ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 16-9011

IN THE MATTER OF JOSE WILLIAM VEGA

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Jose William Vega (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 finds that Jose William Vega has waived his 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 Jose William Vega's resignation is in the best interest of the public, the profession and Jose William Vega.

Therefore, the law license of Jose William Vega of Houston, Texas, State Bar Card Number 24034826 is canceled. Jose William Vega must 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 why he cannot.

Jose William Vega is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. He is prohibited from 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."

Additionally, Jose William Vega must immediately notify in writing each of his current clients and opposing counsel of his resignation. He must also return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property in his 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.

Jose William Vega must 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 his resignation and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

Finally, Jose William Vega must, 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 Jose William Vega 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) Jose William Vega is representing in court. Jose William Vega must 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 he has notified in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each 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, address and telephone number of the client(s) he is representing in Court.
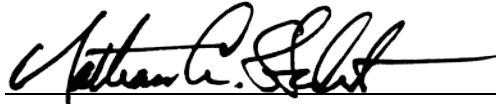
CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

As absolute conditions precedent for the reinstatement of Jose William Vega, he must pay the following: (1) restitution in the amount of $2,500.00 to Elmer Gomez Perez and return of the client file; (2) restitution in the amount of $250.00 to Solomon Marroquin Gutierrez; (3) return of the client file to Eduardo J. Lagos; (4) restitution in the amount of $1,000.00 to Bernardo Torrez and return of the client file; (5) return of the client file to Erasmo Aguillon; (6) restitution in the amount of $505.00 to Juan Manuel Cerda and return of the client file; (7) restitution in the amount of $590.00 to Juan Hernandez Diaz; (8) return of the client file to Martha Leija; (9) restitution in the amount of $1500.00 to Maria Reyes; (10) restitution in the amount of $1,500 to Salvador Camarena; (11) restitution in the amount of $1,500.00 Virginia Villalobos; restitution in the amount of $3,250 to Maria Hernandez; (12) restitution in the amount of $1,500 to Mario Rivera; (13) restitution in the amount of $1,000 to Santos Rodriguez; (14) restitution in the amount of $565.00 to Luis Acosta; (15) restitution in the amount of $1,753 to Claudette Sosa-Zavala; (16) restitution in the amount of 300.00 Maria Mendez and return of the client file; (17) return of the client file to Salvador Colon; (18) restitution in the amount of $500 to Florina Xochiti Sandoval; (19) restitution in the amount of $920 to Alicia Garcia; (20) restitution in the amount of $3,500.00 to Adriana L. Venegas-Martinez; (21) restitution in the amount of $2,000.00 to Kelly L. McGee; (22) restitution in the amount of $2,000.00 to Sintia A. Barragan; (23) restitution in the amount of $500 to Luis Prendiz; (24) $8,250.00 in attorneys' fees; and (25) $3,107.00 in direct expenses to the State Bar of Texas. The attorneys' fees and expenses payable to the State Bar of Texas are reimbursement for fees and expenses incurred by Commission for Lawyer Discipline in the matters made the basis of Jose William Vega's resignation.

All payments of restitution must be made by certified or cashier's check or money order and must be delivered to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701).
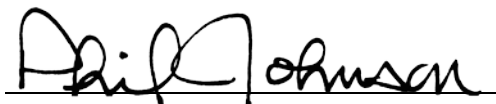
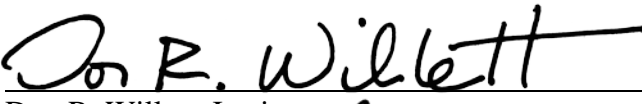SO ORDERED this 16th day of February, 2016.
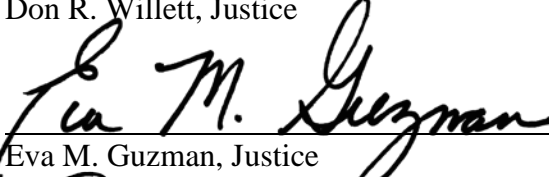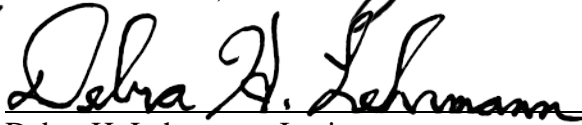
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice

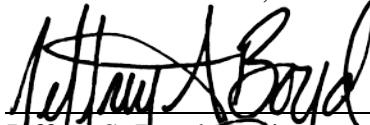Paul W. Green, Justice

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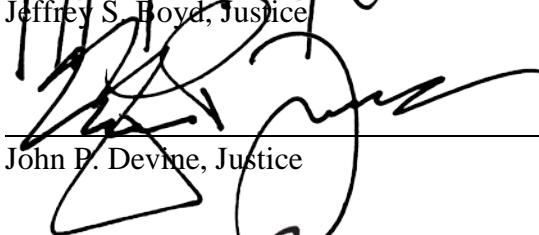
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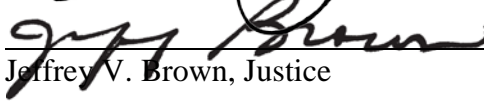
Eva M. Guzman, Justice

Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice

Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice

John P. Devine, Justice

Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice