

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE SEVENTH DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

IN THE MATTER OF
TITO VLADIMIR ALEJANDRO CASTRO

VS. Docket No. 21-070-121936

SUBCOMMITTEE DETERMINATION
(PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS)

On October 27, 2021 a meeting was held in this matter before a duly convened Seventh District Subcommittee consisting of William R. Fitzpatrick, Chair, William D. Ashwell, Member, and Dr. Stephen J. Napolitano, Lay Member. During the meeting, the Subcommittee voted to approve an agreed disposition for a Public Reprimand Without Terms pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-15.B.4. of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The agreed disposition was subsequently entered into by the Virginia State Bar, by M. Brent Saunders, Senior Assistant Bar Counsel, and Respondent, Tito Vladimir Alejandro Castro ("Mr. Castro"), pro se.

WHEREFORE, the Seventh District Subcommittee of the Virginia State Bar hereby serves upon Mr. Castro the following Public Reprimand Without Terms:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Mr. Castro was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on February 18, 2009, and remained so licensed but not in good standing at all times relevant hereto.
2. Mr. Castro's Virginia law license has been administratively suspended as a result of his failure to comply with his bar membership requirements in each year since 2017, including, but not limited to, as follows:
 - Suspended, effective October 15, 2018, for his failure to pay his 2018-2019 annual bar dues. His license remained administratively suspended until it was reinstated on December 12, 2018.
 - Suspended, effective October 15, 2019, for his failure to pay his 2019-2020 annual bar dues. His license remained administratively suspended until it was reinstated on February 3, 2020.

- Suspended, effective December 9, 2020, for his failure to pay his 2020-2021 annual bar dues. His license remained administratively suspended until it was reinstated on February 17, 2021.

3. Mr. Castro engaged in the practice of law in Virginia during the above-referenced periods his Virginia law license was administratively suspended, as follows:

- He appeared twice in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria) on behalf of the defendant in *United States v. Chase A. Newsome* (Case No. 1:18-po-3004):
 - o On December 5, 2018, he filed an Appearance of Counsel; and
 - o On January 7, 2020, he appeared at a probation violation hearing.

AND

- He appeared in the Loudoun County General District Court on behalf of the defendant in *Commonwealth v. Johnathan Flores Herrera* (Case Nos. GC20001780-00 and GC20001782-00) at a court hearing held in the case on February 16, 2021.

4. By letter dated February 24, 2021, a copy of this complaint was mailed to Mr. Castro to his address of record with the bar, demanding that he provide a written answer within 21 days of the date of the letter. He did not file a written answer by the deadline, and the mailing was returned as undeliverable. By letter dated May 5, 2021, a copy of this complaint was resent to Mr. Castro by mail to his address of record with the bar and also by email to his email address of record with the bar, demanding that he provide a written answer within 21 days of the date of that letter. He did not file a written answer by that deadline or any time following.

II. NATURE OF MISCONDUCT

Such conduct by Mr. Castro constitutes misconduct in violation of the following provisions of the Rules of Professional Conduct:

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.

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:

...

(c) fail to respond to a lawful demand for information from an admissions or disciplinary authority, except that this Rule does not require disclosure of information otherwise protected by Rule 1.6;

III. PUBLIC REPRIMAND WITHOUT TERMS

In mitigation: 1) Mr. Castro informed the bar that his failure to pay his annual bar dues was the result of financial difficulties; and 2) Mr. Castro has no prior discipline.

Accordingly, having approved the agreed disposition, it is the decision of the Subcommittee to impose a Public Reprimand Without Terms and Mr. Castro is hereby so reprimanded.

Pursuant to Part 6, § IV, ¶ 13-9.E of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Clerk of the Disciplinary System shall assess costs.

SEVENTH DISTRICT SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR

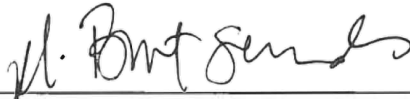
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William R. Fitzpatrick
Subcommittee Chair

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I certify that on the 1st day of December, 2021, a true and complete copy of the Subcommittee Determination (Public Reprimand Without Terms) was sent by certified mail to Tito Vladimir Alejandro Castro, Respondent, at 12 Grant Circle NW, Washington, D.C. 20011, Respondent's last address of record with the Virginia State Bar.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "M. Brent Saunders", is written over a horizontal line.

M. Brent Saunders
Senior Assistant Bar Counsel