

Supreme Court of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 21-9117

In The Matter of Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship (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 Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship has waived her 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 Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship's resignation is in the best interest of the public, the profession, and Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship.

Therefore, the law license of Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship of Fort Worth, Texas, State Bar Card Number 24101523, is canceled. Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship must 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 why she cannot.

Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. She is prohibited from 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."

Additionally, Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship must immediately notify in writing each of her current clients and opposing counsel of her resignation. She must also return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property in her 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. Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship 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 her resignation and that all files, papers, monies, and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned. If it is Respondent's assertion that, at the time of resignation, she possessed no current clients and/or Respondent was not in possession of any files, papers, monies, or other property belonging to clients, Respondent shall submit an affidavit attesting that, at the time of disbarment, Respondent had not current clients and did not possess any files, papers, monies, and other property belonging to clients.

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Finally, Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship 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 Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship 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) Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship is representing in court. Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship 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 she has notified in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which she 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) she is representing in Court. If it is Respondent's assertion that at the time of disbarment she was not currently listed as counsel or co-counsel in any matter pending before any justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer, or chief justice of any court or tribunal, Respondent shall submit an affidavit attesting to the absence of any such pending matter before any justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer, or chief justice.

CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

As absolute conditions precedent for the reinstatement of Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship, she must pay the following: (1) restitution to Stanislav Bilder in the amount of \$10,000; (2) restitution to Veronica Bool in the amount of \$10,875; (3) restitution to Antoine Hood in the amount of \$5,000; (4) restitution to Jolene Palmer in the amount of \$4,500; and (3) \$4,500 in attorney's fees and \$295.70 in expenses to the State Bar of Texas. The attorney's 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 that made the basis of Courtney Dawn Croft Blankenship'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).

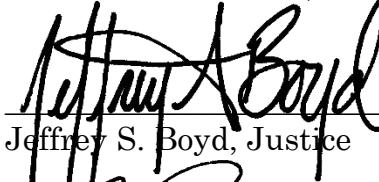
SO ORDERED this 7th day of December, 2021.



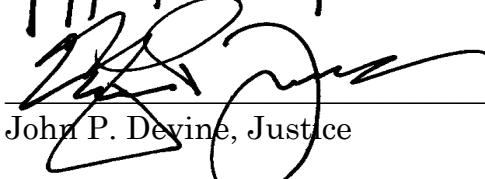
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



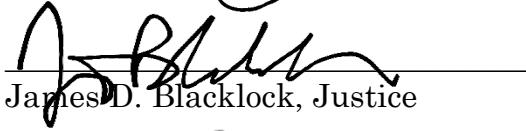
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



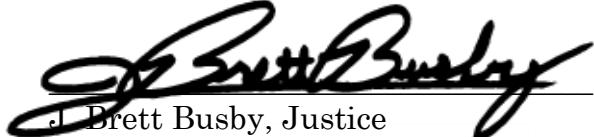
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice



Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice

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