

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
EDWARD JOSEPH CRISONINO**

VSb DOCKET NO. 26-000-136481

**AGREED DISPOSITION MEMORANDUM ORDER
SIX MONTH SUSPENSION**

On October 3, 2025, this matter was heard, via the Microsoft Teams platform, by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (“the 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 Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The panel consisted of Jennifer D. Royer, Chair (“the Chair”); Carolyn V. Grady; Mary Beth Nash; Michael C. Moore; and Samuel Massenberg, Jr., Lay Member. The Virginia State Bar was represented by Richard W. Johnson, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel. Edward Joseph Crisonino (“Respondent”) was present and appeared *pro se*. The Chair 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 this matter to which each member responded in the negative. Court Reporter Beverly Horne, 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, the Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing, and the Respondent’s Disciplinary Record, the arguments of the parties, and after due deliberation,

It is **ORDERED** that the Board accepts the Agreed Disposition, and the Respondent shall

receive a Six-Month 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 as of October 3, 2025.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Respondent must comply with the requirements of Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Respondent must forthwith give notice by certified mail of the Suspension of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to all clients for whom he is currently handling matters and to all opposing Attorneys and presiding Judges in pending litigation. The Respondent must also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of her clients. The Respondent must give such notice immediately and in no event later than fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the Suspension, and make such arrangements as are required herein as soon as is practicable and in no event later than forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the Suspension. The Respondent must also furnish proof to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System of the Virginia State Bar within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Suspension that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements have been 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 Suspension, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Suspension to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System at the Virginia State Bar. The Board must decide all issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required herein. The burden of proof shall be on the Respondent to show compliance. If the Respondent fails to show compliance, the Board may impose a sanction of Revocation or additional Suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of subparagraph 13-29.

It is further **ORDERED** that pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-9.E, of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk shall assess all costs against the Respondent.

It is further **ORDERED** that an attested copy of this Order be mailed by the Clerk to the Respondent by electronic, first-class and certified mail, return receipt requested, to his Virginia State Bar address of record, at 216 Haddon Avenue, Suite 602, Westmont, NJ 08108, and a copy by electronic mail to Richard W. Johnson, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel.

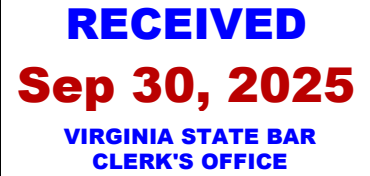
ENTERED THIS **3rd** DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Signed by:



Jennifer D. Royer
Chair



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Pursuant to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.H, the Virginia State Bar, by Richard W. Johnson, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel, and Edward Joseph Crisonino, Respondent, *pro se*, hereby enter into the following Agreed Disposition arising out of the referenced matter.

I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. Respondent was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 2, 1984 and in the State of New Jersey in 1987.
2. On October 17, 2024, the New Jersey Office of Attorney Ethics prosecuted Respondent for ethical violations before the New Jersey Disciplinary Review Board ("Disciplinary Board"). Respondent appeared at the hearing and was represented by Robert Ramsey, Esq.
3. On January 25, 2025, the Disciplinary Board issued its Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law, finding by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent violated the following New Jersey Attorneys' Rules of Professional Conduct ("NJRPC"): 1.1(a) (Competence); 1.3 (Diligence); 1.5(b)(Fees); 1.4(c) (Communication); 3.1 (Meritorious Claims and Contentions); 8.4(c) (Misconduct); and 8.4(d) (Misconduct).
4. The Disciplinary Board recommended a six month suspension as the appropriate sanction to the Supreme Court of New Jersey.

5. On May 6, 2025, the Supreme Court of New Jersey, exercising its original jurisdiction over attorney discipline proceedings, issued an order suspending Respondent from the practice of law for a period of six months. A copy of the order is attached.
6. Respondent agrees that the Disciplinary Board of the Virginia State Bar should impose the same discipline imposed in the State of New Jersey, and that his reinstatement in the Commonwealth of Virginia should be contingent upon his reinstatement in the State of New Jersey.

II. PROPOSED DISPOSITION

Accordingly, Richard W. Johnson, Jr., Esquire, Assistant Bar Counsel and Edward Joseph Crisonino, Respondent, *pro se*, tender to the Disciplinary Board for its approval the Agreed Disposition of Six Month Suspension as representing an appropriate sanction if this matter were to be heard through an evidentiary hearing by a panel of the Disciplinary Board. Respondent must furnish proof to the Virginia State Bar of his reinstatement in the State of New Jersey before he is readmitted in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Bar counsel and Respondent agree that the effective date for the sanction shall be the date of entry of the Disciplinary Board Order approving this Agreed Disposition.

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: 
Richard W. Johnson Jr.
Assistant Bar Counsel



Edward Joseph Crisonino
Respondent