

**STATE OF VERMONT
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM**

**In re Thomas Melone
PRB File No. 120-2025**

**ENTRY ORDER
SECOND MOTION FOR NON-PUBLIC INFORMATION**

In Respondent's second motion for nonpublic information under A.O. 9, Rule 16 F, he requests "all nonpublic information . . . in the possession or control of the Professional Responsibility Board, Michael Hanley, Paul Perkins, Carolyn Anderson, Andrew Strauss, and/or Jon Alexander." For the reasons set forth herein, Respondent's motion is *denied*.

A.O. 9, Rule 16 is not a discovery rule, but rather a rule which covers a range of issues dealing with the confidentiality of disciplinary proceedings. Rule 16 F provides for release of confidential nonpublic information under certain circumstances. Indeed, discovery is governed by A.O. 9, Rule 19 B. In his motion, Respondent seeks to stretch Rule 16 F beyond its statutory limitations. Accordingly, Respondent's second motion for nonpublic information is *denied*.

Dated this 11th day of March 2026,

Hearing Panel No. 2

By: 
Walter G. French, Esq., Chair