

VIRGINIA:

Before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

In the Matter of

JORGE ANDRES ORTIZ
Attorney at Law

VSB Docket No. 20-000-116867

CONSENT TO REVOCATION ORDER

On October 21, 2019, came Jorge Andres Ortiz and presented to the Board an Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation (hereinafter “Affidavit”) of his license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth. By tendering his Consent to Revocation at a time when allegations of Misconduct are pending, the nature of which are specifically set forth in the attached Affidavit, Respondent acknowledges that that the material facts upon which the allegations of Misconduct are pending are true.

The Board having considered the Affidavit, and Bar Counsel having no objection, the Board accepts his Consent to Revocation.

Upon consideration whereof, it is therefore ordered that Jorge Andres Ortiz’ license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth be and the same hereby is revoked, and that the name of Jorge Andres Ortiz be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys of this Commonwealth.

Entered this 21st day of October, 2019

Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

By Yvonne S. Gibney Digitally signed by Yvonne S. Gibney
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Yvonne S. Gibney
Second Vice Chair



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BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
JORGE ANDRÉS ORTIZ

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AFFIDAVIT DECLARING CONSENT TO REVOCATION

Jorge Andrés Ortiz, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. That I, Jorge Andrés Ortiz, was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on December 6, 2005;

2. That I, Jorge Andrés Ortiz, submit this Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation pursuant to Rule of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-28;

3. That my consent to revocation is freely and voluntarily rendered, that I, Jorge Andrés Ortiz, am not being subjected to coercion or duress, and that I, Jorge Andrés Ortiz, am fully aware of the implications of consenting to the revocation of my license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

4. I, Jorge Andrés Ortiz, am aware that there is currently pending a complaint, an investigation into, or a proceeding involving, allegations of misconduct, the docket number for which is set forth above, and the specific nature of which is here set forth:


On August 28, 2019, I pled guilty to and was convicted of forging a public record, with the intent to defraud, in violation of Va. Code § 18.2-168. A copy of the Conviction Order is attached as Exhibit 1. I represented a client, husband, in a divorce proceeding, and I forged the attached Waiver of Service of Process and Notice stating that my client's then wife reviewed the divorce complaint and did not object to the proceeding and further that she waived her right to

service of process of the summons and complaint and notice of all further proceedings including, but not limited to, any notices of depositions, the appointment of a Commissioner in Chancery, the filing of the report of a Commissioner in Chancery, and presentation of the final decree of divorce for entry by the Court. The waiver of service of process which I forged also waived wife's right to any objection to venue or jurisdiction and to the 21-day period to file responsive pleadings. I also forged the notary's signature. The Waiver of Service of Process and Notice is attached as Exhibit 2;

5. I, Jorge Andrés Ortiz, acknowledge that the material facts upon which the allegations of misconduct are predicated are true; and

6. I, Jorge Andrés Ortiz, submit this Affidavit and consent to the revocation of my license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia because I know that if the disciplinary proceedings based on the said alleged misconduct were brought or prosecuted to a conclusion, I could not successfully defend them.

Executed and dated on 10/21/19



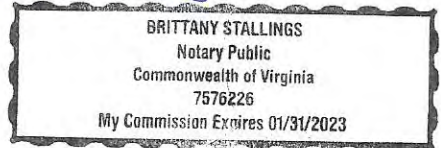
Jorge Andrés Ortiz
Respondent

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY/COUNTY OF Colonial Heights, to wit:

The foregoing Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation was subscribed and sworn to before me by Jorge Andrés Ortiz on October 21st, 2019

My Commission expires: January 31st, 2023

Notary Public



CONVICTION ORDER

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF HENRICO COUNTY

Judge: James S. Yoffy

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

vs.

JORGE A. ORTIZ

ORDER – CASE NOS. CR18-4443 through 4448-00F

On August 28, 2019, came Michael Huberman, the attorney for the Commonwealth, and Jorge A. Ortiz, born [REDACTED], who stands indicted for six (6) felonies, to-wit: forge a public record, with the intent to defraud (Virginia Code Section 18.2-168), as charged in each Indictment in Case Nos. CR18-4443, 4445, 4447-00F; and utter a forged public record, with intent to defraud (Virginia Code Section 18.2-168), as charged in each Indictment in Case Nos. CR18-4444, 4446, 4448-00F, appeared according to the conditions of his bond, and came also Raul Novo, his attorney heretofore retained.

Whereupon the accused was arraigned in Case No. CR18-4443-00F and after private consultation with and being advised by his said counsel, pleaded guilty to the Indictment, which plea was tendered by the accused in person. And the Court, having made inquiry and being of the opinion that the accused fully understood the nature and effect of his pleas and of the penalties that may be imposed upon his conviction and of the waiver of trial by jury and of appeal, finding that the plea was voluntarily and intelligently entered, proceeded to hear and determine this case without the intervention of a jury as provided by law.

After hearing and considering all of the evidence and the argument of counsel, the Court finds the defendant guilty of forge a public record, with the intent to defraud (Virginia Code Section 18.2-168), as charged in the Indictment in Case No. CR18-4443-00F.

The Court, on motion of the defendant by counsel, before fixing punishment or imposing sentence, directs the Probation Officer of this Court to thoroughly evaluate the defendant and to investigate and report to the Court as provided by law on the 6th day of December, 2019, and sentencing is set for the 13th day of December, 2019, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., to which time this case is continued.

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The attorney for the Commonwealth moved the Court to nolle prosequi the charges in Case Nos. CR18-4444, 4445, 4446, 4447, 4448-00F, and there being no objection by the attorney for the accused, said motion is granted.

The Court certifies that at all times during this proceeding the defendant was present in person, and his attorney was likewise present in person and capably represented the defendant.

These cases having been set for a one (1) day trial without a jury on August 29, 2019, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., are now removed from the docket.

Thereupon, the bond of the defendant shall continue pending further Order of this Court, and he was allowed to depart.

The Clerk is directed to forward an attested copy of this Order to District #32, Office of Probation and Parole, 2914 Hungary Spring Road, Richmond, VA 23228.

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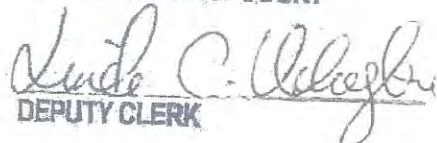
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James S. Yoffy, Judge

pmo for lam

J. BARSHINGER, CLERK
HENRICO CIRCUIT COURT



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VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF HENRICO.

CARLOS LUGO

Plaintiff,

v.

NORMA E. SALDIVAS CRUZ

Defendant

Case No: CL17001984-00

WAIVER OF SERVICE OF PROCESS AND NOTICE

I, Norma E. Saldivas Cruz, swear under oath/affirm the following:

1. My name is Norma E. Saldivas Cruz and I reside at 4804 Caldwell Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23234, located in the County of Chesterfield, Virginia.

2. I am married to the plaintiff in this case, Carlos Lugo.

3. It is my understanding that Carlos Lugo filed Complaint for Divorce in this Court seeking a divorce on the grounds that the parties have lived separate and apart for more than twelve months, there was one minor child born of the marriage or adopted, and the parties entered into a Separation Agreement. Attached to this Affidavit is a copy of the Complaint which Carlos Lugo has filed in this case. I have reviewed this Complaint and I do not object to this proceeding by Carlos Lugo.

4. I waive my right to service of process of the Summons and Complaint in this matter and my right to service of process and notice of all further proceedings in this matter including, but not limited to, any notice of depositions, notice of the appointment of a Commissioner in Chancery, notice of the filing of the report of a Commissioner in Chancery, and notice of presentation of the final decree of divorce for entry by the Court. I have made this

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[Signature]
Deputy Clerk, Henrico Circuit Court

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waiver freely and voluntarily.

5. I waive any objection to venue or jurisdiction of the court;

6. I waive my right to the twenty-one (21) day period for filing responsive pleadings as set forth in Rule 3:8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

7. I understand that I should notify the Court in writing if I change my address while this case is pending.

8. I acknowledge that Jorge A. Ortiz, Esq. represents my spouse in this divorce and does not represent me. I understand that I am permitted to retain an attorney of my choice to represent me.

Norma E. Saldivas Cruz

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY/COUNTY of Charlottesville, to-wit:

Subscribed and sworn to/affirmed before me this 12th day of August, 2017, by Norma E. Saldivas Cruz.

Kathy A. Suro


Notary Public

My commission expires: 12/31/2017
Notary Commission No.: 7540791

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