

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

MISC. DOCKET NO. 14-9249

## **IN THE MATTER OF ANTHONY P. GRIFFIN**

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Anthony P. Griffin (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 Anthony P. Griffin 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 acceptance of the resignation of Anthony P. Griffin is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of Anthony P. Griffin of Galveston, Texas, State Bar Card Number 08455300 is canceled. Anthony P. Griffin 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, Anthony P. Griffin 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, Anthony P. Griffin must immediately notify in writing each of his current clients and opposing counsel of his resignation. He shall 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. Anthony P. Griffin 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, Anthony P. Griffin 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 Anthony P. Griffin 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) Anthony P. Griffin is representing in court. Anthony P. Griffin 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 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 Anthony P. Griffin, he shall pay \$6,500.00 in restitution to Ray Anaya; \$4,000.00 in restitution to Cynthia Ann Venegas-Jepsen; \$5,788.37 to Joline Reese; \$5,000.00 to Shirley Sanders; \$10,000.00 to Linda M. Trump; \$5,000.00 in restitution to Barbara Schlein; and \$10,000.00 to Christopher L. Elder, M.D.; and \$9,000.00 in attorneys' fees and \$3,220.96 in expenses to the State Bar of Texas. The attorneys' fees and direct expenses are to reimburse the Commission for Lawyer Discipline for fees and expenses incurred in the matters made the basis of Mr. Griffin's resignation.

Mr. Griffin's payments of restitution should be made by certified or cashier's check or money order, payable to Ray Anaya, Cynthia Ann Venegas-Jepsen, Joline Reese, Shirley Sanders, Linda M. Trump, Barbara Schlein, and Christopher L. Elder, M.D. The restitution payments shall 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).

Mr. Griffin's payment of attorneys' fees and direct expenses should be made by certified or cashier's check or money order, payable to the State Bar of Texas, and 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 2015.



Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



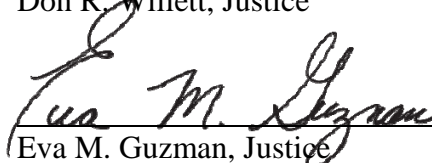
Paul W. Green, Justice



Phil Johnson, Justice



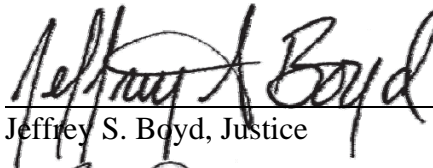
Don R. Willett, Justice



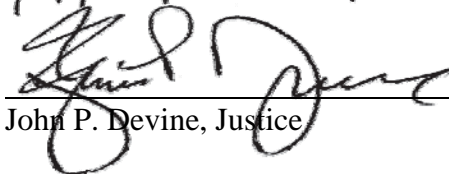
Eva M. Guzman, Justice



Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice