

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR SPOTSYLVANIA COUNTY

VIRGINIA STATE BAR *EX REL*  
SIXTH DISTRICT COMMITTEE  
VSB Docket No. 25-060-135549

Complainant,

v.

Case No. CL26000-495

JOSEPH TAYLOR BROWN,

Respondent.

**MEMORANDUM ORDER**

THIS MATTER came to be heard on June 11, 2026, by a Three-Judge Circuit Court duly impaneled pursuant to Section 54.1-3935 of the Code of Virginia (1950) as amended, consisting of the Honorable Steven B. Novey, Judge of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit and designated Chief Judge ("Chief Judge"); the Honorable Helivi L. Holland, Judge of the Fifth Judicial Circuit; and the Honorable Dipti Pidikiti-Smith, Judge of the Nineteenth Judicial Circuit (collectively, "the Court").

Assistant Bar Counsel Joseph M. Caturano, Jr. represented the Virginia State Bar ("VSB"). Joseph Taylor Brown ("Respondent") having received proper notice of the proceeding, appeared *pro se*.

The Chief Judge swore the court reporter. Each member of the Court verified that he or she had no personal or financial interest that might affect or reasonably be perceived to affect his or her ability to be impartial in this matter.

WHEREUPON a hearing was conducted upon a Rule to Show Cause issued against Respondent. The Rule directed Respondent to appear and show cause why his license to

practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia should not be sanctioned by reason of allegations of ethical misconduct set forth in a Certification issued by a Subcommittee of the Sixth District of the VSB.

Both parties made opening statements.

The Court received the testimony of Samar Shabana and the VSB Investigator Amanda M. Miller for the VSB. The Court admitted VSB's Exhibits 1-14 into evidence.

The VSB then rested.

Respondent moved to strike the VSB's evidence. The Court overruled the Respondent's motion to strike.

The Court then received the testimony of Jessica L. Nierman, Mohamed Mohamed and Respondent. The Court admitted Respondent's Exhibits 1-39 into evidence.

Respondent then rested.

Both parties made closing arguments.

Upon due deliberation and consideration of the exhibits, witness testimony and argument, the Court found the alleged misconduct was not proven by clear and convincing evidence.

Therefore,

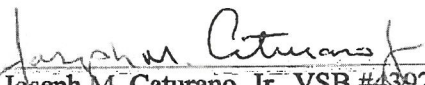
**IT IS ORDERED:**


1. This matter is DISMISSED.
2. The Clerk shall send a copy teste of this Memorandum Order to Respondent, Joseph Taylor Brown, by certified mail, return receipt requested, at 4036 Plank Road, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22407; and by regular mail to Joseph M. Caturano, Jr., Esquire, Assistant Bar Counsel for the Virginia State Bar, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, Virginia 23219-0026; and by regular mail to the Honorable Joanne Fronfelter, Clerk of the Disciplinary System, Virginia State Bar, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, Virginia 23219.

ENTERED THIS 25 DAY OF June, 2026.

  
The Honorable Steven B. Novey  
Chief Judge Designate

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