

**ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

**MISC. DOCKET NO. 12-9036**

**IN THE MATTER OF RHETT BANKER PHARES**

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of RHETT BANKER PHARES (“Motion”) and the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel on behalf of the Commission for Lawyer Discipline. The Court concludes that each meets the requirements of Part X of the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE. The Court notes that Mr. Phares has waived his right to withdraw the Motion. Therefore, the Court deems the professional misconduct detailed in the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel conclusively established for all purposes. The Court further concludes that acceptance of RHETT BANKER PHARES’s resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of RHETT BANKER PHARES of Beaumont, Texas, State Bar Card Number 24002763, is cancelled. The Court notes that Mr. Phares has already surrendered his Texas bar card and Texas law license to the Clerk of this Court.

RHETT BANKER PHARES is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. He is precluded 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 terms “Attorney at Law,” “Counselor at Law,” or “Lawyer.”

Mr. Phares shall immediately notify in writing each of his current clients of this resignation. He shall also return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property in his possession and 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. Mr. Phares shall file with 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), within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of his resignation and that all files, papers, unearned monies, and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

Additionally, Mr. Phares shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, notify 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 that court. Mr. Phares shall file with 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), within thirty (30) 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 that court.

IT IS ORDERED this 6th day of April, 2012.

*Wallace B. Jefferson*

Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

*Nathan L. Hecht*

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

*Dale Wainwright*

Dale Wainwright, Justice

*David M. Medina*

David M. Medina, Justice

*Paul W. Green*

Paul W. Green, Justice

*Phil Johnson*

Phil Johnson, Justice

*Don R. Willett*

Don R. Willett, Justice

*Eva M. Guzman*

Eva M. Guzman, Justice

*Debra H. Lehrmann*

Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice