

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

IN THE MATTER OF
CARRIE WILLIS WITTER

VS B DOCKET NO. 18-000-112943

CONSENT ORDER OF IMPAIRMENT SUSPENSION

WHEREAS the Virginia State Bar, by Kathryn R. Montgomery, deputy bar counsel, has caused an Impairment investigation to be opened before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board against Carrie Willis Witter (“Respondent”) on the basis that the bar has reason to believe that Respondent is suffering from an Impairment as defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia; and

WHEREAS Respondent and her counsel, Lindsay Rogers Hartz, Esquire stipulate that there is clear and convincing evidence of Respondent’s Impairment; and

WHEREAS Respondent, her counsel, and deputy bar counsel believe that a suspension of Respondent’s law license on the basis of Impairment will protect the public and is in Respondent’s best interests; and

WHEREAS Respondent and her counsel consent to the entry of an order suspending Respondent’s license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on the basis that Respondent has an Impairment as that term is defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia; and

WHEREAS Respondent acknowledges and represents that the bar’s Petition and in this matter is true and accurate, that she is suffering from an Impairment as that term is defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, and that she is seeking treatment to recover from her Impairment; and

WHEREAS the Disciplinary Board has reviewed the bar's Petition, the Board hereby finds that Respondent suffers from an Impairment as that term is defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia and that the underlying condition materially impairs Respondent's fitness to practice law.

Based on the forgoing and the consent of Respondent, her counsel, and the bar, and it otherwise appearing just and proper to do so, it is hereby ORDERED, pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, that Respondent Carrie Willis Witter's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be and hereby is SUSPENDED indefinitely upon entry of this Order due to Impairment and shall remain suspended until it is established that she no longer suffers from an Impairment.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent shall give notice, by certified mail, of the 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, and shall make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of any matters presently in her care in conformity with the wishes of her clients, pursuant to the requirements of Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall send a certified copy of this Order by certified mail to Respondent at her last address of record with the Virginia State Bar, by regular mail and email to her counsel Lindsay Rogers Hartz, Esquire and shall deliver a copy to Kathryn R. Montgomery, deputy bar counsel.

ENTERED THIS 13th DAY OF JULY, 2018

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

By Lisa A. Wilson

WE ASK FOR THIS:

Carrie Willis Witter
Carrie Willis Witter, Respondent

Lindsay Rogers Hartz
Lindsay Rogers Hartz, Esquire
counsel for Carrie Willis Witter

Kathryn R. Montgomery
Kathryn R. Montgomery, deputy bar counsel