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November 15, 2023

Via Electronic Mail Only to: Merrick.Grutchfield@vermont.gov

Merrick Grutchfield, Program Administrator
Professional Responsibility Program
c/o Court Administrator's Office
109 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05609-0703

**Re: In re William Cobb, Esq.
PRB File No. 2020-099 and 103
Amended Petition for Reinstatement, Exhibits 1 - 8, and Certification of Service**

Dear Merrick Grutchfield:

Being submitted to you herewith via electronic mail are the following:

1. Amended Petition for Reinstatement of William W. Cobb;
2. Attachments 1 - 8 in further support of the Amended Petition; and
3. Certificate of Service via electronic means pertaining to the foregoing.

Although the Amended Petition is a public filing, and any sensitive names are provided with initials only, the Exhibits include numerous private emails between Mr. Cobb and various private individuals, so I would respectfully suggest that the Attachments not be published on the PRB website, or if you wish to publish them then I would be happy to provide redacted versions.

Very truly yours,
/s/Brice C. Simon, Esq.
Brice C. Simon, Esq.

STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

In re William Cobb, Esq.
PRB No. 2020-99 and 2020-103

AMENDED PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT

NOW COMES William W. Cobb, by and through counsel, and hereby amends the Petition for Reinstatement before the Professional Responsibility Board and scheduled for a hearing on November 27, 2023. In further support of his request for reinstatement, Petitioner submits that, by stipulation, the parties agreed to waive the deadline for hearing and agreed to reschedule the hearing on the petition from September 15, 2023 through November 27, 2023. During that time, Mr. Cobb has undertaken additional efforts to show that he qualifies for reinstatement. Specifically, Mr. Cobb has completed the following:

1. Participated in counseling with Kristi Zola in Lyndonville, Vermont. Attachment 1.
2. Communicated via electronic mail with those individuals who provided letters of support to make sure they were aware of the nature of the Decision suspending Mr. Cobb from the practice of law and to give them the opportunity to inform the Board of any changes in their perspective relative to the letters previously submitted. Attachment 2.
3. Communicated via electronic mail with Shawn Tester, CEO of NVRH to make sure he was aware of the nature of the Decision suspending Mr. Cobb from the practice of law. Attachment 3.
4. Communicated via electronic mail with Pat Forster of NVRH regarding availability for weekend community service. Attachment 4.
5. Entered a reimbursement arrangement with MK to make restitution and began making payments to MK based on that arrangement. Attachment 5.
6. Obtained letters of support from two (2) New York clients. Attachment 6.
7. Communicated via electronic mail with prior disciplinary counsel Sarah Katz, providing her with an apology letter. Attachment 7.
8. Updated the New York State Ninth Judicial District, Grievance Committee Background Questionnaire, and provided them with updated documentation regarding the status of Mr. Cobb's reinstatement petition, reciprocal suspensions, and Stipulated Sanction prohibiting him from ever again serving as a judicial officer in the State of Vermont. Attachment 8.

Mr. Cobb respectfully submits that with the foregoing additional activities, at the reinstatement hearing he will prove by clear and convincing evidence that Mr. Cobb: (1) has the moral qualifications, competency and learning required for admission to practice law in the State of Vermont; (2) that the resumption of the practice of law by Mr. Cobb will neither be

detrimental to the integrity and standing of the bar or the administration of justice nor subversive of the public interest; and (3) that Mr. Cobb has been rehabilitated. Rule 26(D).

WHEREFORE, the Panel is respectfully requested to consider the foregoing and attached information at the November 27, 2023 reinstatement hearing, and after conducting such hearing to find that Mr. Cobb shall be reinstated as a licensed attorney in the State of Vermont.

DATED at Stowe, Vermont on November 15, 2023.

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ATTACHMENTS 1-8

1. Counseling – Kristi Zola, Lyndon, VT.
2. Emails to individuals who provided letters of support re: any changes to letters previously submitted.
3. Emails to and from Shawn Tester, CEO, of NVRH.
4. Emails to and from Pat Forster re: weekend community service.
5. Payment to MK and texts re restitution to MK
6. Letters of support from New York clients (2)
7. Emails to and from Sarah Katz
8. New York update letter.

STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

IN RE: WILLIAM W. COBB
PRB FILE NO.: 2020-099, and 2020-103

CERTIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC SERVICE

NOW COMES Brice C. Simon, Esq., counsel for Respondent, and hereby certifies service of the Respondent's Amended Petition for Reinstatement, Attachments 1 - 8 thereto, and a copy of this Certification of Electronic Service, via electronic means, transmitted to Disciplinary Counsel Jon Alexander, Esq. on the date subscribed below, using the following electronic mail address: Jon.Alexander@vermont.gov.

DATED at Stowe, Vermont on November 15, 2023.

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ATTACHMENT 1

LCMHC Client Portal Kristi Zola <yourprovider@simplepractice.com>

11/8/2023 11:06 AM

Video appointment reminder for Thursday, November 9th

To Bill <wcobb@cobblawvt.net>

Hi Bill,

This is a reminder that you have an appointment with Kristi Zola, LCMHC at 11:00 am (EST) on Thursday, November 9th.

Your unique video appointment link: [Join your Video Appointment](#)

Important: Before joining the appointment from the mobile or tablet app, make sure to update to the latest Telehealth app version.

Add to your Calendar and your link to join the Telehealth appointment will be included:

iCloud Google Outlook

Kristi Zola, LCMHC

Please contact our office with any questions or changes.

No phone number on file

Don't have our Telehealth app?

[iOS App Store](#)

[Google Play Store](#)

[Get tips](#) on how to have a good video appointment.

Email by SimplePractice.com on behalf of Kristi Zola, LCMHC

ATTACHMENT 2

William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

11/14/2023 5:21 PM

RE: Order

To jfa@sover.net

Hi John,
No, I don't have any proposed edits. All good. Appreciate your help.
Bill

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On 11/14/2023 9:14 AM EST John F. Alexander <jfa@sover.net> wrote:

Hi Bill,

Will be glad to "edit" the letter anyway that you wish..If you send me the letter, with your revisions, I will edit accordingly..

Have a good week..

Thanks!

John A

From: William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 13, 2023 7:11 PM
To: jfa@sover.net
Subject: RE: Order

Hi John,
You only need to change the letter if you want to. You can either state that the letter is fine as written or that you would like to change it somehow, and then you could feel free to revise it.
Thanks for all your help.
Bill

On 09/06/2023 6:10 AM EDT John F. Alexander <jfa@sover.net> wrote:

Hi Bill,

Ironically just thinking of you, and your family, wondering what the status of your hearing might be now am aware.....Will change my letter if you so direct.

Be well...

Thanks!

John A

From: William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 10:02 PM

To: jfa@sover.net

Subject: Order

Hi John,

I am providing a copy of the Order that the Professional Responsibility Board issued in May of last year suspending my license for 15 months. Since you have been kind enough to write a letter in support of my reinstatement, I wanted to make sure that you had a full understanding of my violations. If for any reason you would like to change the content of your letter, please feel free to do so.

Thanks,

Bill

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GMMSRCO <belviderejr@yahoo.com>

11/13/2023 7:02 PM

Re: Order

To William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Hello Bill thank you and I have no changes to the letter I sent.
Joe Russo

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Monday, November 13, 2023, 19:00, William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Joe,
Here's a copy of the Order. Can you please review and let me know if you would like to make any changes to your letter to the Professional Responsibility Board?
Thanks,
Bill

Phyllis Corcoran-Woods <pcwoods@gmail.com>

9/7/2023 7:36 AM

Re: Order

To William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

If there is anything else I can do please let me know.
Best- Phyllis

Sent from my iPad

On Sep 6, 2023, at 8:46 AM, William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net> wrote:

Ok. Thanks Phyllis. Hope you had a great summer, and I hope to see you soon.
Best,
Bill

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On 09/06/2023 8:19 AM EDT Phyllis Corcoran-Woods <pcwoods@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Bill

Thank you for sending me a copy of the order the Professional Responsibility Board issued suspending your license for 15 months.

I have read the content of the order and I am comfortable with the letter I sent to the Board on your behalf.

All the best-
Phyllis

Sent from my iPhone

>> On Sep 5, 2023, at 10:41 PM, William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Phyllis,
I am providing a copy of the Order that the Professional Responsibility Board issued in May of last year suspending my license for 15 months. Since you were kind enough to write a letter in support of my reinstatement, I wanted to make sure that you had a full understanding of my violations. If for any reason you would like to change the content of your letter, please feel free to do so.
Thanks,
Bill

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Cristina Mansfield <cristinamansfield@mansfieldlawvt.com>

9/12/2023 3:24 PM

Re: Order

To William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Thank you.

On Sep 5, 2023, at 10:03 PM, William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Cristina,

I am providing a copy of the Order that the Professional Responsibility Board issued in May of last year suspending my license for 15 months. Since you have been kind enough to write a letter in support of my reinstatement, I wanted to make sure that you had a full understanding of my violations. If for any reason you would like to change the content of your letter, please feel free to do so.

Thanks for all your help.

Bill

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Cristina Mansfield <cristinamansfield@mansfieldlawvt.com>

11/14/2023 6:25 PM

Re: Order

To William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Bill,

I have read the order and have no changes to my letter.

Bet of luck to you.

Cristina

On Nov 13, 2023, at 6:55 PM, William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Cristina,

I may have inadvertently deleted your last response. Could you please reply as to whether you would like to make any changes to your letter in view of the Order that I emailed to you?

Thanks for all your help.

Bill

On 09/12/2023 3:24 PM EDT Cristina Mansfield <cristinamansfield@mansfieldlawvt.com> wrote:

Thank you.

On Sep 5, 2023, at 10:03 PM, William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Cristina,

I am providing a copy of the Order that the Professional Responsibility Board issued in May of last year suspending my license for 15 months. Since you have been kind enough to write a letter in support of my reinstatement, I wanted to make sure that you had a full understanding of my violations. If for any reason you would like to change the content of your letter, please feel free to do so.

Thanks for all your help.

Bill

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Laurie Levin <laurie@llevinlaw.com>

11/14/2023 6:30 PM

Re: Order

To William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Hello Bill,

I have reviewed the Order and I have no changes to my letter dated June 14, 2023 in your support.

See you in Court on November 27th at 9:00am.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Laurie

On Tue, Sep 5, 2023 at 10:03 PM William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net> wrote:

Hi Laurie,

I am providing a copy of the Order that the Professional Responsibility Board issued in May of last year suspending my license for 15 months. Since you have been kind enough to write a letter in support of my reinstatement, I wanted to make sure that you had a full understanding of my violations. If for any reason you would like to change the content of your letter, please feel free to do so.

Thanks for your help,

Bill

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William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

11/13/2023 7:08 PM

Order

To sm27@columbia.edu <sm27@columbia.edu>

Hi Sue,

I may have inadvertently deleted our email thread as I was trying to create more storage. Sorry for the follow up email, but could you please let me know whether you have any modifications to the letter you sent on my behalf in light of the Order? I will attach it again.

Thanks for all your help.

Bill

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ATTACHMENT 3

Shawn Tester <s.test@nvrh.org>

11/7/2023 11:03 AM

RE: [EXTERNAL]Status

To William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Hi Bill- no issues on my end, I just checked with Pat Forest and she said she is working with you through the process...

Shawn P. Tester
Chief Executive Officer
Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital
802.748.7400 | s.test@nvrh.org

From: William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Sent: Monday, November 6, 2023 5:54 PM

To: Shawn Tester <s.test@nvrh.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Status

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PLEASE REPORT SUSPICIOUS EMAILS WITH THE PHISH ALERT BUTTON

Hi Shawn,
As we discussed, I am sending you a copy of the order of my suspension. Could you please let me know whether you would like me to stay on as a corporator and/or volunteer at NVRH?
Thanks,
Bill

ATTACHMENT 4

Patricia Forest <p.forest@nvrh.org>

11/6/2023 2:39 PM

RE: [EXTERNAL]Volunteer

To William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Thank you

From: William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, November 5, 2023 12:18 PM

To: Patricia Forest <p.forest@nvrh.org>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Volunteer

Hi Pat,

Thanks for the email. I will call tomorrow to schedule an appointment with them. I'll keep you posted.
Bill

On 11/03/2023 11:40 AM EDT Patricia Forest <p.forest@nvrh.org> wrote:

Mr. Cobb: You may call our Occupational Medicine Office at 802-748-4393 to schedule an appointment for a TB test. You would need to return within 48-72 hours to have it checked once the initial TB is done. They are located in the gray building across from the Main Entrance to the hospital. They are located on the upper level, last door and the window on the left once you enter. Please let me know when that has been completed. Thanks Pat Forest

From: William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Sent: Sunday, October 1, 2023 9:04 PM

To: Patricia Forest <p.forest@nvrh.org>

Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL]Volunteer

Ok, thanks Pat!

On 09/29/2023 3:45 PM EDT Patricia Forest <p.forest@nvrh.org> wrote:

William: I have received your application and will be in touch. Pat

From: William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Sent: Friday, September 29, 2023 12:23 PM

To: Patricia Forest <p.forest@nvrh.org>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Volunteer

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Hi Pat,

I would be available to meet next Saturday if that works for you. If so, please let me know what time would be convenient and where I should go.

Thanks,

Bill

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ATTACHMENT 5

COBS AND ASSOCIATES, PLC
PO BOX 274
ST JOHNSBURY, VT 05819

9/11/23

2486

Pay to the Order of Glenn Jacobs \$12,000.00
Two Thousand only

UnionBank

Mike Kuba ACCT h. [signature]

⑆0160⑆100⑆ 12316 410 612486

#2486 09/15/2023 \$2,000.00

iMessage
Mon, Sep 4 at 8:24 AM

Hi Erica, this is Bill Cobb. Hope you are doing well. Is Mike around so that I could speak with him about returning some money?

Yes you can call this number

He's with me right now

His number has changed

Fri, Sep 8 at 4:26 PM

Hi Bill,
Thanks for your call, let us know when you send mail so we can be on the lookout and let you know it makes it here.

something in the mail.

Okay Bill. I hope things change for you soon. If anyone gets it we do. We are struggling ourselves. Just try not to let it depress us too badly as you shouldn't either. I figure somethings gotta give soon.

I just don't want that kind of check being lost in the mail and not knowing. That's why I asked.

I know. And I am sorry that I cannot do more sooner. I will do whatever I can as soon as I can.

Thank you Bill

Very welcome. Hope you guys

something in the mail.

Okay Bill. I hope things change for you soon. If anyone gets it we do. We are struggling ourselves. Just try not to let it depress us too badly as you shouldn't either. I figure somethings gotta give soon.

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Thank you Bill

Very welcome. Hope you guys

both of you.

Thanks Bill. Hope all is well with you too.

Mon, Nov 6 at 9:05 AM

Hi Bill

As before let me know when you mail the check so I know to look for it.

Still in the 70's here. I sure don't miss the snow lol

Hi Erica, I am simply stuck right now and can't do anything but as soon as my situation changes, I will let you know. You guys are high on the list and I would like to try and take care of you soon as I can. Unfortunately, there is just too much that I am juggling and I'm behind. I will keep you

Sun, Oct 22 at 9:38 AM

Hi Bill. Just wanted to let you know you can send the next check directly to me in South Carolina.

3827 Old Camden Highway
Heath Springs, SC 29058

We sincerely appreciate it and yes, it helps tremendously.

Hope you're ready for Snow as I'm sure it'll be there soon lol.

Erikasue & Mike

Sun, Oct 22 at 9:06 PM

OK Erika, got your message. I will get something out as soon as I can. Hope all is well with both of you.

Thanks Bill. Hope all is well with you too.

Fri, Sep 8 at 4:26 PM

Hi Bill,
Thanks for your call, let us
know when you send mail so
we can be on the lookout and
let you know it makes it here.

Hi Erica, OK I will send
something out tomorrow.

Thank you so much Bill.

All good Erica. Happy to help
anyway, I can. Glad that things
seem like they are going OK for
the moment.

For the moment anyway. I sure
hope it ends soon.
It will help tremendously.

and I would like to try and take care of you soon as I can. Unfortunately, there is just too much that I am juggling and I'm behind. I will keep you posted and hopefully I will have something for you sooner than later, but I will let you know when I am able to get something in the mail.

Okay Bill. I hope things change for you soon. If anyone gets it we do. We are struggling ourselves. Just try not to let it depress us too badly as you shouldn't either. I figure somethings gotta give soon.

I just don't want that kind of check being lost in the mail and not knowing. That's why I asked.

ATTACHMENT 6

Libby Chick <libbychick@gmail.com>

11/8/2023 12:04 PM

Vermont letter

To william.cobb@comcast.net

Libby Chick

- Libby Letter (1).pdf (50 KB)

Elizabeth Chick
716 Broadway
Newburgh NY 12550

November 7, 2023

To Whom it May Concern,

I recently had the pleasure of being represented by William Cobb for a DWI charge. As you can imagine, facing criminal charges was a very scary and tumultuous undertaking, but Mr Cobb put me at ease from the very first day. He was extremely compassionate and knowledgeable. Mr Cobb gave me a clear outline of what to expect both in and outside of the courtroom, offering possible scenarios and how best to mitigate a less favorable sentence. He walked me through each step of the process with incredible patience.

Right away Mr. Cobb urged me to be proactive— setting me up with a wonderful alcohol counselor as well as giving me a list of community service opportunities in my area. I was conditionally discharged with 50 hours of community service, as well as counseling, both of which I had already completed prior to sentencing at the advice of Mr Cobb. When I was sentenced the judge looked up from my file and said to me, "your lawyer did very well for you." I could not have agreed more.

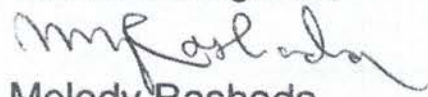
I can not imagine how daunting this whole experience would have been without Mr Cobb there on my side. He did absolutely anything he could to help me get through this as painlessly as possible. His professionalism can only be outshined by his compassion and kindness.

Warmest Regards,
Elizabeth Chick

To: State of Vermont Professional Responsibility Program
Hearing Panel

I'm pleased to forward to you this letter of support for William Cobb, Attorney. I'm Melody Rashada and I live in New Windsor NY. I met Attorney Cobb in April of 2023 when my attorney of a different law firm (whose office was being renovated) was temporarily meeting clients in the Cobb's Newburgh office. Mr. Cobb graciously agreed to help me with a debt case pro bono though I offered him a small payment. He always get back to me when I have a question or concern about my case. When we discussed his suspension, he noted that he has made changes to be sure his efforts are never again misunderstood. For example, he now makes the next appointment with his clients before ending almost every session. He said he takes confidentiality even more seriously than he did before the suspension and considers it a reminder to notice all matters related to every case. He gave an example of how one is more likely to pay more attention if he is affected by an outcome. I have found Mr. Cobb to be a thoughtful and caring attorney. I think he will be even better after experiencing this reminder. I hope the panel determines that it is fit to allow Attorney Cobb to fully return to his work expeditiously.

With best regards,



Melody Rashada

ATTACHMENT 7

sender.

Hi Sarah,

I hope you are well. I wanted to write to you to express my sincere apologies for my behavior. It was wrong of me to avoid taking responsibility for my conduct and for not being straightforward and honest with you. I know that you were doing your job and expected me to do mine. You had every right to expect a good faith response to your investigation and I didn't provide that. I failed on many levels as you and I both know. I'm sorry for everything. I am working on things to improve myself and will work hard to make sure that something like this doesn't happen again.

Sincerely,
Bill

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William Cobb <william.cobb@comcast.net>

11/13/2023 6:26 PM

RE: Accountability

To Sarah Katz <sarah.katz@vermont.gov>

Hi Sarah,

I completely agree. A lot of good has come out of this. I started counseling recently, and learned that I have ADHD. When I shared this with my wife, she googled symptoms of ADHD and pretty much confirmed that the symptoms matched my personality. Interesting things that we can learn about ourselves when someone looks under the hood. Anyway, it's given me a lot of positive reasons to think that I can address some of my many weaknesses and make things better.

Hope your new job is working out.

Best,
Bill

On 11/13/2023 3:01 PM EST Katz, Sarah <sarah.katz@vermont.gov> wrote:

Hi, Bill,

Thanks for your email. Good luck with your reinstatement hearing. One of the many things I learned from my old job is that everyone makes mistakes, but what you do with those mistakes has its own big opportunities for some kind of impact.

Sarah Katz



Staff Attorney

Sarah.Katz@vermont.gov

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ATTACHMENT 8

William W. Cobb
425 Jones Road
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November 14, 2023

Via Priority Mail

State of New York
Grievance Committee for the
Ninth Judicial District
Crosswest Office Center
399 Knollroad, Suite 200
White Plains, NY 10603

Re: Your File No. 37069/21 - Background Questionnaire

Dear Attorney Cipollone:

I am providing an updated Background Questionnaire with supporting documentation.

Please call me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'W. Cobb', written in a cursive style.

William W. Cobb

Enc.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE, NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
APPELLATE DIVISION: SECOND JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT

BACKGROUND QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Name: Cobb William W. 8/16/66
(Last) (First) (Initial) (Date of Birth)
2. Department and Date of Admission in New York: 2nd Dept. 1/10/2001
Name Under Which Admitted: William Wyman Cobb
3. Other Jurisdictions Where Admitted (Federal, State, Special Courts or Agencies):
Eastern District of New York, Southern District of New York, Northern District of New York,
Connecticut, District of Connecticut, Vermont, District of Vermont, US Immigration Court
4. Home Address and Telephone Number: 425 Jones Road, East Burke, VT 05832;
802-498-5983
5. Present Address(es) and Telephone Number(s) for the Practice of Law:
Law Office of Stephen S. Cobb, 724 Broadway #201, Newburgh, NY 12550;
845-247-5464
6. Other than the addresses in #5, have you within the last ten (10) years, maintained an
office for the practice of law in any other judicial district? If so, where?
Yes, Vermont (1129 Main Street, Ste 1, St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819)
7. If you have ever been censured, suspended or disbarred from the practice of law, provide the
name of the court, or jurisdiction, the discipline imposed and the date of imposition. If you
were suspended or disbarred, provide the date you were readmitted to practice:
Yes. State of Vermont, suspended for 15 months beginning on July 10, 2022. Suspension
is still pending with an anticipated hearing date for reinstatement on November 27, 2023.
15-month reciprocal suspensions imposed in State of Conn (9/12/22); District of Conn (5/11/23);
District of Vt (12/21/22); US Imm. Court (11/3/22)(Orders attached)
8. Have you ever been convicted of a crime in any jurisdiction, subsequent to your admission to
practice in the State of New York? If so, give particulars:
No.

9. Subsequent to your admission to practice in the State of New York, have you ever been directed to pay sanctions or costs pursuant to 22 NYCRR Part 130? If so, provide the name of the matter and the court in which you were sanctioned, the amount you were directed to pay, and the date: No.
10. Have you ever had a complaint of attorney misconduct filed against you which resulted in any disposition, other than a dismissal, by any agency or body other than the Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District? If so, provide the name and address of the agency, and the nature and date of final disposition: Yes, Vermont Professional Responsibility Board, PRB 2020-99/2020-103, Dated 5/24/22, 15-month suspension (order previously provided); Order delaying susp. for 45 days (order prev. provided) to July 10, 2022, and affirmation of same by Vermont Supreme Court on October 13, 2022 (order attached)
11. If you are currently the subject of any complaint before any attorney disciplinary agency or bar association other than the Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District, provide the name and address of the agency and a brief description of the complaint:
See No. 10. Matter is still technically pending since I have not been reinstated. Reinstatement hearing to take place on November 27, 2023. Further, as stated above, I received reciprocal 15-month suspensions in: (1) State of Ct; (2) District of Conn.; District of Vermont; and US Immigration Court
12. Are you now or have you ever served as a member of the judiciary in any capacity in any court? If so, please state your position, the court(s) wherein you served, and the starting and ending dates of your service: Yes, Caledonia Probate Judge (Feb 2019-June 6, 2022)(copy of order suspending me as probate judge attached); Judicial Conduct Board Formal Complaint (Docket 22.040), Entry Order, Answer to Complaint, Stipulation and related file documents attached hereto.

I certify that the statements made herein are true and correct. I further understand that I have a continuing duty to notify the Grievance Committee for the Ninth Judicial District of any change in information provided herein that may occur during the pendency of any investigation or proceeding regarding my conduct as an attorney and counselor-at-law.

[Signature]
Signature

11/7/23
Date

**STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM**

In re: William Cobb, Esq.
PRB File No. 001-2024

**ORDER GRANTING PARTIES' STIPULATED MOTION TO CONTINUE
REINSTATEMENT HEARING**

On July 10, 2023, Petitioner William Cobb, Esq., filed a Motion for Reinstatement. To comply with Administrative Order No. 9, the Hearing Panel scheduled a hearing on the Motion for September 15, 2023. *See* A.O. 9, Rule 26(D) (requiring Panel to hold a hearing and issue a decision within 90 days of Petitioner's filing). The 90-day deadline is "directory and not jurisdictional." A.O. 9, Rule 20(I).

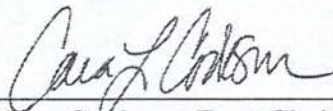
On September 11, 2023, Petitioner and Disciplinary Counsel filed a Stipulated Motion to Continue Reinstatement Hearing. They asked the Hearing Panel to continue the hearing from September 15, 2023 until on or after November 15, 2023 to allow Petitioner an opportunity to address issues identified during the discovery process. Petitioner consented to the Panel considering and deciding the Motion for Reinstatement more than 90 days after he filed it.

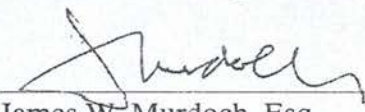
No prejudice will result from continuing the hearing, as Petitioner understands that he remains suspended from the practice of law in Vermont until the Panel holds a hearing and issues a decision reinstating his license to practice.

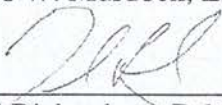
Accordingly, the parties' Stipulated Motion to Continue Reinstatement Hearing is GRANTED. The hearing in this matter is continued until on or after November 15, 2023.

Dated September 12, 2023.

Hearing Panel No. 4

By: 
Cara Cookson, Esq., Chair

By: 
James W. Murdoch, Esq.

By: 
Thad Richardson, Public Member

DOCKET NO.: HHD-CV22-6158424^{dal}-S

OFFICE OF CHIEF
DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

V.

WILLIAM W. COBB

SUPERIOR COURT

JUDICIAL DISTRICT
OF HARTFORD

AT HARTFORD

SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

ORDER

This Court, after providing the parties with an opportunity to be heard, hereby finds:

1. The Respondent, William W. Cobb, Juris 418432, was admitted to the Connecticut bar on November 9, 2000.
2. On May 24, 2022 the Respondent was disciplined by the State of Vermont Professional Responsibility Board.
3. The discipline imposed by the State of Vermont Professional Responsibility Board was a reprimand for a violation of Rule 1.1 (Competence) and a suspension one year and three months for violations of Rule 8.4(d) (Conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); Rule 1.3 (Diligence); Rule 1.6 (Confidentiality); and Rule 8.4(c) (Conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation), effective July 10, 2022.

Accordingly, pursuant to Connecticut Practice Book §2-39, it is hereby

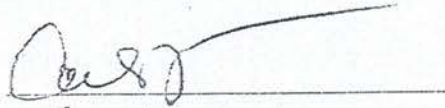
ORDERED:

1. The Respondent, William W. Cobb, Connecticut Juris Number 418432, is suspended for a period fifteen (15) months, effective immediately.
2. The Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel shall immediately notify the Chief Clerks of all Judicial Districts and Probate Administration of the Respondent's suspension.
3. Respondent shall comply with Practice Book §2-47B (Restrictions on the Activities of Deactivated Attorneys).
4. Should Respondent seek reinstatement to the Connecticut Bar, he must do so pursuant to Practice Book §2-53 but he shall not be eligible to do so until he is eligible for reinstatement in the State of Vermont.
5. A Trustee will not be appointed as Respondent has not recently practiced law in Connecticut and has no clients nor an IOLTA account in the State of Connecticut.
6. Prior to reinstatement in Connecticut, Respondent shall satisfy any Connecticut Bar requirements and will be otherwise in good standing.

Pursuant to Connecticut Practice Book § 2-39, the court finds that the above order is commensurate with the order of the State of Vermont Professional Responsibility Board.

So ordered.

9/12/22
Date


Cobb, W. J.

Maria Corriette <maria_corriette@ctd.uscourts.gov>

5/12/2023 10:44 AM

3:22-gp-00025-VAB *SEALED* In re: William

To william.cobb@comcast.net <william.cobb@comcast.net>

Please see below.

Thanks.

Docket Activity Report**U.S. District Court -- District of Connecticut****Report Entered Period: 5/11/2023 - 5/11/2023**

Case Number/Title	Dates	Category/Event	Docketed by	Notes
3:22-gp-00025-VAB *SEALED* In re: William W. Cobb	Entered: 05/11/2023 08:45:41 Filed: 05/11/2023	Category: order Event: Order on Motion for Miscellaneous Relief •	H. Bartlett Type: crt	Cause: State Court Discipline NOS: Other Statutory Actions Office: New Haven Presider: Victor A. Bolden Jury demand: None
ORDER granting <u>8</u> Motion to Waive Appearance. The Court GRANTS the motion to waive the hearing to show cause and/or any appearance at the hearing to show cause. Signed by Judge Victor A. Bolden on 5/11/2023. (Bartlett, H)				
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(Court only) ***Deadlines terminated. (Bartlett, H)				



Maria Corriette
Case Management Specialist
United States District Court
District of Connecticut
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
DISTRICT OF VERMONT

In Re: William W. Cobb, Esq.

Misc. No. 5:22-mc-00137

ORDER

The above-named individual having received this court's Order to Show Cause issued on September 28, 2022, and having responded, it is hereby

ORDERED that said WILLIAM W. COBB is publicly reprimanded for violation of Vermont Professional Conduct Rule 1.1 and suspended from the practice of law before this Court for a period of one (1) year and three (3) months from the date of this order.

Dated at Burlington, in the District of Vermont, this 21st day in December 2022.

/s/ Geoffrey W. Crawford

U.S. District Chief Judge

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

U.S. Department of Justice
Executive Office for Immigration Review
Board of Immigration Appeals

MATTER OF:

William Wyman COBB, D2022-0206

Respondent

FILED

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ON BEHALF OF EOIR: Paul A. Rodrigues, Disciplinary Counsel

ON BEHALF OF DHS: Toinette M. Mitchell, Disciplinary Counsel

IN PRACTITIONER DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS
Petition for Immediate Suspension Before the Board of Immigration Appeals

Before: Malphrus, Chief Appellate Immigration Judge, Liebowitz, Appellate Immigration Judge,
Brown, Temporary Appellate Immigration Judge¹

Opinion by Malphrus, Chief Appellate Immigration Judge

MALPHRUS, Chief Appellate Immigration Judge

On October 13, 2022, the Supreme Court of Vermont suspended the respondent from the practice of law in Vermont for 1 year and 3 months, effective November 3, 2022. On December 5, 2022, the Disciplinary Counsel for the Executive Office for Immigration Review and the Disciplinary Counsel for the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS") jointly petitioned for the respondent's immediate suspension from practice before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS. The petition will be granted.² See 8 C.F.R. §§ 1003.103(a)(1) and (4) (discussing grounds for immediate suspension).

ORDER: The petition is granted, and the respondent is hereby suspended from the practice of law before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, and DHS pending final disposition of this proceeding. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall promptly notify, in writing, any clients with cases currently pending before the Board of Immigration Appeals, the Immigration Courts, or DHS that the respondent has been suspended from practicing before these bodies.

¹ Temporary Appellate Immigration Judges sit pursuant to appointment by the Attorney General. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(a)(4).

² Upon good cause shown, the Board of Immigration Appeals may set aside the order of immediate suspension when it appears in the interest of justice to do so. 8 C.F.R. § 1003.103(a)(4).

FURTHER ORDER: The respondent shall maintain records to evidence compliance with this order.

FURTHER ORDER: The contents of this notice shall be made available to the public, including at Immigration Courts and appropriate offices of DHS.

ENTRY ORDER

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SUPREME COURT DOCKET NO. 22-AP-145

SEPTEMBER TERM, 2022

In re William Cobb, Esq.
(Office of Disciplinary Counsel)

} Original Jurisdiction

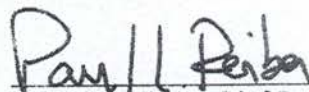
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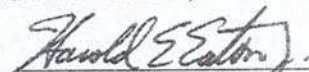
In the above-entitled cause, the Clerk will enter:

¶ 1. The Court ordered review of this decision on its own motion. Upon review of the briefs and the hearing panel's decision in this matter, the Court adopts the hearing panel's decision in its entirety as a final order of this Court. The hearing panel's decision may be accessed at: In re William Cobb, Esq., Nos. PRB-099-2020, PRB-103-2020 (May 24, 2022), https://www.vermontjudiciary.org/sites/default/files/documents/PRB%20No.%202020-099%20and%20103%20-%20Cobb%20-%20HP%20Decision%20246%20-%202022-%200524_0.pdf [https://perma.cc/3BPE-YXLQ].

BY THE COURT:



Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice



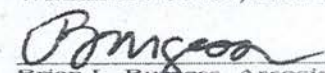
Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice



Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice



William D. Cohen, Associate Justice



Brian L. Burgess, Associate Justice (Ret.),
Specially Assigned

ENTRY ORDER

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SUPREME COURT DOCKET NO. 22-AP-145

OCTOBER TERM, 2022

In re William Cobb, Esq.
(Office of Disciplinary Counsel)

} Original Jurisdiction

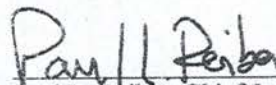
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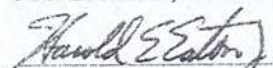
In the above-entitled cause, the Clerk will enter:

¶ 1. When the mandate issues in this case under Vermont Rule of Appellate Procedure 41 and this Court's October 13, 2022 decision suspending respondent from the practice of law for fifteen months becomes final, respondent will also be suspended for the remainder of his term in office as a probate judge, without compensation. See Rule 6(24) of the Rules Governing the Disciplinary Control of Judges ("A judge suspended by the Supreme Court from the practice of law shall be suspended for the remainder of the judge's term in office, without compensation."). Absent a motion for reargument, the mandate will issue on November 3, 2022.

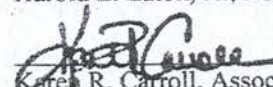
BY THE COURT:



Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice



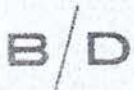
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April 25, 2023

Via E-Mail and Regular Mail

Brice C. Simon, Esq.
Breton & Simon, PLC
P.O. Box 240
Stowe, VT 05672

RE: Judicial Conduct Board, Docket No.: 22.040
Our File No.: 2281-01

Dear Attorney Simon:

Please find enclosed in the above matter a Complaint, Waiver of Service of Summons, Answer form and Notice of Appearance.

If we can provide further information or assistance, please do not hesitate to advise.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Brendan P. Donahue

Enc.

cc: William Cobb, via email and U.S. Mail
Barbara Blackman, Esq, via email

**STATE OF VERMONT
JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD**

In re: Honorable William Cobb

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Docket No. 22.040

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Please take notice that Brendan P. Donahue appears for the JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD, in the above-captioned matter.

Dated at Springfield, County of Windsor, State of Vermont this 24th day of April, 2023.

BRADY / DONAHUE

By: /s/ Brendan P. Donahue
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PO Box 39
Springfield VT 05156
(802) 885-2001
bdonahue@bradydonahue.com

**STATE OF VERMONT
JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD**

In re: Honorable William Cobb

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Docket No. 22.040

WAIVER OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS

To: Brendan P. Donahue
Name of Unrepresented Plaintiff or Plaintiff's Attorney

I received your request to waive service of the summons. I also received the **Complaint**, two copies of this **Waiver of Service of Summons** form, and a way to return this form to you at no cost to me.

I (or my client) agree to save you the cost of serving the Summons and Complaint.

I understand that by signing this waiver I (or my client) cannot object to how this lawsuit was served. However, I can still defend myself against the claims you are making and bring counterclaims against you.

I understand that within 60 days of the date you sent me this waiver form (90 days if the form was sent outside the United States), I (or my client) must provide you and the Court a written response (Answer), as required by the Vermont Rules of Civil Procedure (see e.g. Rules 8, 12 and 13). If I do not meet this deadline, the Court may decide the case against me.

I (or my attorney) also will fill out the Notice of Appearance form and send it to you and the Court.

Dated _____

Signature of Attorney or Unrepresented Defendant

Printed Name of Defendant Waiving Service

DUTY TO AVOID UNNECESSARY COSTS OF SERVICE OF SUMMONS (V.R.C.P. Rule 4)

If Plaintiff and Defendant are both in the United States, Defendant must pay the costs to serve the Summons and Complaint if Defendant does not return the Waiver of Service of Summons form within the time allowed by Plaintiff (which must be at least 30 days from when the request was sent), unless Defendant shows good cause. Defendant's belief that the Complaint is groundless or that the action has been brought in the wrong place or that the Court lacks jurisdiction is not good cause.

**STATE OF VERMONT
JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD**

In re: Honorable William Cobb

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Docket No. 22.040

FORMAL COMPLAINT

This Formal Complaint is filed pursuant to Rule 7(4) of the Rules of Supreme Court for Disciplinary Control of Judges. It arises from a Complaint filed with the Judicial Conduct Board ("JCB") on or about June 21, 2022. Based on the investigation of that Complaint by Special Counsel, the JCB has found probable cause that Judge William Cobb violated Canons 1.2 and 2.16 of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct.

NOTICE

Judge Cobb has the right to file a written answer within 21 days of service of this Formal Complaint and to be represented by an attorney of his choice who may cross-examine witnesses and produce evidence on the Judge's behalf.

FACTUAL BASIS

1. Judge William Cobb served as Probate Judge in the Vermont Superior Court, Caledonia Unit, Probate Division from February 2019 through June 1, 2022. He served on a part-time basis.
2. At all times relevant hereto, Judge Cobb was engaged in the private practice of law, maintaining an office in St. Johnsbury, Vermont.

3. The JCB has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Rule 3(1) of the Rules of Supreme Court for Disciplinary Control of Judges.

4. On May 24, 2022, the Vermont Professional Responsibility Board ("PRB") issued a written decision finding Judge Cobb, while acting solely as an attorney in private practice, had violated five (5) rules of the Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct.

5. The PRB's May 24, 2022, decision concluded with particularity that Judge Cobb violated Rule 8.4(c) of the Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct because he "intentionally attempted to mislead Disciplinary Counsel instead of cooperating with her investigation" by providing "misleading and inaccurate information" regarding his billing practices.

6. On June 1, 2022, the Vermont Supreme Court concluded the May 24, 2022, PRB decision provided sufficient grounds to temporarily suspend Judge Cobb from his role as Probate Judge. *See In re William Cobb*, 2022 Vt. Unpub. Lexis (June 1, 2022).

7. The Vermont Supreme Court undertook a review of the PRB's May 24, 2022, decision on the Court's own motion.

8. Acting through counsel, Judge Cobb filed a brief with the Vermont Supreme Court advising he "would not take a position . . . in opposition to the Hearing Panel's [May 24, 2022] Decision". Further, Judge Cobb attached a letter containing the following proclamation:

I take responsibility for the misconduct the Board found I engaged in . . . To the extent the Court requests argument, I rely on what has already been submitted [to the PRB] and incorporate those arguments by reference. However, it is far more positive for me to look ahead than to look behind, and I respectfully rely on the Vermont Supreme Court's discretion as it relates to this matter in its entirety.

9. The Vermont Supreme Court issued a subsequent entry order on October 13, 2022, adopting the PRB's decision "in its entirety as a final order of this Court." *See In re William Cobb*, 2022 VT 51 (October 13, 2022). Judge Cobb was afforded an opportunity to file a motion to reargue

this finding but chose not to do so. As a result, Judge Cobb was suspended from the remainder of his term in office as a probate judge without compensation on November 3, 2022.

10. Judge Cobb was interviewed by the JCB's special counsel on November 29, 2022. During this interview, Judge Cobb agreed there were no factual disputes regarding his conduct that formed the basis of the PRB's findings and the Vermont Supreme Court's decisions.

CANONS VIOLATED

11. Canon 1.2 of the Code of Judicial Conduct states:

A judge shall act at all times in a manner that promotes public confidence in the independence, integrity, and impartiality of the judiciary, and shall avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety.

Comment 5 to Canon 1.2 explains that "[a]ctual improprieties include violations of law, court rules, or provisions of this Code."

12. The Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Vermont Supreme Court meet the definition of "court rules" as that phrase is used in Canon 1.2.

13. Judge Cobb's five (5) violations of the Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct, set forth above, necessarily constituted five (5) acts of "impropriety" proscribed by Canon 1.2.

14. Canon 2.16 declares that a judge "shall cooperate and be candid and honest with judicial and lawyer disciplinary agencies."

15. Judge Cobb's violation of Rule 8.4(c) of the Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct, in particular his failure to cooperate with the PRB investigation as set forth above, constituted a violation of Canon. 2.16(A).

WHEREFORE, Judge Cobb's conduct as set forth in this Complaint establishes violations of Rules 1.2 and 2.16 of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct.

Dated at Springfield, Vermont this 25th day of April 2023.

By:


Brendan P. Donahue

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Special Counsel to the JCB

**STATE OF VERMONT
JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD**

In re: Hon. William Cobb

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Docket No: 22.040

ENTRY ORDER


It recently came to the attention of the Board that Respondent had informed Special Counsel that he would hold off filing an Answer to the Formal Complaint pending receipt of a proposed stipulation. The parties are hereby reminded that any procedural stipulation regarding the filing of an Answer or other pleadings should be submitted to the Chair for review and approval.

Moving forward, Respondent is hereby ordered to file an Answer to the Formal Complaint within 21 days on or before **September 4, 2023**. Respondent is reminded that "failure to answer or to deny misconduct or disability shall be deemed an admission of the charges." Rule 9(1).

DATED August 14, 2023

JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

By: _____


BARBARA R. BLACKMAN, ESQ., CHAIR
P.O. Box 310
Rutland, VT 05702-0310
(802) 786-1063

STATE OF VERMONT
JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD

In re: Hon. William Cobb)
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Docket No: 22.040

ANSWER TO PETITION

NOW COMES William W. Cobb, *pro se*, and hereby answers the petition as follows:

FACTUAL BASIS

1. Admitted.
2. Admitted.
3. Statement of Jurisdiction regarding which no response is provided, but it is acknowledged that the Judicial Conduct Board has jurisdiction regarding this matter.
4. Admitted.
5. Admitted.
6. Admitted.
7. Admitted.
8. Admitted. Specifically, Mr. Cobb has taken full responsibility for the misconduct the Board found he engaged in.
9. The Vermont Supreme Court's Entry Order dated October 13, 2022 speaks for itself and is non-traversable. Otherwise, Paragraph 9 contains a procedural history that is admitted.
10. Admitted.

CANONS VIOLATED

11. Admitted as to the contents of Canon 1.2 and Comment 5 of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct.


12. Admitted that the Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct adopted by the Vermont Supreme Court are "court rules" as that phrase is used in Canon 1.2 of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct.

13. Attorney Cobb neither admits nor denies the allegation as stated, but acknowledges that the conduct alleged constitutes "improprieties" prohibited by the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct.

14. Admitted as to the contents of Canon 2.16 of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct

15. Admitted that the violation of Rule 8.4(c) of the Vermont Rules of Professional Conduct that was found by the Vermont Professional Responsibility Board and upheld by the Vermont Supreme Court constituted a violation of Canon. 2.16(A) of the Vermont Code of Judicial Conduct.

DATED at St. Johnsbury, Vermont this 15th day of August, 2023.



William W. Cobb, *Pro Se*

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St. Johnsbury, Vermont 05819

Phone: 802-498-5983

Email: william.cobb@comcast.net

**STATE OF VERMONT
JUDICIAL CONDUCT BOARD**

In re: Honorable William Cobb

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Docket No. 22.040

STIPULATED SANCTION

NOW COME the Parties, Judicial Conduct Board ("JCB") and William Cobb, and hereby stipulate to the following proposed sanction:

William Cobb agrees that he may never again serve as a judicial officer in the State of Vermont and further agrees that the JCB may enter an order to that effect

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request that the JCB approve this proposed Stipulated Sanction.

Dated at St. Johnsbury, Vermont this ____ day of September 2023.

WILLIAM COBB

By: /s/ William W. Cobb
William W. Cobb
P.O. Box 274
St. Johnsbury, VT 05819
(802) 498-5983
William.Cobb@comcast.net

Dated at Springfield, Vermont this ____th day of September 2023.

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PRB-001-2024 (*In re William W. Cobb, petitioner*)

Dear Panel,

Yesterday, Counsel for the Petitioner filed the attached document.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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