IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 11 9058

ORDER APPOINTING A SPECIAL MASTER AND DIRECTING A HEARING

IN RE CHANDRA E. THORNTON

Pursuant to provisions of the Rules for Suspension of Attorneys in Default on Guaranteed Student Loans, the Honorable Randy Clapp, Judge of the 329th District Court of Wharton County, Texas is appointed as a Special Master to conduct a hearing requested by Chandra E. Thornton.

The Special Master is directed to give notice to Chandra E. Thornton and hold a hearing for the sole purpose of determining Chandra E. Thornton's contest of the accuracy of the report of the Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation ("Corporation") that Chandra E. Thornton is in default on repayment of a student loan. It is further directed that:

- 1. The hearing is to be conducted in substantial compliance with the rules of procedure and evidence governing the trial of non-jury civil causes;
- 2. The hearing is to be reported by a certified court reporter;
- 3. Following the hearing the Master shall make findings of fact based on a preponderance of the evidence, to include findings as to whether Chandra E. Thornton proved (a) the Corporation's report that Chandra E. Thornton is in default on a student loan is inaccurate or in error, and (b) Chandra E. Thornton is in compliance with the terms of her student loan;
- 4. The Master shall make a report of the proceedings and file the report together with the original and a copy of the record of the proceedings, including evidence admitted, a reporter's transcript and the Master's findings of fact, as well as other matters the Master determines to be relevant, with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas; and

5. In the absence of a request by the Master for an extension of time, the hearing is to be completed and the Master's report and record of the hearing is to be filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas no later than June 30, 2011.

AS ORDERED by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

With the Seal thereof affixed at the City of Austin this Aug of March, 2011.

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BLAKE A. HAWTHORNE, CLERK SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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