

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

ORDER

The Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (the Board) will follow the Supreme Court of Virginia's directives contained in its March 16, 2020 Order Declaring a Judicial Emergency in Response to COVID-19 Emergency:

1. The Board will continue to provide essential services while balancing the health and safety needs of the Board's volunteers and personnel who staff the disciplinary hearings.
2. The Board proceedings set for hearing through April 30, 2020 shall be continued until further notice, with the exception of those set for Agreed Disposition by telephone or as authorized by paragraph 3 below. Any deadlines for hearings set through April 30, 2020 shall be continued and a new Prehearing Order shall be issued.
3. If emergency matters arise that must be dealt with during the COVID-19 crisis, as determined in the discretion of the Disciplinary Board, then the appropriate hearing(s) shall be scheduled to take place as soon as possible, in the safest manner possible.
4. If an in-person hearing must be held during the COVID-19 crisis, courtroom attendance will be limited to attorneys, parties and necessary witnesses and members of the press in any matters that cannot be continued or held electronically.

ENTERED: March 17, 2020.

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Sandra L. Havrilak, Chair