

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 12 - 3177

IN THE MATTER OF JOE B. PHILLIPS

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Joe B. Phillips (the Motion) and the Response of the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission for Lawyer Discipline (the Response). The Court concludes each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The Court notes that Joe B. Phillips has waived his right to withdraw the Motion. Therefore, the Court deems the professional misconduct detailed in the Response conclusively established for all purposes. The Court further concludes that acceptance of the resignation of Joe B. Phillips is in the best interest of the public and the profession.


Therefore, the law license of Joe B. Phillips of Houston, Texas, State Bar Card Number 15933000, is canceled. The Court notes that Mr. Phillips has already surrendered his Texas bar card and Texas law license to the Clerk of this Court.


Consequently, Joe B. Phillips is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. He is prohibited 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 words "Attorney at Law," "Counselor at Law," or "Lawyer."

Additionally, Joe B. Phillips must immediately notify in writing each of his current clients and opposing counsel 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. Joe B. Phillips shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, 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.

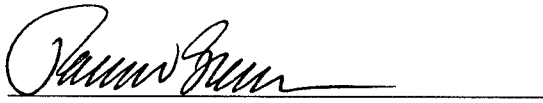
Finally, Joe B. Phillips shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of this Order, notify in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which Joe B. Phillips has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) Joe B. Phillips is representing in court. Joe B. Phillips shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, 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.

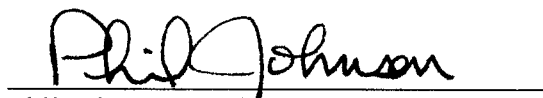
IT IS ORDERED the 21 day of December 2012.

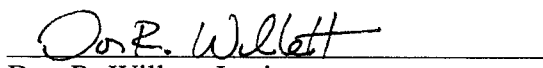

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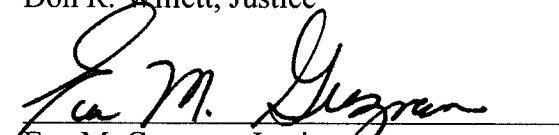

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

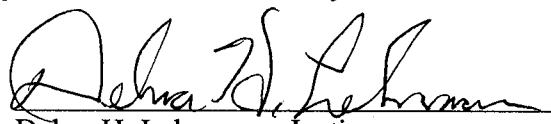
David M. Medina, Justice

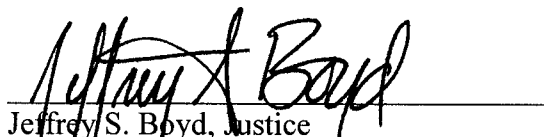

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Phil Johnson, Justice


Don R. Willett, Justice


Eva M. Guzman, Justice


Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice


Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice