

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
LEYNISHA ROSARIO A/K/A
LEYNISHA SHOEMAKER**

VSB DOCKET NO. 26-000-139529

**AGREED DISPOSITION MEMORANDUM ORDER
30-DAY SUSPENSION**

On August 21, 2026, this matter was heard, telephonically, by the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (the “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 panel consisted of Adam M. Carroll, Chair (the “Chair”); Mary Beth Nash; Joseph D. Platania; Jennifer D. Royer; and Dr. Theodore Smith, Lay Member. The Virginia State Bar was represented by Tenley C. Seli, Assistant Bar Counsel. Leynisha Rosario a/k/a Leynisha Shoemaker (the “Respondent”) was present and was not represented by counsel. 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 this matter to which each member responded in the negative. Lisa Wright, court reporter, 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, the Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing, and the Respondent’s Disciplinary Record, the arguments of the parties, and after due deliberation,

It is **ORDERED** that the Board accepts the Agreed Disposition and the Respondent shall receive a 30-Day Suspension, as set forth in the Agreed Disposition, which is attached and

incorporated in this Memorandum Order.

It is further **ORDERED** that the effective date of the sanction shall be August 5, 2026, the date of the Summary Suspension as ordered by the Disciplinary Board on July 29, 2026.

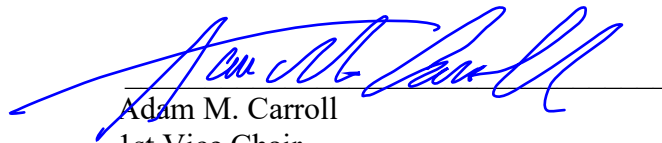
It is further **ORDERED** that the Respondent must comply with the requirements of Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The Respondent must forthwith give notice by certified mail of the Suspension of her license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia, to all clients for whom she is currently handling matters and to all opposing Attorneys and presiding Judges in pending litigation. The Respondent must also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in her care in conformity with the wishes of her clients. The Respondent must give such notice immediately and in no event later than fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the Suspension, and make such arrangements as are required herein as soon as is practicable and in no event later than forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the Suspension. The Respondent must also furnish proof to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System of the Virginia State Bar within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Suspension that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements have been made for the disposition of matters.

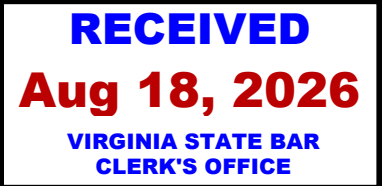
It is further **ORDERED** that if the Respondent is not handling any client matters on the effective date of the Suspension, she shall submit an affidavit to that effect within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Suspension to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System at the Virginia State Bar. The Board must 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 pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-9.E, of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk shall assess all costs against the Respondent.

It is further **ORDERED** that an attested copy of this Order be mailed by the Clerk to the Respondent by electronic, first-class and certified mail, return receipt requested, to her Virginia State Bar address of record, at 51 Heritage Blvd Middletown, CT 06457-1677, and a copy by electronic mail to Tenley C. Seli, Assistant Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS 25th DAY OF AUGUST, 2026
VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD


Adam M. Carroll
1st Vice Chair



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Pursuant to the Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.H of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia,, the Virginia State Bar, by Tenley Carroll Seli, Assistant Bar Counsel, and Leynisha Rosario a/k/a Leynisha Shoemaker ("Respondent") hereby enter into the following Agreed Disposition arising out of the referenced matter.

I. STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. Respondent was admitted to the Virginia State Bar ("VSB") on September 4, 2002. At all relevant times, Respondent was a member of the VSB.
2. On October 28, 2022, Respondent was charged with larceny, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 53a-125b,¹ after she was apprehended stealing from a retail store. The charges did not arise from Respondent's representation of a client.
3. On November 8, 2022, Respondent pleaded guilty to one count of larceny in the sixth degree in the State of Connecticut Superior Court for Middletown.
4. The Court imposed a fine of \$100, which Respondent paid in full.

¹ Conn. Gen. Stat. § 53a-125b Larceny in the Sixth Degree: Class C Misdemeanor

(a) A person is guilty of larceny in the sixth degree when he commits larceny as defined in section 53a-119 and the value of the property or service is five hundred dollars or less.

5. At the time of the offense, Respondent was experiencing significant mental health challenges, which resulted in hospitalization and treatment. Respondent remains under the care of a psychiatric provider and is compliant with prescribed medication.
6. Respondent was unaware of her duty to report the criminal conviction.
7. On May 14, 2026, after learning of her duty to report from a Virginia lawyer, Respondent filed a self-report with the VSB.
8. On July 29, 2026, the Disciplinary Board of the VSB entered an Order of Summary Suspension pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, suspending Respondent's license to practice law effective August 5, 2026.
9. Respondent has no disciplinary history.

II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

Such conduct by Respondent constitutes misconduct in violation of Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia in that Respondent has been convicted of a Crime, as defined by Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-1 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia², because her misdemeanor conviction involves theft.

III. PROPOSED DISPOSITION

Accordingly, Assistant Bar Counsel and Respondent tender to the Disciplinary Board for its approval the Agreed Disposition of a 30-Day Suspension as representing an appropriate sanction if this matter were to be heard through an evidentiary hearing by a panel of the

² Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-1 defines "Crime" as:

1. Any offense declared to be a felony by federal or state law;
2. Any other offense involving theft, fraud, forgery, extortion, bribery, or perjury;
3. An attempt, solicitation or conspiracy to commit any of the foregoing; or
4. Any of the foregoing found by a foreign jurisdiction.

Disciplinary Board. Assistant Bar Counsel and Respondent agree that the effective date for the sanction shall be the date of the Summary Suspension (August 5, 2026) as ordered by the Disciplinary Board on July 29, 2026.

If the Agreed Disposition is approved, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-9.E of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR



Tenley Carroll Seli
Assistant Bar Counsel



Leynisha Rosario a/k/a Leynisha Shoemaker
Respondent