ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS MISC. DOCKET NO. 12- 9092

IN THE MATTER OF BEHZAD SAFFARY-KHOZANI

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Behzad Saffary-Khozani (the 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. Saffary-Khozani 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 Behzad Saffary-Khozani's resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of Behzad Saffary-Khozani of Houston, Harris County, Texas, State Bar Card Number 24041846, is cancelled. The Court notes that Mr. Saffary-Khozani has provided an affidavit stating that he cannot locate his Texas bar card and law license. Mr. Saffary-Khozani shall immediately surrender his Texas bar card and law license to the Clerk of this Court should he locate them in the future.

Behzad Saffary-Khozani 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. Saffary-Khozani 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. Saffary-Khozani 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. Saffary-Khozani 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. Saffary-Khozani 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 style and cause number of the pending matter(s); and the name, address, and telephone number 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 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.

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CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

As absolute conditions precedent for Mr. Saffary-Khozani's reinstatement to the practice of law, he shall pay restitution in the following amounts:

- 1. \$900.00 to Gregory Gillie, Sr.
- 2. \$1,500.00 to Janette Ireland.
- 3. \$600.00 to Adella Turner.
- 4. \$200 to Adam Gibson, III.
- 5. \$3,100.00 to Jesus R. Cardona.
- 6. \$690.00 to Nikia Ball.
- 7. \$900.00 to Jennifer Santos.

Saffary-Khozani's payments of restitution should be made by certified or cashier's checks or money orders, payable to the individuals listed above, and delivered to the Office of the Chief Discipinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701).

Additionally, as an absolute condition precedent for Saffary-Khozani's reinstatement to the practice of law, he shall pay \$1,795.00 to the State Bar of Texas. This amount represents the \$1,625.00 in reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees and \$170.00 in expenses incurred by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline in the matters made the basis of Mr. Saffary-Khozani's resignation.

As an additional absolute condition for reinstatement, Mr. Saffary-Khozani shall 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 Mr. Saffary-Khozani's resignation to date of final payment.

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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).

IT IS ORDERED this $\underline{/9}$ day of _____ 2012. une

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

P. Will Willett, Justice

Eva M. Guzman, Justre

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Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice