

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
JOHN PAUL FOREST, II**

VSB DOCKET NO. 25-041-135607

INTERIM SUSPENSION ORDER

Pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.G.3. of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, it is **ORDERED** that John Paul Forest, II's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia be and hereby is suspended effective March 24, 2026. The Suspension shall remain in effect until the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board ("the Board") determines that John Paul Forest, II ("Respondent") has fully complied with the subpoena *duces tecum* served on January 22, 2026.

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 his client. 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 ("the Clerk") of the Virginia State Bar within sixty (60) days of the effective day of the Suspension that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements have been

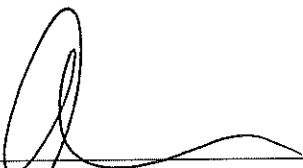
made for the disposition of matters.

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 to the Clerk. 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 all notices specified in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 must be given even if the Respondent is reinstated within fourteen 14 days of the Suspension.

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 to his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, being 11350 Random Hills Rd., Ste 700, Fairfax, VA, 22030, and a copy by electronic mail to Richard W. Johnson, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS 20th DAY OF MARCH, 2026
VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD



Alison G. M. Martin
1st Vice Chair