

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF VSB DOCKET NO. 06-033-0404 (White)
WADE ANTHONY JACOBSON

ORDER OF REVOCATION UPON CONSENT

Came this day Wade Anthony Jacobson upon his Affidavit of Consent to Revocation pursuant to Rules of Court, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13.L. and no objection having been made by the Office of Bar Counsel;

IT IS ORDERED that the license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia of **WADE ANTHONY JACOBSON** is herewith **REVOKED** effective upon entry of this order.

The Affidavit of Consent to Revocation shall be attached to this order and made a part hereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in accordance with Rules of Court, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13.M., Wade Anthony Jacobson shall forthwith give notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the revocation of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia to all clients for whom he is currently handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and presiding judges in pending litigation. Wade Anthony Jacobson shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his clients. Wade Anthony Jacobson shall give such notice within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the revocation and make such arrangements as are required herein within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the revocation. Wade Anthony Jacobson shall furnish proof to the bar within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the revocation that such notices have been timely given and

such arrangements for the disposition of matters made. Issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required herein shall be determined by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board, which may impose a sanction of revocation or suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of Paragraph 13.M.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs pursuant to Rules of Court, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13.B.8.c.

ENTERED THIS 23rd DAY OF March, 2006

for the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

Barbara S. Lawler

I ASK FOR THIS:

Wade A. Jacobson

Wade Anthony Jacobson

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SEEN AND AGREED:

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deemed an admission in any proceeding except one relating to my status as a member of the Virginia State Bar.

I certify that the foregoing is true and correct.


WADE ANTHONY JACOBSON

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY/COUNTY OF RICHMOND, TO-WIT:

The foregoing Affidavit of Consent to Revocation was acknowledged

before me this 22nd day of MARCH, 2006 by WADE

ANTHONY JACOBSON 

Notary Public COMMISSIONER IN CHIEF
RICHMOND CIRCUIT CLERK
COOPER

My commission expires: N/A

EXHIBIT A
**Synopsis of Allegations of Misconduct in Cases
Currently Pending Against Wade Anthony Jacobson**

VS B Docket No. 06-033-0404 (LaVar White)

Mr. White contends that Mr. Jacobson was his court appointed counsel on appeal. The Supreme Court of Virginia noted that Mr. Jacobson filed the Petition for Appeal on February 8, 2005, but then ceased all communications with his client and the Court. Mr. Jacobson failed to keep his scheduled appointment with the Bar's investigator.

VS B Docket No. 06-033-1676 (Elsie Dorsey)

Ms. Elsie Dorsey retained Mr. Jacobson in June of 2004 to represent her interests in a personal injury case for injuries she sustained in a car accident. Ms. Dorsey was unable to contact Mr. Jacobson during the period of representation. She sent him two letters that were returned with no forwarding address, and she learned that his office telephone had been disconnected. Mr. Jacobson also failed to advise Ms. Dorsey that his license to practice law was suspended in July 2005 for failure to comply with a subpoena duces tecum. Mr. Jacobson failed to respond to the complaint.

VS B Docket Nos. 06-033-0772 (Samuel Bell, Jr.) and 06-033-0773 (Samuel Bell, Sr.)

Samuel Bell, Sr. paid Mr. Jacobson \$5,000.00 to handle his son's appeal of conviction of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute. Mr. Bell, Sr. met with Mr. Jacobson on two occasions. Mr. Jacobson failed to keep his client properly informed of developments in his case. Mr. Bell, Jr. never received a copy of his Petition for Appeal to the Fourth Circuit, and Mr. Bell, Sr. went by Mr. Jacobson's office in November of 2004 only to discover that Mr. Jacobson was no longer there. When Bell, Sr. called the Fourth Circuit on August 25, 2005 he discovered that his son's appeal had been dismissed. Mr. Jacobson failed to respond to the investigator's request to meet.

VS B Docket No. 05-033-2967 (Alice Woodley)

Ms. Alice Woodley retained Mr. Jacobson for representation on her personal injury case arising from a car accident. Mr. Jacobson also represented the driver of the car in which Ms. Woodley was a passenger. Mr. Jacobson failed to advise Ms. Woodley of the potential conflict inherent in the representation. Ms. Woodley also retained Mr. Jacobson to represent her on a claim for social security disability. Mr. Jacobson appeared at the hearing and then suddenly withdrew from the case. Mr. Jacobson was also retained to represent her son, Christopher Hamlin, on criminal charges. Mr. Jacobson failed to communicate with Mr. Hamlin and did not return his file until after Ms. Woodley filed her Bar complaint.

VS B Docket No. 06-033-4433 (Cherita Brown)

Ms. Cherita Brown retained Mr. Jacobson to represent her on a social security disability claim. After the initial meeting on March 25, 2005, Mr. Jacobson became difficult to contact. Ms. Brown went to Mr. Jacobson's office in the spring of 2005 and was advised that he no longer had an office there. Ms. Brown called Mr. Jacobson at home and he had no explanation as to why he abandoned his law practice. Mr. Jacobson advised Ms. Brown that he had given all her case files to another attorney without her consent. Mr. Jacobson did not respond to the Bar investigator's request to meet.

VS B Docket No. 05-033-3961 (Dorothy Braxton)

Ms. Dorothy Braxton retained Mr. Jacobson to represent her son on three felony charges in Louisa. Ms. Braxton and her son advised the Court of the retention, and a preliminary hearing was set for February 10, 2005. Mr. Jacobson did not appear, but told Ms. Braxton to have her sign a waiver to proceed without an attorney on the preliminary hearing only. The case was certified to circuit court and was set for April 14, 2005 for arraignment. Ms. Braxton and her son appeared at the arraignment, but Mr. Jacobson called the clerk's office to advise the court that his license to practice had been suspended when in fact he was in good standing. Mr. Jacobson failed to respond to the Bar's subpoena and to a request for interview and he was administratively suspended by order dated July 12, 2005.

VS B Docket No. 05-033-0225 (The Hon. Thomas E. Hoover)

Mr. Jacobson represented Deborah Downey in litigation against Shekia Stukes in King William County Circuit Court. The Hon. Thomas E. Hoover was the presiding judge. On May 19, 2005, Mr. Jacobson failed to appear at a hearing on a motion to compel production of discovery. Judge Hoover set a deadline of June 1, 2005 for Mr. Jacobson to respond to the discovery, but he failed to do so. On July 6, 2005, the Court heard a defense motion to dismiss the case for failure to comply with the Court's discovery order. Ms. Downey was represented by new counsel and Mr. Jacobson did not appear. Judge Hoover continued the case and issued a show cause order against Mr. Jacobson for contempt of court. Mr. Jacobson failed to keep a scheduled appointment to meet with the Bar's investigator.

VS B Docket No. 05-033-4774 (Donte D. Harris)

Mr. Harris retained Mr. Jacobson to file suit for personal injuries sustained in an automobile accident in May 2004. Mr. Jacobson agreed to the representation on a contingency fee basis. Mr. Harris met with Mr. Jacobson on several occasions. Mr. Jacobson subsequently called Mr. Harris and told him that his mother had recently died and that he had been out of contact for a while. During that conversation, Mr. Jacobson advised Mr. Harris that he had reached settlement with the insurance carrier of one of the defendants but needed a few more weeks in which to file suit against the second defendant. Mr. Harris believed that suit had been filed, but he never received copies of

any pleadings or any communication from Mr. Jacobson. Mr. Harris tried calling Mr. Jacobson a few weeks later in the beginning of 2005 but came to learn that his phone was disconnected. Further, Mr. Jacobson's secretary had no forwarding address for him. Mr. Jacobson failed to keep a scheduled appointment to meet with the Bar's investigator.