

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

**IN THE MATTER OF
BRIAN DANIEL GENO**

VSb DOCKET NO. 24-051-131549

CONSENT TO REVOCATION ORDER

On March 7, 2025, came Brian Daniel Geno 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 Daniel Geno's license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth be and the same hereby is revoked, and that the name of Brian Daniel Geno 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 must forthwith give notice by certified mail of the Revocation 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 clients. The Respondent must give such notice immediately and in no event later than 14 days of the effective date of the Revocation, 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. The Respondent must 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 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 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 shall be on the Respondent to show compliance.

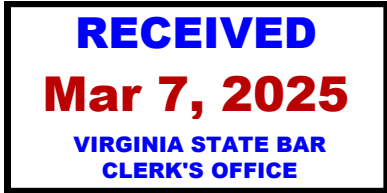
It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall mail an attested copy of this order by electronic, first-class and certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Respondent, Brian Daniel Geno, at his address of record with the Virginia State Bar, being, Geno Law Firm, P.C., Red Maple Court Office Condominiums, 10617 Jones St Ste 201-B, Fairfax, VA 22030 and a copy sent by electronic mail to Matthew William Lee, Counsel for Respondent, and to Richard W. Johnson, Jr., Assistant Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS DAY 10th MARCH 2025

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD



David J. Gogal
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AFFIDAVIT DECLARING CONSENT TO REVOCATION

I, Brian Daniel Geno, after being duly sworn, state as follows:

1. I was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on April 19, 1989.
2. I submit this Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation pursuant to Rule of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-28.
3. My consent to revocation is freely and voluntarily rendered. I am not being subjected to coercion or duress. I am fully aware of the implications of consenting to the revocation of my license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
4. I am aware that there is currently pending a complaint, an investigation into, or a proceeding involving, allegations of misconduct, the docket number(s) for which is set forth above, and the specific nature of which is here set forth:

Respondent represented a client accused of stealing a large quantity of coins from a coin shop in the Town of Vienna of Fairfax County, Virginia. While representing the client, Respondent opened his own coin shop, involving his client as an independent contractor.

Upon executing a search warrant at Respondent's law office, Vienna town police seized some coins which may have been related to the client's criminal matter. Nothing among the evidence of the criminal case provided a basis to suggest Respondent knew the coins were stolen or otherwise relevant to the client's criminal matter Respondent stipulates, however, that his possession of coins and employing a client charged with stealing stolen coins from a coin store during the course of his representation of the client under those circumstances provides clear and

convincing evidence of an unethical act, in that it created the appearance of an impropriety and therefore reflects adversely on his fitness to practice law.

Additionally, Respondent purchased coins from his client while representing the client for stealing coins. Although there is nothing to suggest that the coins were stolen coins or that Respondent thought they were stolen, the actions are clear and convincing evidence of an unethical act that created the appearance of an impropriety that reflects adversely on his fitness to practice law.

In his response to the instant bar complaint, Respondent failed to mention that he purchased coins from his client while representing the client for stealing coins. Respondent's failure to provide this information provides clear and convincing evidence that Respondent failed to disclose a fact necessary to correct a misapprehension known by him, in violation of Rule 8.1(b).

5. I acknowledge that the material facts upon which the allegations of misconduct are predicated are true.

6. I submit this Affidavit and consent to the revocation of my license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia because I know that if the disciplinary proceedings based on the alleged misconduct were brought or prosecuted to a conclusion, I could not successfully defend them.

Executed and dated on March 6, 2025



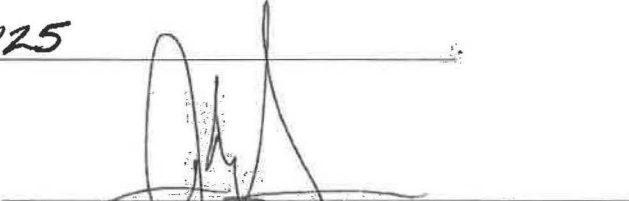
Brian Daniel Geno
Respondent

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CITY/COUNTY OF Fairfax, to wit:

The foregoing Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation was subscribed and sworn to before

me by Brian Daniel Geno on 3/6/2025



Notary Public

My Commission expires: 12/31/28

