

THE ECCLESIASTICAL TRIAL COURT  
OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
IN THE DIOCESE OF VIRGINIA

In the Matter of:

The Rev. Randolph Merritt Bragg,

Respondent

ORDER

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The Court, having previously found the Respondent guilty of Immorality under Canon 1.1(b), Violation of Ordination Vows under Canon IV.1.1(h), and Conduct Unbecoming a Member of the Clergy under Canon IV.1.1.(j), and having noted the Court's findings in this matter by its Order dated March 24, 2009, convened a hearing on May 13, 2009 at Trinity Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia to consider the sentence to be adjudged in this case.

The Respondent, upon proper notice to his counsel, did not present himself at the hearing in person or by counsel, nor did he present any evidence in mitigation of the offenses at issue. The Complainant, Ms. [REDACTED] P [REDACTED], was present, as was Mr. Scott Caulkins, Assistant Church Attorney. Mr. Caulkins asked the Court to adjudge a sentence of Deposition, and Ms. P [REDACTED] testified in support of such sentence.

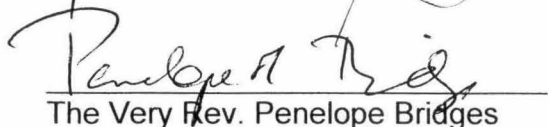
In light of the very serious nature of the Canonical violations committed by the Respondent, and his failure to present any evidence in mitigation of these offenses, it is the unanimous decision of the participating members of the Court (Mr. Joseph Royster, Col. Jean Reed, the Very Rev. Penelope Bridges, the Rev. Alwin Reiners, the Rev. Susan Eaves, Mr. Julian Bivins, and Ms. Janet Peyton), that the sentence of DEPOSITION be imposed in this case, in accordance with Canon IV.12.1(d)(1)(ii).

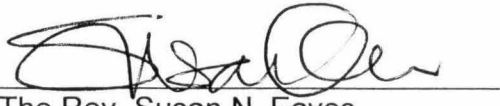
The clerk shall send a copy of this Sentence together with the Court's March 24, 2009 Order of Summary Judgment to the Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of Virginia, the Respondent and the Complainant.

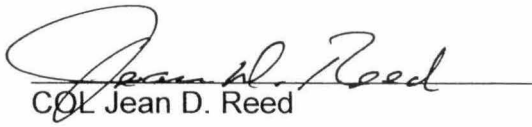
IT IS SO ORDERED this 28th day of May, 2009.


  
Janet Peyton, Presiding Judge

  
Julian M. Bivins, Jr.

  
The Very Rev. Penelope Bridges

  
The Rev. Susan N. Eaves

  
COL Jean D. Reed

  
The Rev Alwin Reiners, Jr.

  
Joseph E. Royster, Jr.