

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
RICHARD LOUIS SLOANE

VSB DOCKET NO. 23-000-128547

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE
AND
ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

It appearing to the Board that Richard Louis Sloane was licensed to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 14, 2011, and,

It further appearing that Richard Louis Sloane has been indefinitely suspended from the practice of law in the State of Maryland by Order dated March 2, 2023.

It further appearing that such disciplinary action has become final.

It is ORDERED, pursuant to Rules of Court, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-24, that the license of Richard Louis Sloane to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and the same is, hereby suspended effective June 1, 2023.

It is further ORDERED that Richard Louis Sloane appear before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board at the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, Courtroom 1, 333 E. Franklin St., Richmond VA, 23219, at 9:00 a.m. on June 23, 2023, to show cause why the same discipline that was imposed in the other jurisdiction should not be imposed by the Board. Pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-24.C of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Richard Louis Sloane has 14 days from the date of this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing to file a written response with the Clerk of the Disciplinary System, which shall be confined to argument and exhibits supporting one or more of the grounds for dismissal or imposition of a lesser discipline specified in paragraph 13-24.C. Failure to file a written response within 14 days may result in the Disciplinary Board's refusal to consider during

the hearing in this matter any evidence or argument supporting the existence of one or more of the grounds specified in Paragraph 13-24.C.

It is further ORDERED that Richard Louis Sloane 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 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 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 Suspension, 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 Suspension. 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 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 within 60 days of the effective date of the Suspension 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 a copy of the Supreme Court of Maryland Opinion filed

March 2, 2023, be attached to this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is further ORDERED that an attested copy of this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing, with attachments, shall be mailed to Richard Louis Sloane by electronic, regular and certified mail at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, 803 S. Belgrade Rd., Silver Spring, MD 20902, and by electronic mail to Joseph M. Caturano, Assistant Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS 25th DAY OF MAY, 2023

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD



David J. Gogal
Second Vice Chair