

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF  
GORDON BRADFORD JONES

VS. DOCKET NO. 20-000-118987

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE  
AND  
ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND HEARING

It appearing to the Board that Gordon Bradford Jones was licensed to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 19, 2018; and,

It further appearing that Gordon Bradford Jones has been convicted of a Crime, as defined by the *Rules of the Supreme Court*, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-1.

Upon consideration whereof, it is therefore ORDERED, pursuant to the *Rules of the Supreme Court*, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22, that the license of Gordon Bradford Jones to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and the same hereby is SUSPENDED, effective **July 6, 2020**.

It is further ORDERED that Gordon Bradford Jones appear before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board via teleconference utilizing the Microsoft Teams platform at 10:00 a.m. on July 28, 2020, to show cause why his license to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia should not be further suspended or revoked.

It is further ORDERED that Gordon Bradford Jones shall forthwith give notice, by certified mail, of the suspension of his license to practice law in Virginia to all clients for whom he is currently handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and the presiding judges in pending litigation. Gordon Bradford Jones shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his clients. Gordon Bradford Jones shall give such notice within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the suspension order, and

make such arrangements as are required herein within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the suspension order. Gordon Bradford Jones shall also furnish proof to the bar within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the suspension order 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 Disciplinary Board, which may impose a sanction of revocation or suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of this subparagraph.

It is further ORDERED that a copy of the Conviction and Sentencing Order of the Circuit Court of Hanover County, Case No. CR20000205, be attached to this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is further ORDERED that an attested copy of this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing, with attachments, shall be mailed to Gordon Bradford Jones, by certified mail and regular mail at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, Gordon Bradford Jones, Esq., Gordon Jones Legal, 7946 Yancey Dr, Falls Church, VA 22042, and to Paulo E. Franco, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, Virginia 23219-0026.

ENTERED: June 29, 2020.

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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**Clerk of the Disciplinary System  
Virginia State Bar**

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HANOVER COUNTY

FEDERAL INFORMATION  
PROCESSING STANDARDS  
CODE: 085

Hearing Date: March 25, 2020  
Judge: Patricia Kelly

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

v.

CASE NUMBER: CR20000205

GORDON BRADFORD JONES, DEFENDANT

**CONVICTION AND SENTENCING ORDER**

This case came before the Court for trial of the defendant, who appeared while in custody, with his attorney, Barbara H. Earp. The Commonwealth was represented by Travis P. Hughes.

The attorney for the Commonwealth moved to amend the warrant to remove the statement that the accused committed this offense after having committed two prior violations of Virginia Code Section 18.2-266 or provisions of law set forth in subsection E of Virginia Code Section 18.2-270 during the ten year period ending on the date of the current offense. There being no objection, the Court granted the motion to amend the warrant.

The defendant having waived indictment and, after being advised by counsel, pleaded guilty to the following offense as charged in the amended warrant:

CASE NUMBER	OFFENSE DESCRIPTION, AND INDICATOR	OFFENSE DATE	VA. CODE SECTION	VA. CRIME CODE
CR20000205(00)	DWI, 3 <sup>rd</sup> offense within five years/Felony	10/16/2019	18.2-266 and 18.2-270	DWI5450F6

The defendant, his counsel, and the attorney for the Commonwealth advised the Court there was a written plea agreement in this case. The written agreement, having been presented to the Court, was filed as a part of the record. The Court made inquiry and was of the opinion the defendant fully understood the nature and consequences of his plea, the penalty that may be imposed upon his conviction, and the waiver of trial by jury and appeal. Having heard a summary of the evidence and argument of counsel, the Court found the evidence substantial and sufficient for a finding of guilty, accepted the defendant's plea of guilty tendered in person, found the defendant guilty of the charge described above, and accepted the written plea agreement.

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The defendant and the attorney for the Commonwealth agreed to waive preparation of a presentence report and proceed to sentencing. The Court concurred and accepted the waiver of preparation of a presentence report.

In accordance with the provisions of Virginia Code Section 19.2-298.01, the Court considered and reviewed the applicable discretionary sentencing guidelines and the guidelines worksheets. The sentencing guidelines worksheets and the written explanation of any departure from the guidelines were **ORDERED** filed as a part of the record in this case.

Before pronouncing the sentence, the Court inquired whether the defendant desired to make a statement or provide any reason why judgment should not be pronounced. The defendant having been given the opportunity to be heard, the Court **SENTENCED** the defendant as follows, in accordance with the written plea agreement:

Incarceration with the **Virginia Department of Corrections** for five years.

Six months is the mandatory minimum sentence.

A fine of \$1,000.00 in CR20000205(00).

Driver's license suspension for a period of an indefinite period of time.

The total period of incarceration imposed was five years.

The Court **SUSPENDED** four years, six months of the period of incarceration imposed, on the following terms and conditions:

**Good behavior.** The defendant shall keep the peace, be of good behavior, and not violate the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, any sister state, and the United States of America for five years from the defendant's date of sentencing. **Defendant shall not operate a motor vehicle or any self-propelled machinery without first reinstating his license.**

**Supervised probation.** The defendant shall be placed on active supervised probation to commence upon release from incarceration under the supervision of a Probation Officer of this Court for an indefinite period of time not to exceed five years. The defendant shall comply with all the rules and requirements set by the Probation Officer, including substance abuse counseling, screening, and/or testing as prescribed by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall abstain from the use of alcohol, illicit drugs, or controlled substances without a valid prescription from a healthcare provider for the duration of his good behavior. The defendant shall report to District 41 Probation and Parole immediately

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upon release from incarceration. Probation may be transferred to another appropriate jurisdiction.

**VASAP.** The defendant shall enter and successfully complete the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program to include Interlock with camera prior to operator's license reinstatement.

**Trauma Fund.** The defendant shall pay \$50.00 to the Trauma Center Fund.

**Costs.** The defendant shall pay all court costs associated with the prosecution of this matter, including any court-appointed attorney's fees.

**DNA sample and fingerprints.** The defendant shall immediately give a sample for DNA analysis, in accordance with Virginia Code Section 19.2-310.2, and the sections that follow, as amended, and legible fingerprints if the defendant has not already done so, in accordance with the separate order entered on March 25, 2020.

As part of the defendant's plea agreement, the defendant agreed he would not seek modification of the charge and/or sentence. The defendant further agreed he is not eligible for any alternative to incarceration.

This sentence shall run consecutively with all other sentences.

The defendant shall be given credit for time spent in confinement awaiting trial in accordance with Virginia Code Section 53.1-187.

The Court certified at all times the defendant was personally present with an attorney.

