

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF NORFOLK

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**VIRGINIA STATE BAR EX REL.
SECOND DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

JUN 20 2005

Complainant

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v.

CL 05-211

WILLIAM P. ROBINSON, JR.

Respondent

ORDER OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Having been certified for hearing by the Second District Committee of the Virginia State Bar, and the Respondent, William P. Robinson, Jr., by counsel, having requested a hearing before a three-judge court pursuant to Virginia Code Section 54.1-3935, this cause came to be heard at 10:00 A.M. on April 18, 2005, by a duly convened, three-judge court consisting of the Honorable William A. Shelton, Retired Judge, the Honorable Alfred D. Swersky, Retired Judge, and Honorable Jonathan M. Apgar, Chief Judge. Assistant Bar Counsel Paul D. Georgiadis appeared for the Virginia State Bar. Michael L. Rigsby represented the Respondent, William P. Robinson. The Respondent was present.

Upon the joint motion of counsel, the Court amended the charges of misconduct as contained in the Certification dated December 6, 2004, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein. By said amendment, references to December 4, 2004 and December 30, 2004 in paragraphs 9 and 10 of the Certification were amended to December 4, 2002 and December 30, 2002.

Thereafter, the Court proceeded in this matter, which consisted of allegations of misconduct of Respondent failing to perfect three appeals before the Court of Appeals and the Virginia Supreme Court: the appeal of Salim Ra Louis; the appeal of Derek Allen Surrency; and the appeal of Donald Lee Williams, Jr.

After due deliberation, it was the unanimous opinion of the Court that the Virginia State Bar proved by clear and convincing evidence the allegations regarding lack of diligence, Rule 1.3(a), in Respondent's handling of the appeals of Derek Allen Surrency and Donald Lee Williams, Jr., as set forth in the attached Certification dated December 6, 2004.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Court that the Virginia State Bar failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence the remaining allegations as to Competence, Rule 1.1, in the appeals of Derek Allen Surrency and Donald Lee Williams, Jr.

It was the unanimous opinion of the Court that the Virginia State Bar failed to prove by clear and convincing evidence the allegations of misconduct as to Competence, Rule 1.1 and Diligence, Rule 1.3(a), in the appeal of Salim Ra Louis, as set forth in the Certification.

The Court then received evidence, including the testimony of Respondent and his prior discipline record, and heard argument concerning an appropriate disposition, and recessed to determine what sanctions, if any, to impose.

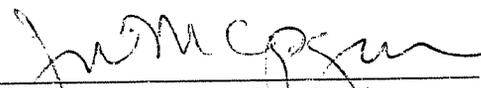
Accordingly, by unanimous decision, it is ORDERED that William P. Robinson be and is hereby REPRIMANDED by this Court.

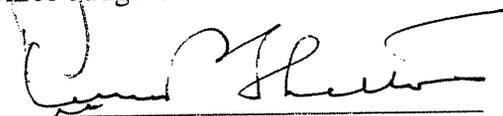
Pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13.B.8.c. of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System of the Virginia State Bar shall assess costs.

The court reporter who transcribed these proceedings is Catherine Edwards, Ron Graham & Associates, 5344 Hickory Ridge, Virginia Beach, VA 23455-6680.

A copy *teste* of this order shall be served by the Clerk of this Court by certified mail, return receipt requested upon the Respondent, William P. Robinson, Jr., 256 West Freemason Street, Norfolk, VA 23510-1221, his address of record with the Virginia State Bar; by First Class U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid to Respondent's counsel, Michael L. Rigsby, Esquire, Carrell, Rice & Rigsby Forest Plaza II, Suite 309, 7275 Glen Forest Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23226 and by First Class U.S. Mail, postage pre-paid to Paul D. Georgiadis, Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar, Eighth and Main Building, Suite 1500, 707 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

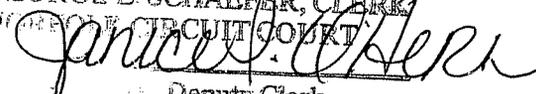
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Jonathan M. Apgar, Chief Judge
Three-Judge Court


William R. Shelton, Retired Judge

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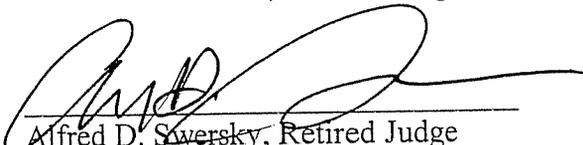
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Deputy Clerk

sign on behalf

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Date: 6-17-05


Alfred D. Swersky, Retired Judge