

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
NANCY THERESA LORD**

VS B DOCKET NO. 20-000-118890

**AGREED DISPOSITION MEMORANDUM ORDER
SIX MONTH AND ONE DAY SUSPENSION**

On Tuesday, September 15, 2020 this matter was heard by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board upon the joint request of the parties for the Board to accept the Agreed Disposition signed by the parties and offered to the Board as provided by Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The panel consisted of Carolyn V. Grady, First Vice Chair, Sandra L. Havrilak, Robin J. Kegley, Kamala H. Lannetti and Reba H. Davis, Lay Member. The Virginia State Bar was represented by Shelley L. Spalding, Assistant Bar Counsel. Nancy Theresa Lord was not present and was not represented by counsel. Before the hearing began, the Clerk's office representative called Ms. Lord and was unable to reach her by telephone. Assistant Bar Counsel represented to the Board that she and Ms. Lord spoke of the date, time and purpose of the conference call. This data was also communicated to Ms. Lord via the email address provided to Assistant Bar Counsel and Ms. Lord returned the signed Agreed Disposition from that email. The Board was satisfied that Ms. Lord received notice of the conference call via email, and had actual notice of the conference call through her communications with Assistant Bar Counsel. The Board also recognized that Ms. Lord waived her ability to raise any defenses to any reciprocal discipline by signing the Agreed Disposition on September 11, 2020. The Chair then polled the members of the Board as to whether any of them were aware of any personal or financial interest or bias which would preclude any of them from fairly hearing the matter to which each member responded in the negative. Court Reporter Beverly Lukowsky, Chandler and Halasz, P.O. Box 9349, Richmond,

Virginia 23227, telephone (804) 730-1222, after being duly sworn, reported the hearing and transcribed the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, upon consideration of the Agreed Disposition, Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Notice of Hearing, Respondent's Disciplinary Record, the argument of Assistant Bar Counsel, and after due deliberation,

It is **ORDERED** that the Disciplinary Board accepts the Agreed Disposition and the Respondent shall receive a six month and one day suspension, as set forth in the Agreed Disposition, which is attached and incorporated in this Memorandum Order.

It is further **ORDERED** that the sanction is effective September 4, 2020.

It is further **ORDERED** that:

The Respondent must comply with the requirements of Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Respondent shall forthwith give notice by certified mail of the Revocation or Suspension of her license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to all clients for whom she is currently handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and presiding Judges in pending litigation. The Respondent shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in her care in conformity with the wishes of her clients. The Respondent shall give such notice within 14 days of the effective date of the Revocation or Suspension, and make such arrangements as are required herein within 45 days of the effective date of the Revocation or Suspension. The Respondent shall also furnish proof to the Bar within 60 days of the effective day of the Revocation or Suspension that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements made for the disposition of matters.

It is further **ORDERED** that if the Respondent is not handling any client matters on the effective date of the Revocation or Suspension, she shall submit an affidavit to that effect within 60 days of the effective date of the Revocation or Suspension to the Clerk of the Disciplinary

System at the Virginia State Bar. All issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required by Paragraph 13-29 shall be determined by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board, which may impose a sanction of Revocation or additional Suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of this subparagraph.

The Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-9(E). of the Rules.

It is further ORDERED that an attested copy of this Order be mailed to the Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and electronic mail to her last address of record with the Virginia State Bar at #220, 1970 North Leslie Road, Pahrump, NV 89060, and a copy by electronic mail to Shelley L. Spalding, Assistant Bar Counsel, Virginia State Bar, Suite 700, 1111 E. Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

Enter this Order this 16th day of September, 2020

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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AGREED DISPOSITION
FOR IMPOSITION OF RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE
SIX MONTH AND ONE DAY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.H, the Virginia State Bar, by Shelley L. Spalding, Assistant Bar Counsel and Nancy Theresa Lord ("Respondent"), *pro se* hereby enter into the following Agreed Disposition arising out of the above-referenced matter.

I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a member of the Virginia State Bar not in good standing as a result of her failure to pay her bar dues from 2011-2013. She was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 25, 1991. Respondent is also licensed to practice law in Nevada.

2. On December 20, 2017, the Supreme Court of Nevada affirmed the recommendation of the Southern Nevada Disciplinary Board that Respondent be suspended for six months and one day for violations of the Nevada Rules of Professional Conduct. The Order of Suspension of the Supreme Court of Nevada is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. The Supreme Court of Nevada found Respondent committed the following Rule violations: RPC 1.3 (diligence), RPC 1.15 (safekeeping property), RPC 3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel), RPC 3.5 (impartiality and decorum of the tribunal), RPC 8.1(b) (bar admission and disciplinary matters: failing to respond to a lawful demand for information from a disciplinary authority); RPC 8.2 (judicial and legal officials), RPC 8.4(c) (misconduct: engaging in conduct

involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), and RPC 8.4(d) (misconduct: engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).

3. On August 28, 2020, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board issued a Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing against Respondent to show cause why the same discipline imposed in Nevada should not be imposed by the Board. A hearing is set for September 25, 2020.

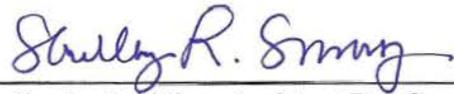
4. Respondent agrees that the same discipline imposed in Nevada should be imposed by the Board and waives any rights under Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-24 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia and further agrees not to appeal any Order entered by the Board consistent with the Proposed Disposition.

II. PROPOSED DISPOSITION

Accordingly, Assistant Bar Counsel and the Respondent tender to the Disciplinary Board for its approval the agreed disposition of a six month and one day suspension as representing an appropriate sanction if this matter were to be heard through an evidentiary hearing by a panel of the Disciplinary Board pursuant to ¶ 13-24 of the Rules.

If the Agreed Disposition is approved, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs pursuant to ¶ 13-9.E of the Rules.

THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By: 
Shelley L. Spalding, Assistant Bar Counsel


Nancy Theresa Lord, Respondent