

DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

Respondent's Name	Address of Record	Action	Effective Date
DISCIPLINARY BOARD			
John George Crandley	Virginia Beach, VA	Suspension – 30 Days	August 30, 2016
Keith Hamner Waldrop	Goochland, VA	Suspension – 30 Days	August 31, 2016

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Frederick Scott Kaufman	Glen Allen, VA	Public Reprimand w/Terms	September 9, 2016
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Suspension – Failure to Pay Disciplinary Costs

		Effective Date	Lifted
Ana Maria Cuitino	McLean, VA	July 18, 2016	August 3, 2016
Warren Wilson McLain	Fairfax, VA	August 19, 2016	
Jason Gentry Mullins	Sunnyvale, CA	August 24, 2016	
Rocco Joseph DeLeonardis, Jr.	Reston, VA	August 18, 2016	
Richard Joseph Kwasny	Yardley, PA	August 26, 2016	
Nnika Evangeline White	Richmond, VA	August 12, 2016	
William Henry Yongue IV	Blacksburg, VA	August 30, 2016	

Suspension – Failure to Comply with Subpoena

Antonio Pierre Jackson	Hampden-Sydney, VA	August 29, 2016
John Forrest Roberts	Williamsburg, VA	August 29, 2016

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

John George Crandley

Virginia Beach, Virginia

15-021-103051

Effective August 30, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board suspended John George Crandley's license to practice law for thirty days for violating professional rules that govern fairness to opposing party and counsel and respect for rights of third persons. This was an agreed disposition of misconduct charges. RPC 3.4(j) and 4.4

www.vsb.org/docs/Crandley-092116.pdf

Keith Hamner Waldrop

Goochland, Virginia

15-070-101516, 15-070-101973, 16-070-103348

Effective August 31, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board suspended Keith Hamner Waldrop for thirty days for violating professional rules that govern diligence and misconduct. RPC 1.3(a,b), 8.4(a-c)

www.vsb.org/docs/Crandley-092116.pdf

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

Fredrick Scott Kaufman

Glen Allen, Virginia

16-032-104668, 16-032-105102

On September 9, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Third District Subcommittee, Section II, issued a public reprimand with terms to Fredrick Scott Kaufman for violating professional rules that govern diligence, communication, and safekeeping property. This was an agreed disposition of misconduct charges. RPC 1.3(a), 1.4(a-c), 1.15(a)(1)(3)(i.ii)

www.vsb.org/docs/Kaufman-092116.pdf

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

LEGAL ETHICS OPINIONS WITHDRAWN

The Virginia State Bar's Standing Committee on Legal Ethics has withdrawn thirteen Legal Ethics Opinions.

- 821: Advertisements
- 835: Fees—Collections
- 856: Solicitation of employment—Free estate planning seminars
- 862: Solicitation letter
- 926: Lawyer referral services
- 1003: Attorney—Relationship with financial advisor
- 1290: Nonlawyer employee: Use of for soliciting prospective clients
- 1348: Advertising and solicitation—Lawyer referral service: Propriety of nonlawyer screening calls and referring potential claims for attorney members
- 1380: Fees—Law firms—Aiding unauthorized practice of law—Splitting fees with nonlawyer: Arrangement between multi-jurisdictional offices of law firm
- 1543: Advertising—Recommendation of professional employment: Attorney paying “referral” service for “exclusive rights” to all prospective clients in four counties
- 1600: Aiding unauthorized practice of law—Nonlawyer personnel—Misconduct: Level of direct supervision of nonlawyer personnel required
- 1689: Attorney participation in referral service (legal-friend) that offers legal referrals to members at discount
- 1743: Virginia law firm forming partnership with a foreign legal consultant (FLC) when the FLC is a nonlawyer under the unauthorized practice rules and is not licensed in the United States.

MCLE COMPLIANCE

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.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues must be received by October 11 to avoid suspension. Members may pay at the member's portal or by mail. Dues statement at: www.vsb.org/docs/dues-form.pdf

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

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SUPREME COURT APPROVES AMENDMENTS

The Supreme Court of Virginia has approved amendments to Rules 1.6: Confidentiality of Information and 3.3: Candor Toward the Tribunal. Details:

www.vsb.org/docs/SCV-order-rule_1_6_rule_3_3-093016.pdf

The Supreme Court of Virginia has approved Legal Ethics Opinion 1884: Conflicts arising from a lawyer-legislator's employment with a consulting firm owned by a law firm. Details: www.vsb.org/docs/SCV-order-leo1884-093016.pdf

COMMENTS SOUGHT ON PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The Virginia State Bar's Standing Committee on Legal Ethics is seeking comments from its membership on proposed amendments to Rules 7.1 - 7.5 of the Rules of Professional Conduct that govern lawyer advertising. Details:

www.vsb.org/pro-guidelines/index.php/rule_changes/item/amendments_rules_7_2016-09-30

RESOLUTION OF FEE DISPUTES

VSB Resolution of Fee Disputes mediation and arbitration training sessions:

Fairfax — October, 14

Norfolk — October 20

Registration and training information is 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

SOLO & SMALL-FIRM PRACTITIONERS FORUM/BENCH BAR CONFERENCE

Registration is open for the October 24 Solo & Small-Firm Practitioner Forum/Regional Bench-Bar Conference at Golden Leaf Commons in Emporia. Details: <http://bit.ly/2cHmKSK>

VSb PRO BONO CONFERENCE

The Annual Virginia State Bar Pro Bono Conference and Celebration will be Wednesday, October 26 in Hampton, Virginia. The conference will be held in conjunction with the Virginia Legal Aid Conference and features CLE sessions, a networking reception, and the Pro Bono Awards Dinner and Ceremony at which the Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono award will be presented. Details: www.vsb.org/site/pro_bono/PB-celebration

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY SEMINAR

The 28th Annual Intellectual Property Seminar will be October 21–22 at the Williamsburg Lodge. The seminar is entitled: The Evolving Landscape of IP. Details: www.vacle.org/product.aspx?zpid=5613&zskuid=21801

SAVE THE DATES

- April 24, 2017 – VSB TECHSHOW – Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond.
- The 47th Annual Criminal Law Seminar, sponsored by the VSB Criminal Law Section and Virginia CLE, is scheduled for February 3 in Williamsburg and February 10 in Charlottesville.

“Not in Good Standing” Search Available at VSB.org

The Virginia State Bar offers the ability to search active Virginia lawyers' names to see if they are not eligible to practice because their licenses are suspended or revoked using the online Attorney Records Search at www.vsb.org/attorney/attSearch.asp.

The “Attorneys Not in Good Standing” search function was designed in conjunction with the VSB's permanent bar cards.

Lawyers are put on not-in-good-standing (NGS) status for administrative reasons—such as not paying dues or fulfilling continuing legal education requirements—and when their licenses are suspended or revoked for violating professional rules.

The NGS search can be used by the public with other attorney records searches—“Disciplined Attorneys” and “Attorneys without Malpractice Insurance”—to check on the status and disciplinary history of a lawyer.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR DISTRICT COMMITTEE VACANCIES

The Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline calls for nominations for district committee vacancies to be filled by Council in June. Note that there are vacancies which may not become available because some members are eligible for re-appointment.

To review qualifications for eligibility, see Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-4 — Establishment of District Committees, specifically 13-4.E (Qualifications of Members) and 13-4.F (Persons Ineligible for Appointment).

FIRST DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

2 attorney vacancies; 2 non-attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment). Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th or 8th judicial circuits.

SECOND DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION I:

1 attorney vacancy (current member is eligible for reappointment); 3 non-attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment). Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 2nd or 4th judicial circuits.

SECOND DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION II:

4 attorney vacancies (2 members are eligible for reappointment); 1 non-attorney vacancy (current member is eligible for reappointment). Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 2nd or 4th judicial circuits.

THIRD DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION I:

1 attorney vacancy; 3 non-attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment.) Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th or 14th judicial circuits.

THIRD DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION II:

2 attorney vacancies; 1 non-attorney vacancy. Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th or 14th judicial circuits.

THIRD DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION III:

3 attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment); 2 non-attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment). Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 6th, 11th, 12th, 13th or 14th judicial circuits.

FOURTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION I:

3 attorney vacancies (2 members are eligible for reappointment); 1 non-attorney vacancy. Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 17th or 18th judicial circuits.

FOURTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION II:

3 attorney vacancies (2 members are eligible for reappointment); 1 non-attorney vacancy (current member is eligible for reappointment). Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 17th or 18th judicial circuits.

FIFTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION I:

2 attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment). Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 19th or 31st judicial circuits.

FIFTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION II:

3 attorney vacancies; 2 non-attorney vacancies (both members are eligible for reappointment). Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 19th or 31st judicial circuits.

FIFTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION III:

2 attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment); 1 non-attorney vacancy (current member is eligible for reappointment). Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 19th or 31st judicial circuits.

SIXTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

3 attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment); 1 non-attorney vacancy. Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 9th or 15th judicial circuits.

SEVENTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

2 attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment); 2 non-attorney vacancies. Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 16th, 20th or 26th judicial circuits.

EIGHTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

3 attorney vacancies (all 3 members are eligible for reappointment); 2 non-attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment). Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 23rd or 25th judicial circuits.

NINTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE:

3 attorney vacancies (2 members are eligible for reappointment) 2 non-attorney vacancies. Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 10th, 21st, 22nd or 24th judicial circuits.

TENTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION I:

3 attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment). Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 27th, 28th, 29th or 30th judicial circuits.

TENTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE, SECTION II:

3 attorney vacancies (1 member is eligible for reappointment); 2 non-attorney vacancies. Vacancies are to be filled by members from the 27th, 28th, 29th or 30th judicial circuits.

Nominations, along with a brief resume, should be sent by February 28, 2017, to Stephanie Blanton, Virginia State Bar, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, VA 23219-0026 Blanton@vsb.org.