BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF VSB DOCKET NO. 23-060-127513 THOMAS MARTIN LILES

CONSENT TO REVOCATION ORDER

On March 9, 2023, came Thomas Martin Liles and presented to the Board an Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation (hereinafter "Affidavit") of his license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth. By tendering his Consent to Revocation at a time when a disciplinary complaint, Investigation or Proceeding is pending, the nature of which is specifically set forth in the attached Affidavit, Respondent acknowledges that the material facts contained in the pending disciplinary complaint, Investigation or Proceeding are true.

The Board having considered the Affidavit, and Bar Counsel having no objection, the Board accepts his Consent to Revocation.

Upon consideration whereof, it is therefore ordered that Thomas Martin Liles's license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth be and the same hereby is revoked, and that the name of Thomas Martin Liles be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys of this Commonwealth.

It is further ORDERED that The Respondent must comply with the requirements of Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Respondent shall forthwith give notice by certified mail of the Revocation 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 shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his clients. The Respondent shall give such notice immediately and in no event later than 14 days of the effective date of the Revocation, and make such arrangements as are required herein as soon as is practicable and in no event later than 45 days of the effective date of the Revocation. The Respondent shall also furnish proof to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System of the Virginia State Bar within 60 days of the effective date of the Revocation 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 Revocation, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect within 60 days of the effective date of the Revocation to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System at the Virginia State Bar. The Board shall 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.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall mail an attested copy of this order by electronic, regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Respondent, Thomas Martin Liles, at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, being, 10708 Piney Branch Road, Spotsylvania, VA 22553-3791, and a copy sent by electronic mail to Seth T. Shelley, Assistant Bar Counsel.

Entered this <u>917</u> day of March, 2023

Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

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IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS MARTIN LILES

VSB Docket No. 23-060-127513

AFFIDAVIT DECLARING CONSENT TO REVOCATION

Thomas Martin Liles, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. That I was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October

16, 2014;

2. That I submit this Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation pursuant to Part 6,

Section IV, Paragraph 13-28 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia;

3. That my consent to revocation is freely and voluntarily rendered, that I am not being

subjected to coercion or duress, and that I am fully aware of the implications of consenting to the

revocation of my license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

4. I am aware that there is currently pending a complaint and investigation into the following misconduct:

While associated with the firm of Woehrle Dahlberg Yao PLLC, I misappropriated \$35,000 disbursed to me for a firm client. In July 2022, judgment was awarded in the client's favor. On August 19, 2022, the client's funds were disbursed to me. I deposited the funds into my personal bank account, and I spent some of the funds. The firm investigated and discovered that I had misappropriated the funds. When confronted, I admitted to firm partners that I misappropriated \$35,000, deposited the funds into my personal bank account, and had spent some of the funds.

5. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the allegations of misconduct are

predicated are true; and

6. I submit this Affidavit and consent to the revocation of my license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia because I know that if the disciplinary proceedings based on the said alleged misconduct were brought or prosecuted to a conclusion, I could not successfully defend them.

Executed and dated on March 2 2023 Thomas Martin Liles Respondent COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA CITY/COUNTY OF <u>Spotsylvania</u>, to wit: The foregoing Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation was subscribed and sworn to before me by Thomas Martin Liles on March 2, 202 Cen M Notary Publi My Commission expires: Oct. 31st, 2023.