### **ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

# MISC. DOCKET NO. 17-9043

## IN THE MATTER OF FRANK ANTHONY KNIGHT, III

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Frank Anthony Knight, III (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 Frank Anthony Knight, III 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 Frank Anthony Knight, III's resignation is in the best interest of the public, the profession and Frank Anthony Knight, III.

Therefore, the law license of Frank Anthony Knight, III of Baytown, Texas, State Bar Card Number 11598500 is canceled. The Court notes that Frank Anthony Knight, III has provided an affidavit stating that his Texas Bar card has been destroyed and that he cannot locate his Texas law license. Frank Anthony Knight, III shall immediately surrender his Texas law license to the Clerk of this Court should he locate it in the future.

Frank Anthony Knight, III 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, Frank Anthony Knight, III 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. Frank Anthony Knight, III 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, Frank Anthony Knight, III 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 Frank Anthony Knight, III 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) Frank Anthony Knight, III is representing in court. Frank Anthony Knight, III 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.

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#### **CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT**

As absolute conditions precedent for the reinstatement of Frank Anthony Knight, III, he must pay the following: (1) restitution to Stephen Brett Hilsmeier in the amount of \$5,000.00; (2) restitution to Ignacio Alejandro Vasquez in the amount of \$5,000.00; (3) restitution to Sheryl Lynne Hamilton in the amount of \$2,000.00; (4) restitution to Robert Fails in the amount of \$4,200.00; (5) restitution to Kayla Lynn Menn in the amount of \$3,500.00; (6) restitution to Emily L. Bailey in the amount of \$1,000.00; (7) restitution to Charles Anthony Register in the amount of \$2,500.00; and (8) \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and 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 Frank Anthony Knight, III'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 2nd day of May, 2017.

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