IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 11- 9066

IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA, JR.

ORDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA, JR. and the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission for Lawyer Discipline. The Court concludes each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. In finding the absence of any request by JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA, JR. to withdraw his motion, the Court deems the professional misconduct detailed in the Response of Chief Disciplinary Counsel conclusively established for all purposes. The Court further concludes that acceptance of the resignation of JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA, JR. is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR.** of El Paso, Texas, State Bar Card Number 18351450, is canceled. The Court finds that **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR.** has surrendered his Texas law license and State Bar Card.

Consequently, **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR.** is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. This includes 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 words "Attorney at Law," "Counselor at Law," "Lawyer," or "Attorney."

Additionally, **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR**. 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 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. **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR**. shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487, 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, monies, and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

Finally, **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR.** shall, within thirty (30) 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 **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR.** 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) **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR.** is representing in court. **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR.** shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Post Office Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487, 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 Court.

CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

As an absolute condition precedent for the reinstatement of **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR.**, **he** shall pay the sum of Six Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$6,000.00) in restitution to Criselda Dykes on behalf of Pascual Delgado and One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) in attorney's fees and direct expenses incurred by the State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel. In the event the Client Security Fund has awarded and paid a grant to Pascual Delgado and/or Criselda Dykes on behalf of Pascual Delgado related to his Professional Misconduct, **JOSEPH ANGEL SILVA**, **JR.** shall be obligated to repay the Client Security Fund the sum of the grant paid and to pay the unpaid balance owed, if any, to Criselda Dykes on behalf of Pascual Delgado.

The payments of restitution, attorney's fees and expenses required herein shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order 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).

Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

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Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

Dale Wainwright, Justice

David M. Medina, Justice

Paul W. Green, Justice

Phil Johnson, Justice

Phil Johnson, Justice

Don R. Willett, Justice

Eva M. Guzman, Justice

Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice