

**IN THE BOARD ON PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS**

The Board on Professional Responsibility gives notice of the **PUBLIC REPRIMAND** of
Martial A. Webster, Sr., Esq.

UNDERLYING FACTS AND RULES VIOLATED:

During Respondent's representation of a client, Respondent filed a Motion for Recusal/Disqualification. In support of the Motion and attached thereto was an affidavit prepared by Respondent's client. Having prepared the affidavit, Respondent's client instructed Respondent to file the affidavit without modification. Respondent filed the affidavit as written.

The affidavit referenced a pending disciplinary complaint filed by Respondent's client against a fellow member of the Virgin Islands Bar. Pursuant to Rule 207.13(a), attorney disciplinary proceedings are confidential, and all participants in the process are aware that they are required to maintain the confidentiality of the proceedings.

Respondent and the Office of Disciplinary Counsel entered into an agreement to consent to the discipline of a public reprimand. This agreement was accepted by the Board on Professional Responsibility. Respondent violated:

- Rule 211.2.1 by failing to exercise independent judgement in filing an affidavit prepared by his client, which included confidential information that he knew to be confidential;
- Rule 211.4.4 by filing an affidavit designed and intended by his client to embarrass and harm certain individuals referenced therein; and
- Rule 211.8.4(a) by violating the Rules of Professional Conduct.

The Offer to Consent to Discipline was approved by the Supreme Court of the Virgin Islands in its April 30, 2024 Order.

Therefore, in accordance with Rule 207.14 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States Virgin Islands, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel shall publicly disseminate all information relating to this matter to:

- the disciplinary enforcement agency in any jurisdiction in which the Respondent is admitted;
- the chief judicial officers of all courts of this Territory;
- the chief judicial officers of all federal courts located in this territory, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court
- any national data bank maintained for the purposes of reporting disciplinary action relating to lawyers; and
- the news media.

SANCTION IMPOSED: MARTIAL A. WEBSTER, SR. is hereby **PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED** on this 21st day of May 2024.