

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
MELISSA LYNCH FREEMAN**

**VSB DOCKET NO: 24-000-130436**

**TERMINATION OF SUSPENSION ORDER**

This matter came before the Board on Petitioner Melissa Lynch Freeman's Petition for Termination of Suspension for Impairment. On November 15, 2025, a duly convened panel of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board consisting of Jennifer D. Royer, First Vice Chair, Stephanie G. Cox, Michael C. Moore, Joseph D. Platania, and Elisabeth Martingayle, Lay Member, heard the matter. Deputy Bar Counsel Edward J. Dillon appeared on behalf of the Virginia State Bar. The Petitioner appeared in person and was represented by Andrew Biondi. The court reporter for the proceeding, Lisa A. Wright, Chandler and Halasz, P.O. Box 1975, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116, (804) 730-1222, after being duly sworn, reported the hearing.

The Chair opened the Hearing by polling the Board members to ascertain whether any member had any personal or financial interest or bias that would interfere with or influence their determination, and each member responded that there were no such conflicts.

On November 29, 2021, the Board entered a Consent Order indefinitely suspending the Petitioner's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia for her Impairment under the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-23. The Petitioner has petitioned the Board to terminate her Suspension on the basis that she no longer suffers from the Impairment previously determined, pursuant to Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-23.

Petitioner's exhibits 1-9 and the Virginia State Bar's exhibit's 1-9 were admitted into evidence, along with witness testimony on behalf of Petitioner.

At the conclusion of the evidence, Deputy Bar Counsel did not oppose the petition to lift the suspension. Upon consideration of the evidence presented and arguments of counsel, the Board found that the Petitioner established by clear and convincing evidence that she no longer suffers from the impairment which served as the basis for her suspension and that her Impairment Suspension should be lifted; accordingly, the Board GRANTS the petition.

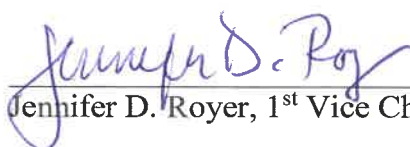
Pursuant to Paragraph 13-30.A.8 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, for good cause shown, because this matters involves an impairment, and in accordance with Paragraph 13-30.A.3 of the Rules, the Board ORDERS that the Findings of Fact made by the Panel at the November 15, 2024, hearing be SEALED and subject to review only by the parties, the Board, or a court of competent jurisdiction.

The Board ORDERS, pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-23.E.2 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, that the indefinite Impairment Suspension of Melissa Lynch Freeman's license to practice law in Virginia is terminated effective November 15, 2024.

The Board ORDERS that a true copy of this Order shall be mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Petitioner, Melissa Lynch Freeman, at her address of record, 7402 Price Court, King George, Virginia 22485, and by electronic mail to her counsel, Andrew Biondi, and Deputy Bar Counsel Edward J. Dillon.

ENTERED on December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

  
Jennifer D. Royer, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair