

## Notice of Petitions for Reinstatement

*Pursuant to Va. Sup. Ct. R. Pt 6, §IV, ¶13(f) the following individuals have petitioned the Virginia Supreme Court for reinstatement of their licenses to practice law. Panels of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board will bear the petitions on May 25, 2001.\* After hearing evidence and oral arguments, the board will make factual findings and recommend to the Virginia Supreme Court whether the petitions should be accepted or denied. The board seeks information about the fitness of each of these individuals to practice law. Written comments or requests to be heard at the hearings should be submitted to Barbara S. Lanier, Clerk of the Disciplinary System, 707 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219, no later than Wednesday May 16, 2001.*

### Lynn Curtis Brownley

Address: P.O. Box 2-H, Montross, VA 22520  
 License Date: September 11, 1981  
 Revocation Date: April 4, 1989

In January 1989, while he was Commonwealth's Attorney for Westmoreland County, Lynn Curtis Brownley was convicted of felony possession of cocaine. He subsequently surrendered his law license with charges of misconduct pending. On March 25, 1994, Mr. Brownley filed a petition for reinstatement of his law license. Following a hearing, the Disciplinary Board recommended to the Virginia Supreme Court that Mr. Brownley's petition be denied. On January 25, 1995, the Virginia Supreme Court entered an order denying the petition.

In this second petition for reinstatement, filed on May 2, 2000, Mr. Brownley asserts that he has satisfied all the requirements for reinstatement. Specifically, Mr. Brownley asserts that he has been treated for and has recovered from his drug addiction; has kept abreast of developments in the law, has completed 25 hours of continuing legal education; and has worked extensively as a legal assistant for practicing attorneys in his community.



### Edward Delk

Address: 2727 Holly Point Blvd., Chesapeake, Virginia 23325  
 License Date: July 26, 1962  
 Revocation Date: December 20, 1989

The Virginia Supreme Court revoked Edward Delk's license to practice law on December 20, 1989, after receiving his letter of resignation dated December 14, 1989. In January of 1990, Mr. Delk pled guilty to one count of willful misapplication of funds of a federally insured savings and loan association in violation of 18 U.S.C. 657. At the time of his revocation, Mr. Delk's prior disciplinary record included a three year suspension of his law license.

In his petition for reinstatement, Mr. Delk states he successfully completed his sentence of probation and has been employed at various times as a part-time paralegal and as an instructor at Commonwealth College and Bryant & Stratton College. He also states restitution has been made to all interested parties, and he regrets the prior misconduct that led to the surrender and revocation of his law license.

### Gary Alan Howard

Address: 9705 Zimbrow Ave., Manassas, VA 20110-4272  
 License Date: September 24, 1976  
 Revocation Date: June 22, 1999

Gary Howard surrendered his license to practice law in the Commonwealth effective June 22, 1999, with charges of misconduct pending in three cases, including charges of neglect and failure to communicate.

Mr. Howard states in his petition for reinstatement that his surrender of his license was an impetuous act caused by his poor mental health at the time, which included feeling overwhelmed by life. Since his surrender, Mr. Howard alleges that he has engaged in mental health and career counseling, completed the required notification of his clients and taken appropriate actions to protect their interests. Mr. Howard also states that he has paid all required fees and continues to take continuing legal education courses to complete the requirements for reinstatement.



### \*Hearing Locations

Howard:  
 U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals  
 10th and Main Streets, Green Courtroom, 2nd Floor  
 Richmond, VA 23219

Brownley and Delk:  
 State Corporation Commission  
 Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, 2nd Floor  
 Richmond, VA 23219