

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

MISC. DOCKET NO. 17-9143

## **IN THE MATTER OF DAVID W. KNIGHT**

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of David W. Knight (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 David W. Knight has waived his right to withdraw the Motion. Therefore, the Court deems the professional misconduct detailed in the Response is conclusively established for all purposes. The Court further concludes that acceptance of the resignation of David W. Knight is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of David W. Knight of Wichita Falls, Texas, State Bar Card Number 11597325, is canceled. David W. Knight 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.

Consequently, David W. Knight 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, David W. Knight 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. David W. Knight 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 his resignation and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

Finally, David W. Knight 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 David W. Knight 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) David W. Knight is representing in court. David W. Knight 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.

As an absolute condition precedent for the reinstatement of David W. Knight, payment of restitution to the following Complainants in the following amounts should be required. These amounts represent money due to these Complainants in the matters made the basis of David W. Knight's resignation. All payments should be made by certified or cashier's check and delivered

to The State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin,  
Texas 78711-2487.

<u>Complainant</u>	<u>Amount of Restitution</u>
Rachel Lowery	\$ 4,000.00
Elmer Hayes	\$ 1,000.00
Jason and Ann Griffin	\$ 2,500.00
Ashley Langioni	\$ 1,600.00
Kelley Johnson	\$ 1,200.00

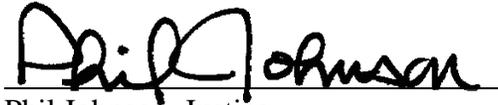
SO ORDERED this 30th day of November, 2017.



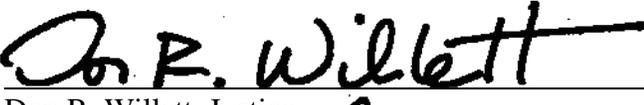
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



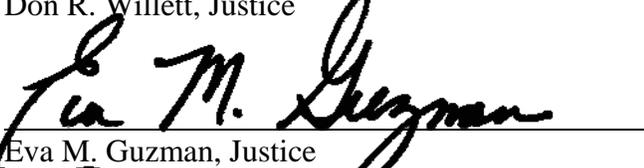
Paul W. Green, Justice



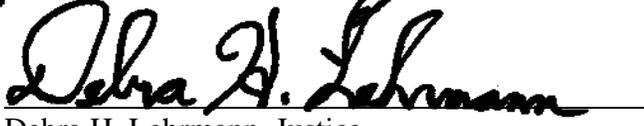
Phil Johnson, Justice



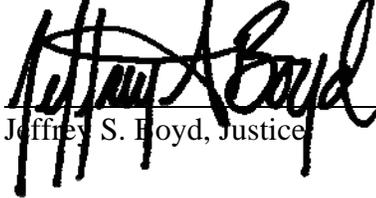
Don R. Willett, Justice



Eva M. Guzman, Justice



Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



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John P. Devine, Justice



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Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice