## ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS MISC. DOCKET NO. 11-9053

## IN THE MATTER OF DAVID LEE MURFF

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of David Lee Murff ("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. Murff 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 David Lee Murff's resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of David Lee Murff of Harris County, Texas, State Bar Card Number 24039081, is cancelled. Mr. Murff shall surrender his Texas law license and Texas Bar Card to the State Bar of Texas.

David Lee Murff 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. Murff 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. Murff 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. Murff 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. Murff 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.

## **CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT**

As an absolute condition precedent for Murff's reinstatement to the practice of law, the CFLD requests that Murff be required to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,000.00 to Lorraine Neal. Respondent shall pay the restitution by certified or cashier's check or money

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order made payable to Lorraine Neal and delivered to the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701).

As an absolute condition precedent for Murff's reinstatement to the practice of law, the CFLD requests that Murff be required to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,000.00 to Donald E. Nauman. Respondent shall pay the restitution by certified or cashier's check or money order made payable to Donald E. Nauman and delivered to the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701).

As an absolute condition precedent for Murff's reinstatement to the practice of law, the CFLD requests that Murff be required to pay \$420.00 in attorneys' fees and \$230.32 in expenses. This amount represents the attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the CFLD in the matters made the basis of Murff's resignation.

As an additional condition for reinstatement, the CFLD also requests that Murff be required to pay post-judgment interest on the amount assessed as attorneys' fees, at a rate calculated pursuant to § 304.003 of the Texas Finance Code, from the date the order is signed accepting Bess' resignation to date of final payment.

The payment of attorneys' fees, expenses, and post-judgment interest should be made by certified or cashier's check or money order, payable to the State Bar of Texas, and forwarded 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).

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IT IS ORDERED this 29 day of March . 2011.

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Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

<u>Dale Mainwright</u> Dale Wainwright, Justice

David M. Medina, Justice

Paul W. Green, Justice

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Phil Johnson, Justice

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Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice