

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 05- 9140

IN THE MATTER OF RICHARD JAMES ROACH

On this day, the Court considered the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Richard James Roach, together with the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel to the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Richard James Roach. The Court has reviewed said Motion and Response and finds that each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. In conformity with Part X, Section 10.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the Court considers the detailed statement of professional misconduct contained within the Response of Chief Disciplinary Counsel to be deemed conclusively established for all purposes. The Court finds that Richard James Roach is resigning in lieu of compulsory discipline. The Court, being advised that the acceptance of the resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession, hereby concludes that the following Order is appropriate.

IT IS ORDERED that the law license of Richard James Roach of Dallas, Texas, State Bar card number 16968600, which was previously issued by this Court, be canceled and his name be dropped and deleted from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Richard James Roach immediately surrender his State Bar Card and Texas law license to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas or file with the Court an affidavit stating the cause of his inability to do so.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Richard James Roach is permanently enjoined and prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas, holding himself 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 himself out to others or using his name in any manner in conjunction with the words "Attorney at Law", "Counselor at Law", or "Lawyer".

It is further **ORDERED** that Richard James Roach shall immediately notify each of his current clients in writing of this resignation. In addition to such notification, Richard James Roach is **ORDERED** to return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to clients in his possession to the respective clients or to another attorney at the client's request. Richard James Roach is **ORDERED** to file with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, One Lincoln Centre, 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1280, Dallas, Texas 75240, within thirty (30) days of the date of the effective date of this Order an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of his resignation and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients have been returned as ordered herein.

It is further **ORDERED** that Richard James Roach shall, within thirty (30) days after the date on which this Order is signed by the Court, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Richard James Roach has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of the client(s) Richard James Roach is representing in Court. Richard James Roach is **ORDERED** to file with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, One Lincoln Centre, 5400 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1280, Dallas, Texas 75240, within thirty (30) days of the date of the effective date of this Order an affidavit stating that he has notified in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which he has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the

style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of the client(s) he is representing in Court.

By the Court, en banc, in chambers, this the 23rd day of August, 2005.

Wallace B. Jefferson
Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

Nathan L. Hecht
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

Harriet O'Neill
Harriet O'Neill, Justice

Dale Wainwright
Dale Wainwright, Justice

Scott A. Brister
Scott A. Brister, Justice

Paul W. Green
Paul W. Green, Justice

David M. Medina
David Medina, Justice

Phil Johnson
Phil Johnson, Justice