ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS MISC. DOCKET NO. 11-9210

IN THE MATTER OF GRACE DIANE KOPACZ

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Grace Diane Kopacz (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. In the absence of a request by Grace Diane Kopacz to withdraw his motion, 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 Grace Diane Kopacz' resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of Grace Diane Kopacz of Houston, Texas, State Bar Card Number 24044123 is cancelled. The Court notes that Ms. Kopacz has provided an affidavit stating that she cannot locate her Texas law license or her Texas bar card. Ms. Kopacz shall immediately surrender her Texas law license and Texas bar card to the Clerk of this Court should she locate them in the future.

Grace Diane Kopacz is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. She is precluded 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 terms "Attorney at Law," "Counselor at Law," "Lawyer," or "Attorney."

Ms. Kopacz shall immediately notify in writing each of her current clients of this resignation. She shall also return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property in her 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. Ms. Kopacz 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 her resignation and that all files, papers, unearned monies, and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

Additionally, Ms. Kopacz 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 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 that court. Ms. Kopacz 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 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 that court.

2

CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

As absolute conditions precedent for the reinstatement of Grace Diane Kopacz, she shall pay \$1,050.00 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 Ms. Kopacz' resignation. Ms. Kopacz shall also pay postjudgment interest on the amount assessed as attorneys' fees, at a rate calculated pursuant to § 304.003 of the Texas Finance Code, from the date indicated below to date of final payment.

Ms. Kopacz' 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 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).

IT IS ORDERED this <u>15</u> day of <u>Aven ber</u>, 2011.

an L. Hecht. Justice

ainwright, Justice

Paul W. Green, Justice

Misc. Docket No. 11- 9210 3

bhis

Phil Johnson, Justice

R. Welet (Don R. Willett, Justice Eva M. Guzman, Justice

Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice

Misc. Docket No. 11- 9210

4

~