

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 14-9180

IN THE MATTER OF CLAUDIA ARRIETA SMITH

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Claudia Arrieta Smith (the Motion) and the Response of the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission for Lawyer Discipline (the Response). The Court concludes each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The Court notes that Claudia Arrieta Smith has waived her right to withdraw the Motion. Therefore, the Court deems the professional misconduct detailed in the Response conclusively established for all purposes. The Court further concludes that acceptance of the resignation of Claudia Arrieta Smith is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

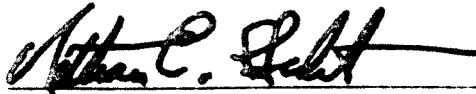
Therefore, the law license of Claudia Arrieta Smith of San Antonio, Texas, State Bar Card Number 24000308 is canceled. Claudia Arrieta Smith must immediately surrender her State Bar Card and Texas law license to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas or file with the Court an affidavit stating why she cannot.

Consequently, Claudia Arrieta Smith is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. She is prohibited from holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing legal services for others, giving legal advice to others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel or in any representative capacity in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body (whether state, county, municipal, or other), or holding herself out to others or using her name in any manner in conjunction with the words “Attorney at Law,” “Counselor at Law,” or “Lawyer.”

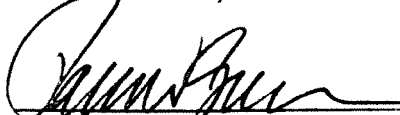
Additionally, Claudia Arrieta Smith must immediately notify in writing each of her current clients and opposing counsel of her resignation. She shall also return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property in her possession belonging to any client or former client to the respective client or former client or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request. Claudia Arrieta Smith shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within thirty days of the date of this Order an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of her resignation and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

Finally, Claudia Arrieta Smith shall, within thirty days after the date of this Order, notify in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which Claudia Arrieta Smith has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) Claudia Arrieta Smith is representing in court. Claudia Arrieta Smith shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within thirty days of the date of this Order an affidavit stating that she has notified in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which she has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) she is representing in Court.

SO ORDERED this 30th day of September 2014.



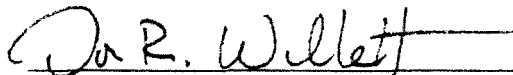
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Paul W. Green, Justice



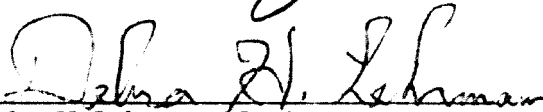
Phil Johnson, Justice



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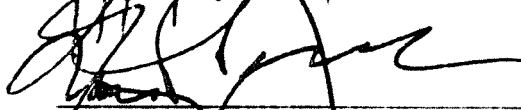
Eva M. Guzman, Justice



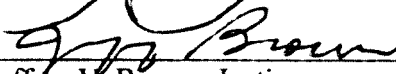
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice