public reprimand to Emmett Franklin Robinson for failing to comply with the terms of an earlier private reprimand. 1.5(b)(c); 1.15(b)(3), (c), (d)

www.vsb.org/docs/Robinson-062416.pdf

Kevin Peter Shea

Hampton, Virginia
14-010-099614

On June 27, 2016, the First District Committee of the Virginia State Bar issued a public reprimand to Kevin Peter Shea for violating professional rules that govern diligence. This was an agreed disposition of misconduct charges. RPC 1.3(a)

www.vsb.org/docs/Shea-080216.pdf

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

COMMENTS SOUGHT

The Standing Committee on Legal Ethics is seeking public comment on proposed advisory Legal Ethics Opinion 1886: Duty of partners and supervisory lawyers in a law firm when another lawyer in the firm suffers from significant impairment. The comment deadline is September 9. Details:
www.vsb.org/site/regulation/draft_leo_1886.

The Virginia Access to Justice Commission seeks comments on proposed changes to Part 6 § IV ¶ 18 regarding self-reporting of pro bono services. The comment deadline is August 31. Details:

www.vsb.org/docs/access-reporting-2016/prop-amend-atjc-para-18-2016.pdf.

The Executive Committee seeks comments on proposed amendments to Paragraph 13.1 regarding suspension for failure to complete the professionalism course. The amendments would authorize the Virginia State Bar executive director to grant, for good cause, an extension request from a member who fails to complete the Professionalism Course by the deadline. The comment deadline is September 1. Details:
www.vsb.org/pro-guidelines/index.php/rule_changes/item/para-13_1-2016.

MCLE COMPLIANCE

The MCLE interim report will be released this month. Now is the time to check your online record and plan your MCLE compliance. Apply now for any non-approved course that you have attended. The MCLE compliance deadline is October 31, 2016.

FREE LEGAL ANSWERS

Lawyers can sign up for the VSB's new pro bono website, Virginia.FreeLegalAnswers.org, sponsored by the ABA. Lawyers sign up to provide online answers to legal questions posted by low-income Virginians. Details:
www.vsb.org/site/news/item/virginia.freelegalanswers.org

RESOLUTION OF FEE DISPUTES

VSB Resolution of Fee Disputes mediation and arbitration training sessions:

Richmond — September 8

Roanoke — September 14

Fairfax — October, 14

Norfolk — October 20

Registration and training information appears on page 42 and online at www.vsb.org/docs/med-arb-train-2016.pdf.

For questions, please contact Stephanie Blanton, coordinator of the Resolution of Fee Disputes program, at (804) 775-0576 blanton@vsb.org or Kathryn Byler, chair of the Resolution of Fee Disputes Committee, at (757) 490-6292 kbyler@pendercoward.com

SAVE THE DATES

- September 19, 2016 — Solo & Small-Firm Practitioner Forum — Shenandoah University, Winchester
- October 24, 2016 — Solo & Small-Firm Practitioner Forum/Regional Bench-Bar Conference — Golden Leaf Commons, Emporia
- October 26, 2016 — Access to Legal Services Pro Bono Conference and Celebration — Embassy Suites by Hilton Hampton Hotel Convention Center & Spa
- April 24, 2017 — VSB TECHSHOW — Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR BOARD AND COMMITTEE VACANCIES

Volunteers are needed to serve the Virginia State Bar's boards and committees. The Nominating Committee will refer nominees to the VSB Council for consideration at its October meeting.

Vacancies in 2017 are listed below. All appointments or elections will be for the terms specified, beginning on July 1, 2017.

Council Members at Large: 3 lawyer vacancies (of which 1 incumbent is not eligible for reappointment and 2 incumbents are eligible for reappointment to a second term). May serve 2 consecutive 3-year terms.

Disciplinary Board: 5 lawyer vacancies and 2 lay member vacancies (of which 3 lawyer members are not eligible for reappointment and 2 current members are eligible for reappointment to a second term, and 1 lay member is eligible for reappointment). District committee service is required. May serve 2 consecutive 3-year terms.

Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board: 5 lawyer vacancies (of which 2 members are not eligible for reappointment and 3 current members are eligible for reappointment to a second term). May serve 2 consecutive 3-year terms.

Virginia Law Foundation Board: 2 lawyer vacancies (of which neither is eligible for reelection) and 1 lay member (who is eligible for reelection). May serve 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Appointment by VLF Board on recommendation of council.

Virginia CLE COMMITTEE: 6 lawyer vacancies (of which 6 lawyer members are eligible for reelection to 1-year terms). Appointment by VLF Board on recommendation of council.

Nominations, along with a brief résumé, should be sent by **September 2, 2016**, to:

Edward L. Weiner, Chair, VSB Nominating Committee, Virginia State Bar, 1111 E. Main St., Suite 700, Richmond, VA 23219-0026, or e-mailed to nominations@vsb.org.

VSB DISCIPLINARY BOARD TO HEAR CATHERINE ANN LEE'S REINSTATEMENT PETITION ON SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

Deadline for comment: September 16, 2016

On March 1, 2016, Catherine Ann Lee petitioned the Supreme Court of Virginia for reinstatement of her license to practice law pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-25.E of the Rules of the Court. The Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board will hear

the petition at 9 a.m. on September 23, 2016, at the Workers Compensation Commission, 1000 DMV Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23220. After hearing evidence and oral argument, the Disciplinary Board will make factual findings and recommend to the Supreme Court whether the petition should be granted or denied.

The Disciplinary Board seeks information about Ms. Lee's fitness to practice law. Written comments or requests to testify at the hearing should be submitted to Barbara S. Lanier, Clerk of the Disciplinary System, 1111 East Main Street, 7th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23219 or to clerk@vsb.org, no later than September 16, 2016. Comments will become a matter of public record. Copies of the Order of Revocation and Petition for Reinstatement are available by contacting clerk@vsb.org or by calling (804) 775-0539.

Ms. Lee was licensed to practice law in Virginia in October 1990. On August 26, 2005, the Virginia State Bar entered an order suspending Ms. Lee's license to practice law pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13.I.56 (2005) for impairment. On November 1, 2006, Ms. Lee was convicted by the Henrico County Circuit Court of a felony pursuant to an *Alford* plea on charges of embezzlement. Ms. Lee received a prison sentence of twenty years with twenty years suspended, conditioned upon her keeping the peace and complying with all terms of her probation. On March 23, 2007, the Virginia State Bar entered an Order of Revocation of Ms. Lee's license to practice law based on her felony conviction.

In her Petition for Reinstatement, Ms. Lee states that she was released from probation on April 29, 2015, after meeting all of the requirements and terms imposed upon her by the Henrico County Circuit Court, which included restitution. Ms. Lee further states that her civil rights were restored by the governor of Virginia on September 28, 2015.

From 2008 to 2012, Ms. Lee taught paralegal and math courses at Centura College in Chesterfield County, Virginia. She left to work more hours as a paralegal/law clerk under the supervision of licensed attorneys. She has worked in that capacity with the Virginia Education Association under Milton K. Brown, Esquire, and Dena Rosenkrantz, Esquire.

Ms. Lee states that she has kept current with the law, has completed at least seventy-eight credit hours of continuing legal education, including eighteen hours in ethics, all of which have been approved by the Virginia State Bar. She further states that she took the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination on March 29, 2014, and received a scaled score of 104. The bar's Clients' Protection Fund has not paid out any money due to Ms. Lee's misconduct. Ms. Lee does not owe the Virginia State Bar any costs or fees associated from any complaints against her.

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

CLIENTS' PROTECTION FUND BOARD PETITIONS PAID

Between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016, the Clients' Protection Fund Board approved payments to forty-three clients. The matters involved seventeen attorneys.

Attorney/Location	FY 15-16 Amount Paid	To Date	Type of Case
Arthur Emerson Davis, III, Denver, CO	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	Misappropriation of funds/Estate
Kelly Ralston Dennis, McLean, VA	\$600.00	\$600.00	Child custody case
Michael Lawrence Eisner, Fort Dix, NJ	\$4,250.00	\$165,731.00	Bankruptcy
Michael Lawrence Eisner, Fort Dix, NJ	\$50,000.00	\$165,731.00	Misappropriation of funds/Bankruptcy
Roger Kent Grillo, Onancock, VA	\$1,327.00	\$7,557.00	Bankruptcy
Roger Kent Grillo, Onancock, VA	\$877.00	\$7,557.00	Bankruptcy
Roger Kent Grillo, Onancock, VA	\$1,372.00	\$7,557.00	Bankruptcy
Lucy Ivanoff, Staunton, VA	\$1,300.00	\$11,297.00	Bankruptcy
Lucy Ivanoff, Staunton, VA	\$1,260.00	\$11,297.00	Bankruptcy
Lucy Ivanoff, Staunton, VA	\$1,300.00	\$11,297.00	Bankruptcy
Lucy Ivanoff, Staunton, VA	\$1,000.00	\$11,297.00	Bankruptcy
Lucy Ivanoff, Staunton, VA	\$700.00	\$11,297.00	Bankruptcy
Shane Lee Jimison, Henrico, VA	\$962.00	\$8,263.40	Divorce
Shane Lee Jimison, Henrico, VA	\$558.10	\$8,263.40	Divorce
Shane Lee Jimison, Henrico, VA	\$2,000.00	\$8,263.40	Divorce
Shane Lee Jimison, Henrico, VA	\$752.40	\$8,263.40	Divorce
Shane Lee Jimison, Henrico, VA	\$558.50	\$8,263.40	Divorce
Shane Lee Jimison, Henrico, VA	\$1,950.00	\$8,263.40	Divorce
Shane Lee Jimison, Henrico, VA	\$1,482.40	\$8,263.40	Divorce
James Gordon Kincheloe, Jr., Fairfax, VA	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00	Embezzlement
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Steven Lieberman, Norfolk, VA	\$1,000.00	\$175,650.86	Divorce
David Paul Morgan, Midlothian, VA	\$1,400.00	\$5,538.92	Veteran's benefits
David Paul Morgan, Midlothian, VA	\$2,500.00	\$5,538.92	Show/cause matter
David Paul Morgan, Midlothian, VA	\$1,638.92	\$5,538.92	Landlord/Tenant dispute
Darryl Arthur Parker, Richmond, VA	\$500.00	\$500.00	Child custody case
Dion Francis Richardson, Lynchburg, VA	\$300.00	\$1,290.00	Criminal
J. Patterson Rogers, III, Danville, VA	\$337.50	\$337.50	Divorce
Tawana Denise Shephard, Alexandria, VA	\$5,895.00	\$10,787.00	Loan modification/bankruptcy
Tawana Denise Shephard, Alexandria, VA	\$4,892.00	\$10,787.00	Bankruptcy
Duncan Robertson St. Clair, III, Norfolk, VA	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	Criminal
Marjorie Lancaster Wall, Farmville, VA	\$1,700.00	\$27,309.00	Divorce
Nnika Evangeline White, Richmond, VA	\$375.00	\$4,825.00	Bankruptcy
Nnika Evangeline White, Richmond, VA	\$875.00	\$4,825.00	Civil matter
Nnika Evangeline White, Richmond, VA	\$1,000.00	\$4,825.00	Bankruptcy
Nnika Evangeline White, Richmond, VA	\$900.00	\$4,825.00	Bankruptcy
Nnika Evangeline White, Richmond, VA	\$100.00	\$4,825.00	Bankruptcy
Nnika Evangeline White, Richmond, VA	\$1,200.00	\$4,825.00	Bankruptcy
Nnika Evangeline White, Richmond, VA	\$375.00	\$4,825.00	Bankruptcy
Henry A. Whitehurst, Christiansburg, VA	\$750.00	\$9,175.00	Criminal
Henry A. Whitehurst, Christiansburg, VA	\$425.00	\$9,175.00	Estate matter
Henry A. Whitehurst, Christiansburg, VA	\$375.00	\$9,175.00	Child custody case
Henry A. Whitehurst, Christiansburg, VA	\$500.00	\$9,175.00	DUI matter
Total	\$212,287.82		