

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
SAMUEL ERVIN WHITE**

VSB DOCKET NO. 26-000-139401

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

It appearing to the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board ("the Board") that Samuel Ervin White was licensed to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia on October 20, 2010, and,

It further appearing that Samuel Ervin White ("the Respondent") has been Suspended for five-years from the practice of law before the Tennessee Board of Professional Regulation, No. M2024-01716-SC-BAR-BP, effective June 26, 2025, and,

It further appearing that such disciplinary action has become final.

It is **ORDERED**, pursuant to the Rules of Court, Part Six, Section IV, Paragraph 13-24, that the license of Samuel Ervin White to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and the same is, hereby **SUSPENDED, effective August 5, 2026.**

It is further **ORDERED** that Samuel Ervin White appear before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board at the State Corporation Commission, Courtroom A, Second Floor, Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219, at 9:00 a.m. on August 28, 2026, 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, the Respondent has fourteen (14) days from the date of this Order to file a written response with the Clerk of the Disciplinary System ("the Clerk"), 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 fourteen (14) days may result in the 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 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 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 client. 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.

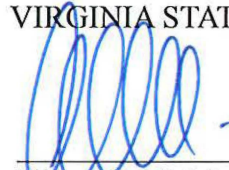
The burden of proof shall be on the Respondent to show compliance. If the Respondent fails to show compliance, the Board may impose a sanction of Revocation or additional Suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of subparagraph 13-29.

It is further **ORDERED** that a copy of the Order of Enforcement from the Supreme Court of Tennessee at Nashville entered June 25, 2025, be attached to this Rule to Show Cause and of Summary Suspension and Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is further **ORDERED** that an attested copy of this Order, with attachments, 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 Tri-Cities Law Firm PLLC 640 Wyndale RD Unit A4 Abingdon, VA 24210-4735, and a copy by electronic mail to Edward Dillon, Deputy Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS 29th DAY OF JULY, 2026

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD



Alison G. M. Martin
Chair

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

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Clerk of the
Appellate Courts

IN RE: SAMUEL ERVIN WHITE, BPR NO. 029973
An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Sullivan County)

No. M2024-01716-SC-BAR-BP

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court upon the Petition for Discipline the Board of Professional Responsibility (“Board”) filed against Samuel Ervin White (hereinafter “Mr. White”) on March 20, 2024; upon Mr. White’s Answer to Petition for Discipline filed on June 3, 2024; upon a Conditional Guilty Plea submitted by Mr. White on October 29, 2024; upon consideration and approval of the Conditional Guilty Plea by the Board on October 29, 2024; upon the Order Recommending Approval of Conditional Guilty Plea entered by the Hearing Panel on November 5, 2024; upon rejection of the Conditional Guilty Plea by this Court on December 16, 2024; upon the submission by Mr. White of a Second Conditional Guilty Plea on May 27, 2025; upon the Order Recommending Approval of the Second Conditional Guilty Plea entered May 27, 2025; upon consideration and approval of the Second Conditional Guilty Plea by the Board on June 13, 2025; and upon the entire record in this cause.

From all of which, the Court approves and adopts the Hearing Panel’s Order Recommending Approval of Second Conditional Guilty Plea as the Court’s Order.

IT IS, THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

(1) Mr. White is suspended from the practice of law for five (5) years pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.2, with two (2) years to be served as an active suspension and the remainder shall, following any successful reinstatement petition, to be served on probation, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §14.1, subject to the following conditions:

- (a) During the period of active suspension and probation, Mr. White shall incur no new complaints of misconduct that relate to conduct occurring during the period of suspension and probation, which result in the recommendation by the Board that discipline be imposed. In the event that Mr. White violates or otherwise fails to meet said conditions of probation, Disciplinary Counsel shall be authorized to file a petition to

revoke Mr. White's probation pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 14.2. Upon a finding that revocation is warranted, Mr. White shall serve the previously deferred period of suspension.

(b) Mr. White, at his cost, if any, shall engage the services of a Practice Monitor for six (6) months following reinstatement, who shall be selected and approved in accordance with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.9(c). The Practice Monitor shall meet with Mr. White monthly and assess Mr. White's caseload, case management, timeliness of performing tasks, adequacy of communication with clients, and accounting procedures. The Practice Monitor shall provide a monthly written report of Mr. White's progress to Disciplinary Counsel.

(2) Prior to seeking reinstatement, Mr. White must have met all CLE requirements; have remitted all outstanding registration fees and outstanding professional privilege taxes, including those due from the date of this suspension until the date of reinstatement; and have remitted all court costs and Board costs in this matter. In addition, Mr. White shall be in substantial compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.

(3) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 12.7, and as a condition of any reinstatement, Mr. White shall, within sixty (60) days of the entry of this Order of Enforcement, pay restitution to Diana Holland (File No. 72008-1-MB) in the amount of \$1,100.00 and furnish proof of payment of the restitution to the Board. In the event restitution has been made or is made by the Tennessee Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (hereinafter "TLFCP"), Mr. White shall reimburse TLFCP in the same amount within thirty (30) days of the entry of the Order of Enforcement.

(4) Mr. White shall comply in all aspects with Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, §§ 28 and 30.4, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys and the procedure for reinstatement.

(5) Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 31.3(d), Mr. White shall pay to the Board the expenses and costs incurred to date by the Board in this matter in the amount of \$750.00, which includes \$100.00 for the costs of filing this matter and pay this filing fee to the Board and shall pay to the Clerk of this Court the court costs incurred herein. All costs, fees, and expenses awarded or assessed herein shall be paid within ninety (90) days of the entry of this Order, for which execution, if necessary, may issue.

(6) The Board shall cause notice of this discipline to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

(7) Pursuant to Tenn Sup. Ct. R. 9, §28.1, this Order shall be effective upon entry.



PER CURIAM

I, James M. Hixner, Clerk, hereby certify that
this is a true and exact copy of the original

order
filed in the cause.

This 26th day of June, 2026

By: Jim Meade D.C.
CLERK OF COURT