

**ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

MISC. DOCKET NO. 14-9235

**IN THE MATTER OF RICARDO ANTONIO BACA**

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Ricardo Antonio Baca (the Motion) and the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel on behalf of the Commission for Lawyer Discipline (the Response). The Court concludes that each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. In the absence of a request by Ricardo Antonio Baca to withdraw his motion, 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 Ricardo Antonio Baca is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of Ricardo Antonio Baca of Houston, Texas, State Bar Card Number 24048333 is cancelled. Ricardo Antonio Baca 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, Ricardo Antonio Baca 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 terms “Attorney at Law,” “Counselor at Law,” “Lawyer,” or “Attorney.”

Additionally, Ricardo Antonio Baca must immediately notify in writing each of his current clients of his 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. Ricardo Antonio Baca shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, 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, Ricardo Antonio Baca 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. Ricardo Antonio Baca shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, 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.

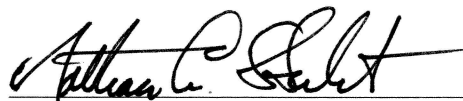
### **CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT**

As absolute conditions precedent for the reinstatement of Ricardo Antonio Baca, he shall pay \$56,361.98 in restitution to Ray Angelini; \$43,875.50 in restitution to Guillermo Castaneda, \$69,293.18 in restitution to Armando Gonzales; and \$4,500.00 in attorneys' fees and expenses to the State Bar of Texas. The attorneys' fees and expenses are to reimburse the Commission for Lawyer Discipline for fees and expenses incurred in the matters made the basis of Ricardo Antonio Baca's resignation.

Ricardo Antonio Baca's payments of restitution should be made by certified or cashier's check or money order, payable to Ray Angelini, Guillermo Castaneda, and Armando Gonzales, and delivered to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701).

Ricardo Antonio Baca's payment of attorneys' fees and expenses should be made by certified or cashier's check or money order, payable to the State Bar of Texas, and delivered to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701).


IT IS ORDERED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2014.




Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



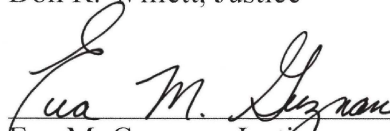
Paul W. Green, Justice




Phil Johnson, Justice



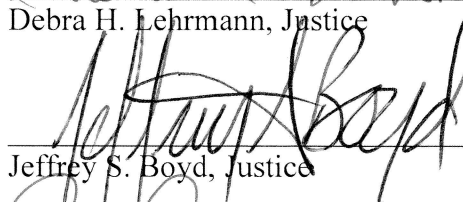
Don R. Willett, Justice



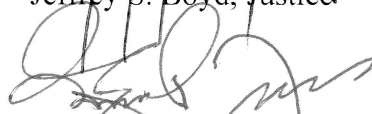
Eva M. Guzman, Justice



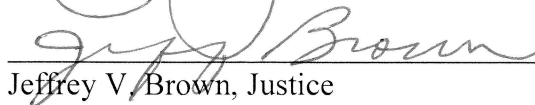
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice