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BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF MELISSA LYNCH FREEMAN

VSB DOCKET NO. 22-000-123830

CONSENT ORDER OF IMPAIRMENT SUSPENSION

WHEREAS the Virginia State Bar, by Bar Counsel, requests entry of an Order suspending the license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia of Melissa Lynch Freeman ("Respondent") on the basis that Respondent has an Impairment as that term is defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia; and

WHEREAS Respondent and Respondent's Guardian *ad Litem*, consent to the entry of an Order indefinitely suspending Respondent's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on the basis that Respondent has an Impairment as that term is defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia; and

WHEREAS Respondent acknowledges and represents that she is suffering from an Impairment as that term is defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia and that, as a result of this Impairment, Respondent has ceased practicing law for the present time; and

WHEREAS the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board hereby finds that Respondent suffers from an Impairment as that term is defined in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia and that the underlying condition materially impairs Respondent's fitness to practice law; and

Based on the forgoing and the consent of Respondent, Respondent's Guardian *ad litem* and the Virginia State Bar, and it otherwise appearing proper to do so, it is hereby ORDERED, pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-23 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia,

that Respondent Melissa Lynch Freeman's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall be and hereby is SUSPENDED indefinitely upon entry of this Order due to Impairment and shall remain suspended until it is established that she no longer suffers from an Impairment.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent shall give notice, by certified mail, of the suspension of her license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia to all clients for whom she is currently handling matters and to all opposing attorneys and presiding judges in pending litigation, and shall make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of any matters presently in her care in conformity with the wishes of her clients, pursuant to the requirements of Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall send a certified copy of this Order by certified mail to Melissa Lynch Freeman at her last address of record with the Virginia State Bar: Freeman Law, P.O. Box 597, King George, Virginia 22485 and by e-mail to mlf.freemanlaw@gmail.com; and by regular first-class mail to Respondent's Guardian *ad Litem*, Kyle E. Skopic at the Law Office of Kyle E. Skopic, PLLC, 10511 Judicial Drive, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 and by e-mail to Kyle@skopiclaw.com; and shall deliver a copy to Renu M. Brennan, Bar Counsel, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, Virginia 23219-3565 and by email to brennan@vsb.org.

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