

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
KEITH HAMNER WALDROP

VSB DOCKET NO. 26-070-136669

MEMORANDUM ORDER

This matter came before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board (the “Board”) for a hearing on February 27, 2026, upon the Consent Order Issuing Certification for Sanction Determination (“Order for Sanction Determination”) entered on January 9, 2026, by the Seventh District Committee of the Virginia State Bar and agreed to by Keith Hamner Waldrop, Esquire (“Respondent”) to *impose* the *alternate* sanction for Respondent’s violation of Term 3 of the Public Reprimand with Terms Agreed Disposition in VSB Docket No. 22-070-123459, commencing/effective December 8, 2021, pursuant to Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-20 (“Paragraph 13-20”) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia (the “Rules”).

The hearing was held before the duly convened panel of the Board consisting of Alison G. M. Martin, 1st Vice Chair; Mary Beth Nash; Melanie Friend; Alexander N. Simon; and Dr. Theodore Smith, Lay Member. The Virginia State Bar (the “Bar”) was represented at the hearing by Assistant Bar Counsel Tenley C. Seli (“Bar Counsel”). The Respondent appeared in person and pro se. The proceedings were recorded and reported by Beverly S. Horne, a registered professional reporter with Chandler & Halasz, P.O. Box 1975, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116, telephone (804) 730-1222, after she was duly sworn by the Chair.

The Chair polled the members of the panel as to whether any of them was aware 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 sent by the Clerk of the Disciplinary System (“Clerk”) in the manner prescribed by Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-18 of the *Rules*.

In accordance with Paragraph 13-20 of the *Rules*, only evidence of mitigation or aggravation shall be permitted in the proceeding. On December 8, 2021, the Bar and the Respondent entered into an Agreed Disposition in VSB Docket No. 22-070-123459, providing for a Public Reprimand with terms. Term 3 of the Agreed Disposition stipulated that Respondent will not engage in Misconduct as defined by Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-1 of the Rules for a period of three (3) years commencing upon issuance of this determination. If any term of the December 8, 2021, Agreed Disposition is not met, the Respondent agrees to the alternate sanction of suspension of his license to practice law in the Commonwealth Virginia for ninety (90) days. On October 30, 2024, the Bar and the Respondent entered into an Agreed Disposition of a Public Reprimand without terms in VSB Docket No. 24-070-130892.

By order dated January 9, 2026, the Bar, by the Seventh District Committee, and the Respondent entered into the Order for Sanction Determination. Both parties confirmed that they were aware of the format of the hearing.

THE BOARD’S FINDINGS

By Agreed Disposition dated December 8, 2021, in VSB Docket No. 22-070-123459, the Bar and the Respondent agreed to a Public Reprimand with Terms against Respondent. Term 3 stipulated that Respondent will not engage in Misconduct as defined by Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-1 of the Rules for a period of three (3) years commencing upon issuance of this determination. If any term of the December 8, 2021, Agreed Disposition is not met, the alternate disposition shall be the suspension of Respondent’s license to practice law in the Commonwealth

of Virginia for ninety (90) days. Within the three (3) year period, by Agreed Disposition dated October 30, 2024, Respondent engaged in Misconduct consisting of a Public Reprimand without terms in VSB Docket No. 24-070-130892, all as set forth in Order for Sanction Determination.

The Board heard evidence and argument as to whether the alternate sanction of a ninety (90) day suspension is the appropriate sanction that should be imposed, and if there should be a suspension of any duration, when it should commence. The Bar introduced Respondent's certified Disciplinary Record as Exhibit 1 as its sole evidence. Respondent testified as to his lengthy practice as a General Practitioner in Goochland County going back to 1982 and handling almost 13,000 cases, the vast majority successfully. Bar Counsel offered in mitigation the lack of any dishonest or selfish motive. There was also full and free disclosure to and cooperation with the Disciplinary Board (the Bar/the Bar's investigation) by the Respondent. The only aggravating factors were the existence of a Disciplinary Record consisting of five (5) Public Reprimands, one (1) Private Reprimand and one (1) 30 day suspension and Respondent's substantial experience in the practice of law. Under these circumstances, the Board concluded that there was no cause to alter the agreed to alternate suspension of ninety days, and that such ninety (90) day suspension is the appropriate sanction. Upon satisfactory evidence that the Respondent had three court appearances set through April 1, 2026, and that Respondent's clients would be damaged were his license suspended before then, the Board decided it appropriate to make the suspension effective April 1, 2026.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED that Respondent, Keith Hamner Waldrop's license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby **SUSPENDED FOR NINETY (90) DAYS, effective April 1, 2026.**

It is further ORDERED that Respondent must comply with the requirements of Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-29 of the *Rules*. The Respondent must forthwith give notice by certified mail of the suspension 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 within fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the suspension, and make such arrangements as are required herein within forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the suspension. The Respondent must also furnish proof to the Clerk 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, 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 must decide all issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required herein. The burden of proof is 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.

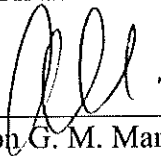
It is further ORDERED that pursuant to Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-29.E of the *Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia*, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs against the Respondent.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk mail an attested copy of this Order to the Respondent, Keith Hamner Waldrop, at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, P. O. Box 268, Goochland, Virginia 23063, by certified mail, return receipt requested and first-class

mail and by first-class mail to his alternate address of record, and as a courtesy a copy to Respondent electronically to waldroplaw1@yahoo.com, and deliver a copy by electronic mail to Tenley C. Seli, Assistant Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS 19th DAY OF MARCH 2026

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD



Alison G. M. Martin, 1st Vice Chair