
DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS

Respondent's Name	Address of Record	Action	Effective Date
DISCIPLINARY BOARD			
Alexander M. Chanthunya	Silver Spring, MD	Suspension – Indefinite with the right to apply for reinstatement after 60 days.	August 26, 2016
Wayne Richard Hartke	Reston, VA	Suspension – 3 years	October 27, 2016
Wright Hayden Lewis	Potomac Falls, VA	Suspension – 9 Months w/Terms	October 7, 2016
Michael Thomas Reynolds	Atlanta, GA	Suspension – 2 years retroactive to	October 30, 2013
Alecia Marie Schmuhl	Warrenville, IL	Revocation	November 17, 2016
James Fred Sumpter	Midlothian, VA	Revocation	October 19, 2016
Deborah Michelle Wagner	Williamsburg, VA	Revocation	October 24, 2016
Michael Robert Walsh Jr.	Tewksbury, MA	Suspension – 120 Days	September 2, 2016
Kathryne Louise Ward	Herndon, VA	Suspension – 1 year w/Terms	March 10, 2016
Michael Alan Ward	Fairfax, VA	Revocation	September 19, 2016

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

James Lawrence Grandfield	Suffolk, VA	Admonition with Terms	November 17, 2016
Cameron Heaps Ippolito	Alexandria, VA	Public Reprimand	September 20, 2016
George Holton Yates	Virginia Beach, VA	Public Reprimand w/Terms	November 17, 2016

Suspension – Failure to Pay Disciplinary Costs

		Effective Date	Lifted
David Peter Buehler	New Orleans, VA	September 29, 2016	
Mead Ira Greenberg	Studio City, CA	September 26, 2016	
Richard Morris Gummere	La Plata, MD	November 1, 2016	

Suspension – Failure to Comply with Subpoena

Mark Howard Allenbaugh	Cleveland, OH	November 15, 2016
William Peter Wittig	Arlington, VA	November 15, 2016

Impairment

Clifton Carlyle Hicks	Norfolk, VA	October 26, 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

Alexander Manjanja Chanthunya

Silver Spring, Maryland
17-000-106756

Effective August 26, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board indefinitely suspended Alexander Manjanja Chanthunya's license to practice law based on his indefinite suspension by the Court of Appeals of Maryland. Chanthunya has the right to reapply to practice in Virginia on or after October 25, 2016, provided he provides proof of his reinstatement in Maryland. Chanthunya's license had been summarily suspended on September 2, 2016, pending a September 23, 2016, show cause hearing. Rules Part Six, § IV, ¶ 13-24
www.vsb.org/docs/Chanthunya-110416.pdf

Wayne Richard Hartke

Reston, Virginia
17-000-107101

On October 27, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board suspended Wayne Richard Hartke's license to practice law for three years based on his failure to comply with the terms of a six-month suspension imposed on March 27, 2015. Rules Part Six, § IV, ¶ 13-18(O)
www.vsb.org/docs/Hartke-110416.pdf

Wright Hayden Lewis

Potomac Falls, Virginia
17-000-107011

Effective October 7, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board suspended Wright Hayden Lewis's license to practice law for nine months with terms based on his conviction for a felony in the Circuit Court of Fairfax County. His license had been summarily suspended on October 7. Rules Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-22
www.vsb.org/docs/Lewis-111716.pdf

Michael Thomas Reynolds

Atlanta, Georgia
17-000-106757

On September 23, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board suspended Michael Thomas Reynolds's license to practice law for two years, with a period of probation for which he must show proof of compliance, retroactive to October 30, 2013. The suspension is based on his two-year suspension by the Supreme Court of Arizona. Reynolds's Virginia license had

been summarily suspended on September 2, 2016, pending a show cause hearing. Rules Part Six, § IV, ¶ 13-24
www.vsb.org/docs/Reynolds-101416.pdf

Alecia Marie Schmuhl

Warrenville, Illinois
17-000-107316

On November 17, 2016, the Virginia Stat Bar revoked Alecia Marie Schmuhl's license to practice law based on her conviction for five felonies in the Circuit Court of Fairfax County. In consenting to the revocation, Schmuhl acknowledged that the charges against her are true and they she could not successfully defend against them. Her license was summarily suspended on October 28. Rules Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-28
www.vsb.org/docs/Schmuhl-112116.pdf

James Fred Sumpter

Midlothian, Virginia
17-000-107369

On October 19, 2016, the Virginia State Bar disciplinary board revoked James Fred Sumpter's license to practice law based on his conviction for a felony in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division. In consenting to the revocation, Sumpter acknowledged that the charges against him are true and that he could not successfully defend against them. Rules Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-28
www.vsb.org/docs/Sumpter-110416.pdf

Deborah Michelle Wagner

Williamsburg, Virginia
17-000-107106

On October 24, 2017, the Virginia State Bar revoked Deborah Michelle Wagner's license to practice law based on her conviction for a felony in the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. In consenting to the revocation, Wagner acknowledged that the charges against her are true and that she could not successfully defend against them. Her license was summarily suspended on October 7, 2016. Rules Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-28
www.vsb.org/docs/Wagner-111716.pdf

Michael Robert Walsh Jr.

Tewksbury, Massachusetts
17-000-106764

Effective September 2, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board suspended Michael Robert Walsh Jr.'s license to practice law for four months based on his four-month suspension by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Supreme Judicial Court for Suffolk County. The suspension is effective until Walsh meets the requirements for reinstatement in Massachusetts as provided in the Massachusetts order. Walsh's license had been summarily suspended on September 2, 2016, pending a show cause hearing. Rules Part Six, § IV, ¶ 13-24
www.vsb.org/docs/Walsh-101416.pdf

Kathryne Louise Ward

Chandler, Arizona
17-000-106772

Effective March 10, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board suspended Kathryne Louise Ward's license to practice law for one year, with terms, based on her one-year suspension by the Supreme Court of Arizona. This was an agreed disposition. Rules Part Six, §IV, ¶13-24
www.vsb.org/docs/Ward-110416.pdf

Michael Alan Ward

Fairfax, Virginia
16-051-104943, 16-051-106148

On September 19, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board revoked Michael Alan Ward's license to practice law based on his affidavit consenting to the revocation. In consenting to the revocation, Ward acknowledged that the charges against him are true and that he could not successfully defend against them. Rules Part 6 § IV, ¶ 13-28
RPC 1.1; 1.3(c); 1.4(c); 1.5(a)(1-8); 1.15(a)(1)(b)(3,5)(d)(1,2); 3.5(f); 4.1(a); 5.5(c); 8.1(a-d); 8.4(a-c)
www.vsb.org/docs/Ward-101416.pdf

DISTRICT COMMITTEES

James Lawrence Grandfield

Suffolk, Virginia
16-010-105219

On November 17, 2016, the Virginia State Bar First District Subcommittee issued an admonition with terms to James Lawrence Grandfield for violating professional rules that govern diligence and communication. This was an agreed disposition of misconduct charges. RPC 1.3(a), 1.4(a)
www.vsb.org/docs/Grandfield-112116.pdf

Cameron Heaps Ippolito

Alexandria, Virginia
15-031-102634

On September 20, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Third District Subcommittee issued a public reprimand to Cameron Heaps Ippolito for violating a Georgia Rule of Professional Conduct that governs special responsibilities of a prosecutor. This was an agreed disposition of misconduct charges. Virginia RPC 8.5; Georgia RPC 3.8(d)
www.vsb.org/docs/Ippolito-101416.pdf

George Holton Yates

Virginia Beach, Virginia
15-022-101725

On November 17, 2016, the Virginia State Bar Second District Subcommittee issued a public reprimand with terms to George Holton Yates for violating professional rules that govern safekeeping property. This was an agreed disposition of misconduct charges. RPC 1.15(a)(1)(3)(i,ii)(b)(5)(c)(1)(2)(i,ii)(d)(1)(4)
www.vsb.org/docs/Yates-112116.pdf

NOTICES TO MEMBERS

SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA APPROVES AMENDMENTS

The Supreme Court of Virginia approved the following changes to the Rules of the Court, effective January 1, 2017:

- Relocation of Rule 5:8A to replace Rule 1:2 regarding Appeal From Partial Final Judgment in Multi-Party Cases;
 - Amendment to Rule 1:5 regarding *Counsel and Parties Appearing Without Counsel*;
 - Amendment to Rule 4:1(b)(4)(D) regarding *General Provisions Governing Discovery*;
 - Amendment to Rule 5:24 regarding *Security for Appeal*; and
 - Amendment to Rule 5A:17 regarding *Security for Appeal*.
- The Court also made the following changes:
- Addition of Rule 1:25 regarding *Specialty Dockets* (effective January 16, 2017);
 - Addition of Rule 1:24 regarding *Requirements for Court Payment Plans For the Collection of Fines and Costs* (effective February 1, 2017); and
 - Amendment to Rule 5:30 regarding *Briefs Amicus Curiae* (effective January 1, 2017).

SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA APPROVES LEGAL ETHICS OPINIONS

The Supreme Court of Virginia has approved the following Legal Ethics Opinions:

- LEO 1329: Aiding A Non-Lawyer in the Unauthorized Practice of Law — Real Estate/Title Services: Attorney Retained by Client/Title Agency to Assist in Preparation of Documents Incident to Conducting a Real Estate Closing.
- LEO 1438: Splitting Fees with a Nonlawyer: Attorney Compensating an Advertising Agency Based on a Profitsharing Plan.
- LEO 1584: Partnership with a Nonlawyer. Multijurisdictional Law Firm with Nonlawyer Partner Practicing in Virginia Through Licensed Virginia Bar Member.
- LEO 1606: Fees (Compendium Opinion).
- LEO 1742: Activities of Closing Attorney in Connection with Real Estate Transaction when Title Company Is Representing Seller.
- LEO 1792: Is It Considered Assisting in the Unauthorized Practice of Law for an Attorney to Instruct a Social Worker to Assist Pro-Se Litigants to Fill-Out Small Claims Forms?
- LEO 1856: Scope of Practice for Foreign Lawyer in Virginia.
- LEO 1869: Assisting Pro Se Litigants — Courthouse Assistance Program.

Details: www.vsb.org/site/regulation/leos

COUNCIL APPROVES RULE CHANGES, LEO

On October 7, the Virginia State Bar Council approved and sent to the Supreme Court of Virginia for its consideration:

- Amendments to Paragraph 13-24 regarding reciprocal discipline. Details: www.vsb.org/pro-guidelines/index.php/rule_changes/item/para_13-24_another_jurisdiction

- Amendments to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13.1 regarding suspension for failure to complete the Professionalism Course. Details: www.vsb.org/pro-guidelines/index.php/rule_changes/item/para-13_1-2016
 - Legal Ethics Opinion 1886, which concerns the duty of partners and supervisory lawyers in a law firm when another lawyer in the firm suffers from significant impairment. Details: www.vsb.org/site/regulation/draft_leo_1886
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CRIMINAL LAW SEMINAR

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. www.vsb.org/site/sections/criminal/annual-seminar

FREE LEGAL ANSWERS

Sign up for virginia.freelegalanswers.org. The website is part of an ABA multi-state initiative to provide online pro bono civil legal assistance to Virginia residents with income levels of 250 percent of the poverty guidelines or less (a household income of just over \$29,000 annually for a single adult). Details: <https://virginia.freelegalanswers.org/>

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR AWARDS

The VSB is seeking nominations for the following awards:

- Betty A. Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award
www.vsb.org/docs/sections/family/lifetimeaward2017.pdf
- Family Law Service Award
www.vsb.org/docs/sections/family/serviceaward2017.pdf

LAW IN SOCIETY ESSAY CONTEST

The annual Law in Society essay contest for high school students is accepting entries.
www.vsb.org/site/public/law-in-society

SAVE THE DATES

- **March 10, 2017 – Bar Leaders Institute**, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond. www.vsb.org/site/conferences/clba-calendar/bar_leaders_institute
 - **April 7, 2017 – Solo & Small-Firm Practitioner Forum**, Holiday Inn Downtown, Lynchburg. www.vsb.org/site/conferences/clba-calendar/solo_small_firm_practitioner_forum3
 - **April 24, 2017 – VSB TECHSHOW**, Richmond. www.vsb.org/site/events/item/vsb_techshow
 - **May 3, 2017 – 13th Annual Indigent Criminal Defense Seminar**, Greater Richmond Convention Center with webcasts in Weyers Cave and Wytheville. www.vsb.org/site/events/item/all_day_13th_annual_indigent_criminal_defense_seminar
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COMMENTS SOUGHT ON PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

The Virginia State Bar Clients' Protection Fund Board seeks comments on proposed amendments to the Clients' Protection Fund Rules. Details: www.vsb.org/pro-guidelines/index.php/rule_changes/item/proposed_CPF_rules_2016-11

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 reappointment.

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:

2 attorney vacancies (both 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 résumé, 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

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR 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 June meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: 6 vacancies (2 current members are not eligible for reappointment, and 4 current members are eligible for reappointment). Filled from ranks of the council for 1-year terms, by council appointment.

CLIENTS' PROTECTION FUND BOARD: 3 vacancies (1 current lawyer member from the 3rd disciplinary district is not eligible for reappointment; 2 current lawyer members from the 6th and 8th disciplinary districts are eligible for reappointment). May serve 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Appointment by council.

JUDICIAL CANDIDATE EVALUATION COMMITTEE: 6 lawyer vacancies (of which 4 vacancies are to be filled by a member from the 3rd, 4th, 9th or 10th judicial circuits and 2 member at-large vacancies). May serve 1 full 3-year term. Appointment by council.

VIRGINIA LAW FOUNDATION BOARD: 2 vacancies (of which 1 current lawyer member is not eligible for reelection and 1 current lay member is eligible for reelection). May serve 2 consecutive 3-year terms. Appointment by VLF Board on recommendation of council. Term commences January 1, 2018.

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. Term commences January 1, 2018.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION DELEGATES: 4 lawyer vacancies (of which 4 current members are eligible for reappointment). May serve 3 consecutive 2-year terms. Appointment by council. Term commences September 1, 2017.

Nominations, along with a brief résumé, should be sent by **March 10, 2017**, to VSB Nominating Committee, c/o Asha Holloman, Virginia State Bar, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, VA 23219-0026. nominations@vsb.org

President-elect Causey Seeks Members for Virginia State Bar Committees With Terms Commencing July 1, 2017

To: Members of the Bar
From: Doris H. Causey, President-elect

As you know, much of the work of the Virginia State Bar is done through its committees, and we need members willing to serve. Appointments will generally be for a three-year term, running from July 1, 2017, to June 30, 2020, with the possibility of another three-year term to follow. The work of the committees is time consuming and in most cases requires committee members to set aside substantial time to fulfill the requirements of the job.

To encourage participation — and recognizing the time constraints — members are generally limited to serving on only one committee. The number of available positions is quite limited, but I will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible.

The committees are as follows:

Standing Committees:*

- Budget & Finance
- Professionalism
- Lawyer Discipline
- Legal Ethics

Special Committees:

- Access to Legal Services
- Lawyer Referral
- Bench-Bar Relations
- Personal Insurance for Members
- Better Annual Meeting
- Resolution of Fee Disputes
- Communications
- Technology and the Practice of Law
- Lawyer Malpractice Insurance

*Lawyer member vacancies on Standing Committees are limited due to requirements for a specific number of Executive Committee and Council members to serve on each committee.

If you would like to be considered for appointment to any of the VSB committees listed, please complete the form below or download the form at <http://www.vsb.org/site/about> and return it to the Virginia State Bar office by February 24, 2017, by mail or e-mail to Asha B. Holloman:

Virginia State Bar
1111 East Main Street, Suite 700
Richmond, VA 23219-0026
aholloman@vsb.org

VSB Committee Preference Form (term commencing July 1, 2017)

Please complete this form and return it with a brief resume by February 24, 2017.

Name:	VSB Attorney No.:		
Address:			
City/State/Zip:	Phone:	E-mail:	
Choice	Committee Name	Have you ever served on this committee?	Length of Service
1st Choice		Yes No	
2nd Choice		Yes No	
3rd Choice		Yes No	

Check here if you have never served on a VSB committee.

To assist us in the committee selection process, please provide the following information:

Private Practice	Corporate Counsel	
Primary area of practice:	Other	
Government attorney		
Commonwealth	City/County	Federal