

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
BRIAN KEITH SNYDER**

**VSB DOCKET NOS. 21-032-120625 and 21-032-121764**

**CONSENT TO REVOCATION ORDER**

On November 1, 2021, came Brian Keith Snyder 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 Brian Keith Snyder's license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth be and the same hereby is revoked, and that the name of Brian Keith Snyder 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 or 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 Revocation or 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 Revocation or 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 Revocation or Suspension that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements have been made for the disposition of matters.

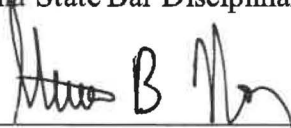
It is further ORDERED that if the Respondent is not handling any client matters on the effective date of the Revocation, he shall submit an affidavit to that effect within 60 days of the effective date of the Revocation or Suspension to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System at the Virginia State Bar. 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 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, Brian Keith Snyder at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, being, 200 Rhode Island Ave., NE, Apt. 120A, Washington, DC 20002 and a copy sent by electronic mail to M. Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Bar Counsel.

Entered this 1st day of November, 2021

Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

By

  
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Steven B. Novey  
Second Vice Chair



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AFFIDAVIT DECLARING CONSENT TO REVOCATION

Brian Keith Snyder, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. He was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 15, 2004;
2. He submits this Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-28 of the Rules of Court;
3. His consent to revocation is freely and voluntarily rendered, he is not being subjected to coercion or duress, and he is fully aware of the implications of consenting to the revocation of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia;
4. He is aware he is the subject of two disciplinary complaints pending before the Third District Committee, Section II, the docket numbers for which are referenced above, arising from his unauthorized practice of law in Virginia as follows:

His Virginia law license was administratively suspended for approximately 2 ½ years, from March 14, 2018 until September 3, 2020, for failing to complete minimum mandatory CLE requirements in 2017, 2018 and 2019, and also from October 15, 2018 until July 12, 2019, for failing to pay his annual dues in 2018.

During the period his Virginia law license was administratively suspended, he engaged in the unauthorized practice of law in Virginia by communicating with opposing counsel, settling cases, and holding himself out as fully licensed. He also made appearances as counsel of record, filed pleadings and/or otherwise participated in dozens of court proceedings in more than 20 circuit courts and two general district courts as counsel for parties during the period his license was administratively suspended, including the following two court proceedings:

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On August 27, 2020, he electronically filed a Praecipe of Appearance in the Supreme Court of Virginia on behalf of the appellant in *Gladys Lopez, Personal Representative of the Estate of Lizeth Lopez v. Intercept Youth Services* (Record No. 191545).

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On January 31, 2020, he filed an Order of Substitution in the Norfolk Circuit Court that was entered on February 4, 2020, whereby he purportedly became counsel of record for the plaintiff in *Channell v. Pariser Dermatology Specialists, Ltd., et al.* (CL18-6963), a medical malpractice case initially filed in August 2018. He also served discovery responses on February 3, 2020, filed an expert certification on February 7, 2020, and issued discovery requests to the defendants on August 27, 2020. On December 3, 2020, he filed an opposition to motions filed by counsel for the defendants seeking to disqualify all attorneys from his firm from further representing the plaintiff and for sanctions for the costs incurred in defending the action during the time his Virginia law license was suspended, in which he falsely stated he did not know his Virginia law license was suspended until August 28, 2020 or that it even could be suspended for MCLE noncompliance and that he had never had a prior license suspension<sup>1</sup>, and had paid his dues in 2018. A hearing on the motions was conducted on January 19, 2021, at which he repeated his false assertions that he did not know his Virginia law license was suspended until August 28, 2020 and that he had never had a prior license suspension. The presiding judge issued an opinion letter and order dated January 20, 2021 granting the motions.

During the course of the bar's investigation of these matters, he affirmed to the bar the false statements he made in his December 3, 2020 filing and during the January 19, 2021 hearing;

5. He acknowledges the material facts upon which the disciplinary complaints are predicated are true and would establish violations of the following provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct:

**RULE 3.3 Candor Toward The Tribunal**

(a) A lawyer shall not knowingly:

(1) make a false statement of fact or law to a tribunal;

**RULE 5.5 Unauthorized Practice Of Law; Multijurisdictional Practice of Law**

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(c) A lawyer shall not practice law in a jurisdiction in violation of the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction, or assist another in doing so.

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<sup>1</sup> His law license was previously suspended for MCLE non-compliance on March 18, 2015 and for non-payment of annual dues on October 13, 2005.

RULE 8.1 Bar Admission And Disciplinary Matters

An applicant for admission to the bar, or a lawyer already admitted to the bar, in connection with a bar admission application, any certification required to be filed as a condition of maintaining or renewing a license to practice law, or in connection with a disciplinary matter, shall not:

(a) knowingly make a false statement of material fact; and

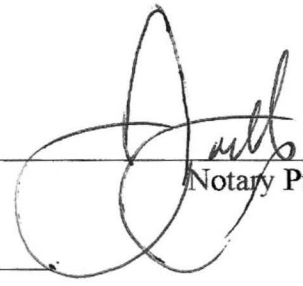
6. He submits this Affidavit and consents to the revocation of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia because he knows that if Proceedings based on the disciplinary complaints were prosecuted to a conclusion, he could not successfully defend them.

Executed on 10/31/2021

  
Brian Keith Snyder  
Respondent

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The foregoing Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation was subscribed and sworn to before me by Brian Keith Snyder on October 31, 2021

My Commission expires: 05/14/2023   
Notary Public

