MISC. DOCKET NO. 12- 9006

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS IN THE MATTER OF F. BENJAMIN RIEK, III

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of F. Benjamin Riek, III, State Bar No. 16906190, and the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission for Lawyer Discipline. The Court finds all pleadings meet the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. In the absence of a request by F. Benjamin Riek, III 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 finds that acceptance of F. Benjamin Riek, III's resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

IT IS ORDERED that the law license of F. Benjamin Riek, III, State Bar Card No. 16906190, is canceled and his name be dropped and deleted from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that F. Benjamin Riek, III 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 the cause of his inability to do so.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that F. Benjamin Riek, III is permanently enjoined and prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing legal services for others, giving legal advise 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."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that F. Benjamin Riek, III shall immediately notify in writing each of his current clients and opposing counsel of his resignation. In addition to such notification, F. Benjamin Riek, III is **ORDERED** to 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 consent. F. Benjamin Riek, III is **ORDERED** to file with the 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 all current clients and opposing counsel 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that F. Benjamin Riek, III 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 F. Benjamin Riek, III 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) F. Benjamin Riek, III is representing in court. F. Benjamin Riek, III is **ORDERED** to file with the 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.

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IT IS ORDERED the <u>24</u> day of <u>Aanucuu</u>, 2012.

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