

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
TIMOTHY JOHN MURPHY**

**VS
VSB DOCKET NO. 21-000-121296**

**AGREED DISPOSITION MEMORANDUM ORDER
REVOCATION**

On February 16, 2021, this matter was heard, telephonically, by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (“Board”) upon the joint request of the parties for the Board to accept the Agreed Disposition signed by the parties and offered to the Board as provided by Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Board panel consisted of Yvonne S. Gibney, Chair; David J. Gogal; Jennifer D. Royer; Alexander Simon; and Martha J. Goodman, Lay Member. The Virginia State Bar was represented by Jessica Berdichevsky, Assistant Bar Counsel. Respondent Timothy John Murphy (“Respondent”) was present and was represented by counsel Dennis J. Quinn. The Chair polled the members of the Board as to whether any of them were aware of any personal or financial interest or bias which would preclude any of them from fairly hearing the matter, to which each member responded in the negative. Court Reporter, Beverly Lukowsky, Chandler and Halasz, P.O. Box 9349, Richmond, Virginia 23227, telephone (804) 730-1222, after being duly sworn, reported the hearing and transcribed the proceedings.

WHEREFORE, upon consideration of the Agreed Disposition, Rule to Show Cause and Summary Suspension, Respondent’s Disciplinary Record, the arguments of the parties, and after due deliberation,

It is **ORDERED** that the Disciplinary Board accepts the Agreed Disposition and the Respondent shall receive a Revocation, as set forth in the Agreed Disposition, which is attached and incorporated in this Memorandum Order.

It is further **ORDERED** that the sanction is effective February 16, 2021.

It is further **ORDERED** that:

The Respondent shall comply with the requirements of Part Six, 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 within 14 days of the effective date of the Revocation, and make such arrangements as are required herein within 45 days of the effective date of the Revocation. The Respondent shall also furnish proof to the Bar within 60 days of the effective day of the Revocation that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements 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. All issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required by Paragraph 13-29 shall be determined by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board, which may impose a sanction of Revocation or additional Suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of this subparagraph.

The Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-9.E. of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

It is further ORDERED that an attested copy of this Order be mailed to the Respondent, Timothy John Murphy, by certified mail, return receipt requested, at Murphy's Law Firm, LLC, 108 LaGrange Avenue, LaPlata, MD 20646, his last address of record with the Virginia State Bar; and a copy by electronic mail to Dennis J. Quinn, Respondent's Counsel; and a copy by electronic mail to Jessica Berdichevsky, Assistant Bar Counsel. .

Entered this 16th day of February 2021

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

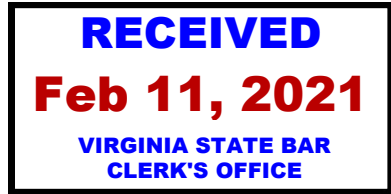
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AGREED DISPOSITION FOR IMPOSITION OF RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

Pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-6(H) and 13-24 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Virginia State Bar, by Jessica J. Berdichevsky, Assistant Bar Counsel, and Timothy John Murphy, Respondent, by counsel, hereby enter into the following Agreed Disposition.

I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. Respondent was licensed to practice law in the State of Maryland in 1995, the District of Columbia in 1997, and the Commonwealth of Virginia in 2005.
2. On or about November 4, 2020, Respondent and the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland filed in the Court of Appeals of Maryland a Joint Petition for Disbarment by Consent in which Respondent consented to being disbarred in Maryland based on his violation of multiple provisions of the Maryland Attorneys' Rules of Professional Conduct.
3. By Order entered on November 4, 2020, the Court of Appeals of Maryland disbarred Respondent from the practice of law in the State of Maryland, effective January 1, 2021, for engaging in professional misconduct that violated Rules 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.15, 1.16, 8.1, and 8.4(a), (c) and (d) of the Maryland Attorneys' Rules of Professional Conduct. *See Exhibit A.*
4. On January 21, 2021, the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board ("Board") issued a Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Notice of Hearing against Respondent to show cause why the same discipline imposed in Maryland should not be

imposed by the Board.

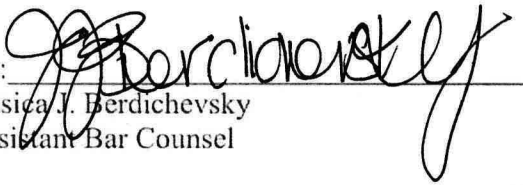
6. Respondent agrees that the same discipline imposed in Maryland should be imposed by the Board and does not assert any arguments pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-24(C) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.


II. PROPOSED DISPOSITION

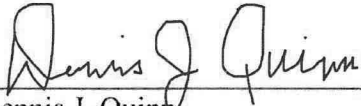
Accordingly, Assistant Bar Counsel and Respondent hereby tender to the Board for its approval an agreed disposition for the revocation of Respondent's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

If the Agreed Disposition is approved, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess an administrative fee.

THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

By: 
Jessica I. Berdichevsky
Assistant Bar Counsel


Timothy John Murphy
Respondent


Dennis J. Quinn
Counsel for Respondent

**ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE COMMISSION
OF MARYLAND**

v.

TIMOTHY J. MURPHY

* **IN THE**
* **COURT OF APPEALS**
* **OF MARYLAND**
* **Misc. Docket AG No. 13**
* **September Term, 2020**
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* **(No. C-08-CV-20-000373,**
* **Circuit Court for Charles**
* **County)**

ORDER

Upon consideration of the Joint Petition for Disbarment by Consent filed by the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland and the Respondent, Timothy J. Murphy, it is this 4th day of November, 2020

ORDERED, by the Court of Appeals of Maryland, that effective January 1, 2021, the Respondent, Timothy J. Murphy, be disbarred from the practice of law in the State of Maryland for violation of Rules 1.1 (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5 (fees), 1.15 (safekeeping property), 1.16 (declining or terminating representation), 8.1 (bar admission and disciplinary matters), and 8.4 (a), (c), and (d) (misconduct) of the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct, and it is further

ORDERED, that, on January 1, 2021, the Clerk of this Court shall strike the name of Timothy J. Murphy from the register of attorneys in this Court, and certify that fact to the Trustees of the Client Protection Fund of the Bar of Maryland and all Clerks of all judicial tribunals in this State in accordance with Maryland Rule 19-761.

Pursuant to Maryland Uniform Electronic Legal
Materials Act
(§§ 10-1601 et seq. of the State Government Article) this document is authentic.



Suzanne C. Johnson, Clerk

/s/ Robert N. McDonald
Senior Judge