VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

VIRGINIA STATE BAR EX REL SECOND DISTRICT, SECTION II COMMITTEE VSB DOCKET NO. 20-022-116875

V.

Case No. CL20-6015

TIMOTHY PAUL SCEVIOUR

MEMORANDUM ORDER FOR PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS

THIS MATTER came to be heard on August 18-19, 2021, upon the District Committee Determination for Certification by the Second District, Section II, District Committee. Timothy P. Sceviour ("Respondent") demanded a Three-Judge Panel and the Supreme Court of Virginia appointed a Three-Judge Panel ("the Panel") consisting of Judge Bryant L. Sugg, Chief Judge Designate, Judge David E. Johnson, and Judge B. Elliott Bondurant. The Virginia State Bar ("VSB") was represented by Christine M. Corey, Assistant Bar Counsel. The Respondent was represented by Mary T. Morgan, Esquire. Suzanne M. Myers, court reporter, Delloro-McDaniel Court Reporting Services, after being duly sworn, served as court reporter at the two-day hearing.

At the outset of the hearing, Judge Sugg polled the members of the Panel as to whether any of them was conscious of any personal or financial interest or bias which would preclude any of them from fairly hearing this matter and serving on the Panel, to which inquiry each member responded in the negative.

All legal notices of the date and place were timely served in the manner prescribed by the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-18 and §54.1-3935 of the Code of Virginia.

All of the factual findings made by the Panel were found to have been proven by clear and convincing evidence.

MISCONDUCT

Respondent has been an attorney licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia at all times relevant to the conduct set forth herein. Pursuant to the Certification, Respondent was charged with Misconduct under Rules 1.1 (Competence), 1.3(a) (Diligence), 1.4(a)-(c) (Communication), 1.7(a)(2) and (b)(1)-(4) (Conflict of Interest: General Rule), and 8.4(c) (Misconduct). Assistant Bar Counsel called Lori Riddle ("Complainant"), Joseph Riddle, John Pucky, Lawrence D. Diehl, Esquire, and the Respondent. The VSB rested its case and Respondent's counsel called Respondent, Debra C. Albiston, Esquire, and Brandon H. Zeigler, Esquire. Thereafter, Assistant Bar Counsel and counsel for Respondent argued the issue of Misconduct. Upon consideration of the testimony, documentary evidence, and arguments of counsel, the Panel determined that the VSB did not prove by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent violated Rules 1.1, 1.4(b)-(c), 1.7 (b)(1)-(4), and 8.4(c). The panel found that the VSB proved by clear and convincing that the Respondent violated Rules 1.3(a), 1.4(a), and 1.7(a)(2).

SANCTIONS

Upon determining that the Respondent violated the aforementioned Rules of Professional Conduct, the Panel announced its findings and received further evidence regarding the appropriate sanction. Respondent's counsel called Ronnie McAdoo, Besianne Tavss Maiden, and C. Eric Plumlee to testify in mitigation. Respondent's counsel also provided affidavits from David G. Weaver, Esquire, Richard E. Garriott, Jr., Esquire, J. Roger Griffin, Jr., Esquire, and Allison W. Anders, Esquire. Assistant Bar Counsel submitted Respondent's disciplinary record

into evidence. Thereafter, Assistant Bar Counsel and Respondent's counsel argued to the Panel regarding the appropriate sanction and the Panel retired to deliberate. Upon due deliberation and consideration of the testimony, documentary evidence, and arguments of counsel, the Panel announced its decision to impose a PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS effective as of August 19, 2021 and it is so ORDERED.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall comply with all requirements of Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, as amended (the "Rules"), including but not limited to assessing costs pursuant to Paragraph 13-9.E of the Rules and complying with the public notice requirements of Paragraph 13-9.G of the Rules.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Circuit Court shall mail a copy teste of this Order by certified mail to Respondent, Timothy Paul Sceviour, at Abrons, Chiusano & Sceviour, PLLC, Suite 140, 760 Lynnhaven Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23452, Respondent's last address of record with the Virginia State Bar, and by regular mail to Mary Teresa Morgan, Respondent's Counsel at Golightly Mulligan Morgan, PLC, Suite 441, 1244 Perimeter Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454; Christine Corey, Assistant Bar Counsel and DaVida M. Davis, Clerk of the Disciplinary System, at Virginia State Bar, 1111 East Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, Virginia 23219-0026.

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