

VIRGINIA:

Before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

In the Matter of

Alfred M. Tripp

VSB Docket No. 08-021-073929

Attorney at Law

On October 14, 2009, came Alfred M. Tripp and presented to the Board an Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation of his license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth. By tendering his Consent to Revocation at a time when disciplinary charges are pending, he admits that the charges in the attached Certification document are true.

The Board having considered the said Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation, and Bar Counsel having no objection, the Board accepts his Consent to Revocation. Accordingly, it is ordered that the license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth heretofore issued to the said Alfred M. Tripp be and the same hereby is revoked, and that the name of the said Alfred M. Tripp be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys of this Commonwealth.

Entered this 20th day of October, 2009

For the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

By Barbara S. Lanier
Barbara Sayers Lanier, Clerk of the Disciplinary System

VIRGINIA:

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BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF
ALFRED M. TRIPP

VSB CLERKS OFFICE

VSB Docket No. 08-21-073929

AFFIDAVIT DECLARING CONSENT TO REVOCATION

Alfred M. Tripp, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. That he was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on January 21, 1972;

2. That he submits this Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-28 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

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

4. That he is aware that he is the subject of a pending disciplinary proceeding involving allegations of misconduct, the specific nature of which is as follows:

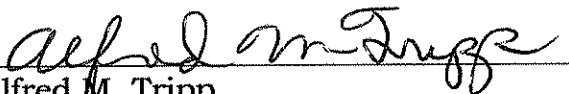
VSB Docket No. 08-21-073929 – In furtherance of his efforts to obtain appointments to the bench, Respondent completed, signed and submitted to the Virginia General Assembly Courts of Justice Committees Judicial Selection Questionnaire forms in 1989, 1990, 1998 and 2003, and in Incumbent Judges Questionnaire form in 2006. In each of the Judicial Selection Questionnaire

forms and on the incumbent Judges Questionnaire form, Respondent answered "No" to the question which asked "Have you ever been treated for any emotional or mental illness or condition? If so, please give the particulars." From 1987 through 2006, the Respondent had received treatment for a variety of emotional and mental health conditions and issues;

5. That he acknowledges that the material facts upon which the allegations of misconduct are predicated are true; and

6. That he submits this Affidavit and consents to the revocation of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia because he knows that if the disciplinary proceedings based on the said alleged misconduct were brought or prosecuted to a conclusion, he could not successfully defend them.

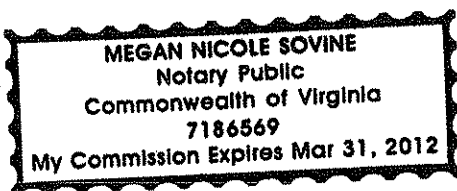
Given this 13th day of OCTOBER, 2009.



Alfred M. Tripp
Respondent

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,

CITY/COUNTY OF Norfolk, to-wit:

The foregoing Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation was subscribed and sworn to before me by Alfred M. Tripp, who is personally known to me, on this 13 day of October, 2009.




Notary Public

My Commission expires: March 31, 2012

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE SECOND DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

IN THE MATTER OF
ALFRED M. TRIPP

VSB Docket No. 08-021-073929

SUBCOMMITTEE DETERMINATION
(CERTIFICATION)

On March 10, 2009, a meeting in this matter was held before a duly convened Second District Subcommittee consisting of Donald C. Schultz, Esquire, Presiding Chair, Robert J. Krask, Esquire, Member, and Nancy L. Bloom, Lay Member.

Pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13.G.1.c. of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Second District Subcommittee of the Virginia State Bar hereby serves upon the Respondent the following Certification:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Alfred M. Tripp (hereinafter "Respondent") was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia in 1972 and remained so licensed at all times relevant hereto.
2. After practicing law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for several years, the Respondent sought an appointment to the bench. In furtherance of his efforts to obtain such an appointment, the Respondent completed, signed and submitted to the Virginia General Assembly Courts of Justice Committees Judicial Selection Questionnaire forms in 1989, 1990, 1998 and 2003 (under oath).
3. The Respondent was appointed to the Norfolk General District Court bench in 2003.

4. In 2006, in furtherance of his efforts to be elevated to the Norfolk Circuit Court bench, the Respondent submitted to the Virginia General Assembly Courts of Justice Committees an Incumbent Judges Questionnaire form that he had completed and signed under oath. Following said submission, the Respondent was elevated to the Norfolk Circuit Court bench.

5. In each of the Judicial Selection Questionnaire forms, Tripp answered “No” to question 28(c), which asked “Have you ever been treated for any emotional or mental illness or condition? If so, please give the particulars.”

6. In the Incumbent Judges Questionnaire form, Tripp answered “No” to question 24, which asked “Have you ever been treated for any emotional or mental illness or condition? Please give the details.”

7. From 1987 through 2006, the Respondent received treatment for a variety of emotional and mental health conditions and issues, including, but not limited to, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

Such conduct by Alfred M. Tripp constitutes misconduct in violation of the following provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct:

RULE 8.4 Misconduct

It is professional misconduct for a lawyer to:

(b) commit a criminal or deliberately wrongful act that reflects adversely on the lawyer’s honesty, trustworthiness or fitness to practice law;

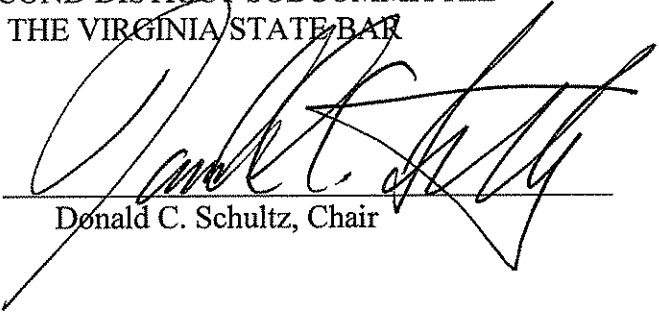
(c) engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation which reflects adversely on the lawyer’s fitness to practice law.

III. CERTIFICATION

Accordingly, it is the decision of the subcommittee to certify the above matters to the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board.

SECOND DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By


Donald C. Schultz, Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 14th day of APRIL, 2009, I mailed by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Subcommittee Determination (Certification) to Alfred M. Tripp, Esquire, Respondent, at PO Box 9672, Norfolk, VA 23505-0672, the Respondent's last address of record with the Virginia State Bar, and by first class mail, postage prepaid, to Respondent's Counsel, Michael L. Rigsby, Esquire, at 7275 Glen Forest Drive, Forest Plaza II, Suite 310, Richmond, VA 23226.

