

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 02- **9182**

IN THE MATTER OF STEPHEN A. HINES

On this day, the Court considered the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Stephen A. Hines, together with the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel to the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Stephen A. Hines.

The Court has reviewed said Motion and Response and finds that each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. In conformity with Part X, Section 10.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the Court considers the detailed statement of professional misconduct contained within the Response of Chief Disciplinary Counsel to be deemed conclusively established for all purposes. The Court finds that Stephen A. Hines is resigning in lieu of discipline. The Court, being advised that the acceptance of the resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession, hereby concludes that the following Order is appropriate.

IT IS ORDERED that the law license of Stephen A. Hines of El Paso, Texas, State Bar card number 09697500, which was previously issued by this Court, be canceled and his name be dropped and deleted from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stephen A. Hines 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 Stephen A. Hines 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 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”, or “Lawyer.”

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stephen A. Hines shall immediately notify each of his current clients in writing of this resignation. In addition to such notification, Stephen A. Hines is **ORDERED** to return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to clients and former clients in his possession to the respective clients or former clients or to another attorney at the client’s or former client’s request. Stephen A. Hines is **ORDERED** to file with the State Bar of Texas, 6100 Southwest Blvd., Suite 320, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, within thirty (30) days of the date of the effective 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 as ordered herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stephen A. Hines shall, within thirty (30) days after the date on which this Order is signed by the Court, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Stephen A. Hines 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) Stephen A. Hines is representing in Court. Stephen A. Hines is **ORDERED** to file with the State Bar of Texas, 6100 Southwest Blvd., Suite 320, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, within thirty (30) days of the date of the effective date of this Order an affidavit stating that he has notified in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stephen A. Hines shall make restitution to Gerardo Dominguez in the amount of **Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars by cashier's check or money order made payable to Gerardo Dominguez** and delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, 6100 Southwest Blvd., Suite 320, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, as an absolute condition precedent to making application for reinstatement for admission to the State Bar of Texas.

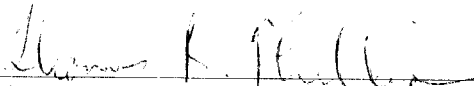
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stephen A. Hines shall make restitution to Emma R. Gomez in the amount of **One Thousand Three Hundred (\$1,300.00) Dollars by cashier's check or money order made payable to Emma R. Gomez** and delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, 6100 Southwest Blvd., Suite 320, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, as an absolute condition precedent to making application for reinstatement for admission to the State Bar of Texas.

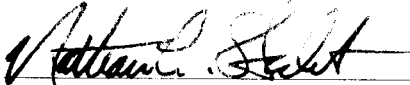
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stephen A. Hines shall make restitution to Guillermo Crespo in the amount of **Seven Hundred Fifty (\$750.00) Dollars by cashier's check or money order made payable to Guillermo Crespo** and delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, 6100 Southwest Blvd., Suite 320, Fort Worth, Texas 76109, as an absolute condition precedent to making application for reinstatement for admission to the State Bar of Texas.

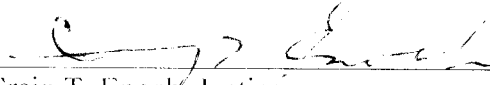
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stephen A. Hines shall pay to the State Bar of Texas, the sum of **One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars by cashier's check or money order made payable to State Bar of Texas** and delivered by certified mail, return receipt request, to the


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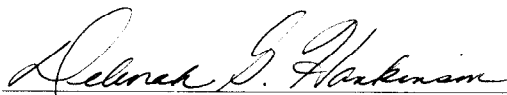
By the Court, en banc, in chambers, this the 21st day of October 2002.

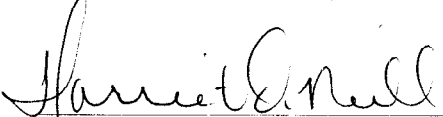

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice



Nathan L. Hecht, Justice



Craig T. Enoch, Justice

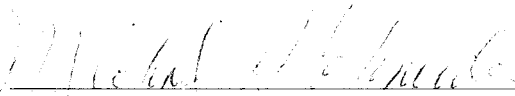

Priscilla R. Owen, Justice


Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice


Harriet O'Neill, Justice


Wallace B. Jefferson, Justice


Xavier Rodriguez, Justice


Michael H. Schneider, Justice