

STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY BOARD

In re: PRB File No. 2022-130

DECISION

The Hearing Panel was assigned by the Vermont Supreme Court on May 12, 2022, in accordance with Rules 16(C) and 25 of Administrative Order 9. Disciplinary Counsel had earlier filed a petition seeking the immediate interim suspension of Respondent's license due to alleged disability. That petition was granted by the Vermont Supreme Court on May 3, 2021. On or about May 5, 2022, then Disciplinary Counsel Sarah Katz filed a petition to transfer Respondent to disability inactive status. That petition was granted and Respondent has been on Disability Inactive Status since that time. Respondent now seeks to be relieved of that status.

The parties have filed with the Hearing Panel a document entitled "STIPULATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS" dated June 28, 2023. Appended to the stipulation is medical documentation which supports the parties' recommendations. The panel adopts the portions of that stipulation entitled "Stipulated Facts" and "FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS". The panel finds the medical documentation (Exhibit 1) to be credible.

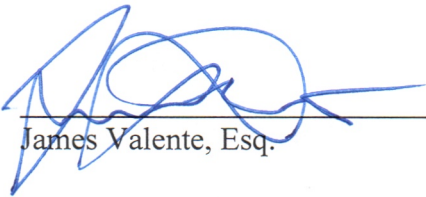
The Decision of the Hearing Panel is as follows:

1. The Respondent is no longer incapacitated based on his substance abuse issues as they are in remission. The May 5, 2022 petition to transfer to Disability Inactive Status is DISMISSED.

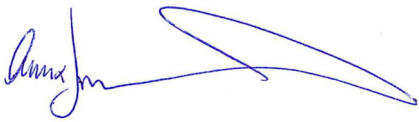
2. Based upon the medical documentation provided as well as the facts adopted by the Hearing Panel, Respondent is capable of practicing law and assisting in his own defense.

3. The Respondent's license will remain suspended pending final disposition of all disciplinary matters as set forth in the Court's Entry Order of May 3, 2021.

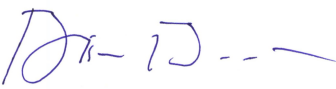
Hearing Panel No. 2


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