

**ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

**MISC. DOCKET NO. 07-9071**

**IN THE MATTER OF MARIA CLAUDIA MONTANI**

On this day, the Court considered the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Maria Claudia Montani, together with the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel to the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Maria Claudia Montani. 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 Maria Claudia Montani 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 Maria Claudia Montani of Dallas, Texas, State Bar card number 00786423, which was previously issued by this Court, be canceled and her name be dropped and deleted from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Maria Claudia Montani immediately surrender her 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 her inability to do so.

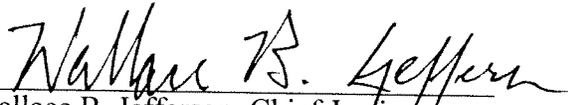
**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Maria Claudia Montani is permanently enjoined and prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas, holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing legal services for others, giving legal advice to others, accepting any fee directly or

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 herself out to others or using her name in any manner in conjunction with the words "Attorney at Law", "Counselor at Law", or "Lawyer".

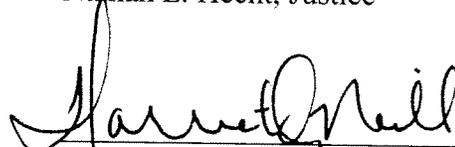
It is further **ORDERED** that Maria Claudia Montani shall immediately notify each of her current clients in writing of this resignation. In addition to such notification, Maria Claudia Montani is **ORDERED** to return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to clients in her possession to the respective clients or to another attorney at the client's request. Maria Claudia Montani is **ORDERED** to file with the State Bar of Texas, 6300 La Calma, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78752, 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 her resignation and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients have been returned as ordered herein.

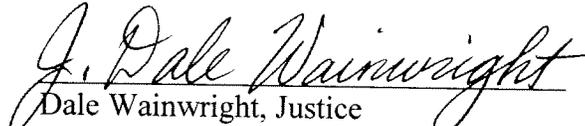
It is further **ORDERED** that Maria Claudia Montani shall, within thirty (30) days after the date on which this Order is signed by the Court, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Maria Claudia Montani has any matter 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) Maria Claudia Montani is representing in Court. Maria Claudia Montani is **ORDERED** to file with the State Bar of Texas, 6300 La Calma, Suite 300, Austin, Texas 78752, within thirty (30) days of the date of the effective date of this Order an affidavit stating that she 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) she is representing in Court.

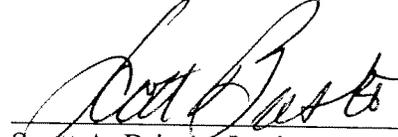
By the Court, en banc, in chambers, this the 25 day of May, 2007.

  
Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

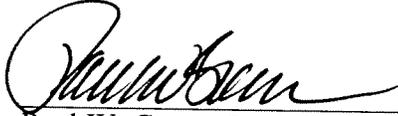
  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

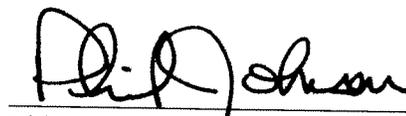
  
Harriet O'Neill, Justice

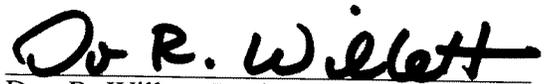
  
Dale Wainwright, Justice

  
Scott A. Bristel, Justice

\_\_\_\_\_  
David Medina, Justice

  
Paul W. Green, Justice

  
Phil Johnson, Justice

  
Don R. Willett, Justice