#### VIRGINIA:

### **BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

# IN THE MATTER OF MORRIS ANDREW BANDER

#### **VSB DOCKET NO. 21-000-120772**

# AMENDED RULE TO SHOW CAUSE, NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

It appearing to the Board that Morris Andrew Bander was licensed to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 12, 2001, and

It further appearing that on May 21, 2021, Morris Andrew Bander entered a guilty plea in Case No. 2:20-cr-82 to conspiracy to transport goods in interstate commerce, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division, and

It further appearing that Morris Andrew Bander has pled guilty to a Crime, as defined by the Rules of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22.A.,

It is ORDERED, pursuant to the Rules of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22, that the license of Morris Andrew Bander to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and the same is, hereby SUSPENDED, effective July 29, 2021.

It is further ORDERED that Morris Andrew Bander appear before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board at 9:00 a.m., on August 27, 2021, utilizing the Microsoft Teams platform, to show cause why his license to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia should not be further suspended or revoked.

It is further ORDERED that Morris Andrew Bander shall forthwith give notice, by certified mail, of the suspension of his license to practice law in Virginia to all clients for whom he is currently handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and the presiding judges in pending litigation. The Attorney shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his clients. The Attorney shall give such notice within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the suspension order, and make such arrangements as are required herein within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the suspension order. The Attorney shall also furnish proof to the bar within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the suspension order that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements for the disposition of matters made. Issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required herein shall be determined by the Disciplinary Board, which may impose a sanction of revocation or suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of this subparagraph.

It is further ORDERED that a copy of the Plea Agreement and Statement of Facts be attached to this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is further ORDERED that an attested copy of this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing, with attachments, shall be mailed to the Respondent by certified, regular and electronic mail to his Virginia State Bar address of record, at 2549 Centerville Tnpk., Chesapeake, VA 23322, and a copy by electronic mail to Prescott L. Prince, Assistant Bar Counsel.

> ENTERED July 30, 2021 *Nunc Pro Tunc* to July 29, 2021 VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

Steven B. Novey, Second Vice Chair

