

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTERS OF
ROBERT STEVEN POPE**

**VSB DOCKET NOS. 21-070-122811
21-070-122839**

CONSENT TO REVOCATION ORDER

On November 29, 2021, came Robert Steven Pope 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 Robert Steven Pope's license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth be and the same hereby is revoked, and that the name of Robert Steven Pope 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. 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 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, Robert Steven Pope, at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, being, 24788 Shells Way, Aldie, VA 20105 and a copy sent by electronic mail to Daniel Sean Shumack, Counsel for Respondent, and to Paulo E. Franco, Jr, Assistant Bar Counsel.

Entered this 29th day of November, 2021

Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

By Carolyn V. Grady
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Chair

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**Clerk of the Disciplinary System
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AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT TO REVOCATION

Robert Steven Pope, having been first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. I have been licensed to practice in Virginia since 2001. I am tendering this Consent to Revocation of my law license pursuant to Supreme Court Rules, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-28.

2. This consent is freely and voluntarily rendered; I am not being subjected to coercion or duress; and I am fully aware of the implications of consenting to Revocation.

3. I am aware that there is presently pending an investigation into allegations of misconduct on the above-captioned dockets, the specific nature of which are:

a. That I received \$291,684 (the "Trust Funds") into my trust account at request of a husband and wife.

b. That, following the husband's death, the wife demanded return of the Trust Funds, which I rebuffed while raising certain probate laws to justify delay.

c. That I provided the wife with a record of my trust account balance that falsely showed sufficient funds on account, notwithstanding that I had by that time misappropriated all or most of the original Trust Funds.

d. That the wife filed a bar complaint in response to which I did not reveal the misappropriation and instead repeated the same probate laws in justification of delayed refund.

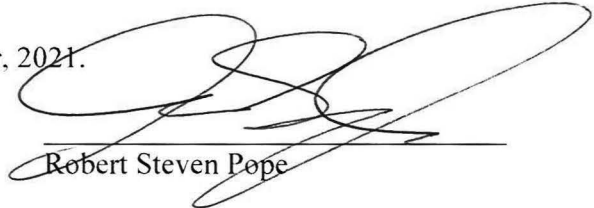
e. That the bar dismissed the wife's bar complaint based on the bar's acceptance of my answer.

4. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the investigation is predicated are true.

5. I am submitting this Consent to Revocation because I know that if disciplinary proceedings based on the alleged conduct were brought or prosecuted to a conclusion, the I could not successfully defend them.

6. If this matter were prosecuted, I would offer evidence of (i) a refund and (ii) medical impairment in mitigation of the sanction for my misconduct. I nonetheless wish to Consent to Revocation at this time.

Executed on this 24 day of November, 2021.



Robert Steven Pope

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
24 day of November, 2021, in ~~Loudoun~~ Fairfax
County, Virginia:



Notary Public
My Commission Expires
Notary Number

