

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
TASO RASHID NOEL SAUNDERS**

**VSB DOCKET NO. 26-053-138334**

**INTERIM SUSPENSION ORDER**

On June 26, 2026, a panel of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (“the Board”) heard this matter. Panel members included Alison G.M. Martin (“Chair”), Dawn E. Boyce, Alan S. Anderson, Reiss F. Wilks, and Theodore Smith, Lay Member. The Chair polled members of the panel as to whether any of them had any personal or financial interest that may affect, or may be reasonably perceived to affect, their ability to be impartial, to which inquiry each member responded in the negative.

Elizabeth K. Shoenfeld, Senior Assistant Bar Counsel, (“Bar counsel”) represented the Virginia State Bar (“the VSB”). Respondent Taso Rashid Noel Saunders (“Respondent”), who represents himself in this matter, was not present, despite having received notice of the hearing. The clerk went into the hallway and called Respondent’s name three times, and Respondent did not reply.

The Board reviewed the pleadings submitted by the parties and heard argument from bar counsel.

Pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-6.G.3- of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, it is **ORDERED** that Taso Rashid Noel Saunders’ license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia be and hereby is suspended effective June 26, 2026. The Suspension shall remain in effect until the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (“the Board”) determines that Taso Rashid Noel Saunders (“Respondent”) has fully complied with the subpoena *duces tecum*

served on April 8, 2026 or a determination is made as to whether Respondent has violated any Disciplinary Rules.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Respondent's Motion to Quash Subpoena Duces Tecum is denied.

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 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 must also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his 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 ("the Clerk") of the Virginia State Bar within sixty (60) days of the effective day 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, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect to the Clerk. 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.

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It is further **ORDERED** that all notices specified in Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29 must be given even if the Respondent is reinstated within fourteen 14 days of the Suspension.

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 to his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, being The Saunders Law Firm, PLLC, 10615 Judicial Dr., Ste 302, Fairfax, VA 22030, and a copy by electronic mail to Elizabeth K. Shoenfeld, Senior Assistant Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS 30<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2026

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD



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Alison G. M. Martin  
1st Vice Chair