

STATE OF MAINE

SUPREME JUDICIAL COURT

Docket No. BAR-16-7

Board of Overseers of the Bar

v.

ORDER of SURRENDER
MAINE BAR RULE 25

Anita M. Volpe, Esq.
of Rockland, Maine
Me. Bar No. 000913

Attorney Anita Volpe was admitted to the Maine bar in 1977. For many years, she has maintained a solo practice focusing primarily on family law, Social Security disability, real estate, probate and estate planning matters.

Pursuant to M. Bar R. 25(d)(2), the Court conducted a final hearing to consider Attorney Volpe's voluntary surrender request of June 15, 2016. That surrender, with supporting Affidavits, was submitted by counsel for Attorney Volpe. On June 22, 2016 the Board of Overseers of the Bar considered the matter and recommended that the Court accept Attorney Volpe's surrender from the Maine bar, subject to conditions as adopted by the Court within this Order.

Final hearing in this matter occurred on August 30, 2016. Appearing with his client on that date was George T. Dilworth, Esq., counsel for Attorney Volpe. Deputy Bar Counsel Aria Ee appeared on behalf of the Board of Overseers of the Bar. Prior to hearing, the parties notified the Court that they had reached agreement as to formal resolution of this matter.

Therefore, following final hearing and the parties' agreement, it is hereby ORDERED:

Attorney Anita M. Volpe's surrender from the Maine bar is accepted, pursuant to M. Bar R. 25(d). As a result, sixty (60) days from the date of this Order, her name shall be removed from the list of practitioners who are admitted to practice law before the courts of the State of Maine. With this Order, the Court, grants Attorney Volpe's request to have an additional thirty (30) days in order to wind down her practice.

It is further ordered that Attorney Volpe shall, consistent with M. Bar R. 31, notify all clients, adverse parties/opposing counsel, financial institutions, and courts wherein she practices of her withdrawal from the practice of law. Attorney Volpe shall provide such notice within sixty (60) days after the effective date of this surrender. Furthermore, Attorney Volpe shall, within, ten (10) days after the effective date of the surrender, file with Bar Counsel, the notification affidavit required by M. Bar R. 31(h).

Pursuant to M. Bar R 25 (d)(3), Attorney Volpe's supporting Affidavits of June 15, 2016 are hereby impounded and shall not be available for inspection unless otherwise ordered by the Court. However, should Attorney Volpe seek reinstatement to the Maine bar, those Affidavits may then be made public without further order of the Court.

Finally, Attorney Volpe shall cooperate with Special Counsel, her practice monitors and any Proxy/Receiver in the wind down of her law practice. In the event that the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection (LFCP) pays any future

claims on her behalf, Attorney Volpe shall be responsible for reimbursement of those claims in a manner acceptable to the LFCP Trustees.

This Order is a matter of public record pursuant to M. Bar R. 25(d)(3).

Dated: August 30, 2016

_____/s/
Andrew M. Mead
Associate Justice
Maine Supreme Judicial Court