

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 98- 9039

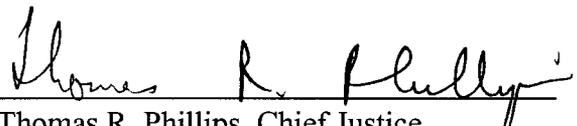
ORDER REVOKING REGULAR LICENSE

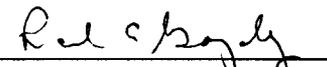
ORDERED:

The regular license issued to LISA DENISE MICHAUD is hereby revoked, pursuant to the recommendation of the Board of Law Examiners as set forth in the attached order of the Board.

This order shall be effective immediately.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 26th day of February, 1998.


Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice


Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice


Nathan L. Hecht, Justice


Craig T. Enoch, Justice



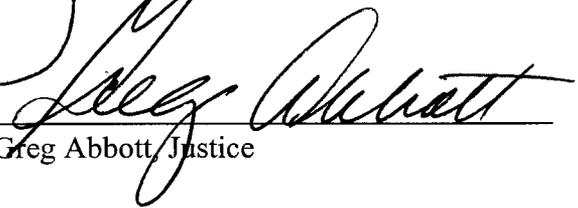
Rose Spector, Justice



Priscilla R. Owen, Justice



James A. Baker, Justice



Greg Abbott, Justice



Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice

BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF § IN PUBLIC HEARING AT
LISA DENISE MICHAUD, § AUSTIN, TEXAS
APPLICANT

ORDER

On January 15, 1998, a three member panel of the Board of Law Examiners ("Board"), with Robert Valdez presiding, heard the matter of LISA DENISE MICHAUD ("Applicant"). The Board was represented by Johncy Mundo, Staff Attorney. Ms. Michaud failed to appear, either in person or by counsel.

II.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Through an error at her law school, the University of Oklahoma School of Law ("School"), Ms. Michaud was certified to the Board (under her maiden name of Lisa McDonnell) as having completed all requirements for a J.D. degree. The School also certified that Ms. Michaud was awarded her J.D. on May 13, 1995. (B.E. 2 at 2.2) As a result, Ms. Michaud was awarded a license to practice law in Texas, and used this license to obtain a job in Amarillo and practice law there. (B.E. 2 at 2.4, 2.5)

However, the School subsequently discovered that it had two students registered with the name of Lisa McDonnell, and that it had erred in sending the certification of Ms. Michaud's completion of her requirements and award of J.D. (B.E. 2 at 2.1) Ms. Michaud, in fact, lacked a one-hour Research class to complete her degree. (B.E. 2 at 2.5)

Ms. Michaud apparently contacted the Registrar at the School, affirming that she would like to re-enroll in the one-hour Research class. (B.E. 2 at 2.5) However, she never re-enrolled, or again contacted the School, which wrote her several letters asking her to get in touch with them and complete the one-hour class. (*Id.*; B.E. 2 at 2.6, 2.7, and 2.8)

On or about January 5, 1998, the Board sent proper and timely notice to Applicant by certified mail return receipt requested and first class mail, of the instant hearing. The notice letter stated that the general issues to be considered at the hearing are (1) whether Applicant obtained a Texas law license fraudulently, and (2) if so,

whether the Board should recommend to the Supreme Court of Texas that Applicant's license be cancelled.

III.

JURISDICTION

The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to V.T.C.A., Government Code, Sections 82.004, 82.022, 82.027, 82.028, and 82.030 as well as Rules II, IV, X, XV, XVII, and XX of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas, adopted by the Supreme Court of Texas.

IV.

FINDINGS OF FACT

After considering the evidence and testimony, the Board finds:

1. The Board, on or about January 5, 1998, gave Applicant proper and timely notice, by certified mail, return receipt requested, of this hearing (B.E.1 at 1).
2. Ms. Michaud obtained her law license fraudulently, knowing she had not completed the requirements for a J.D.
3. Ms. Michaud's obtaining a law license fraudulently is indicative of the character traits of dishonesty, lack of trustworthiness, and lack of candor.
4. Ms. Michaud knowingly used this fraudulently-obtained law license to practice law. (B.E. 2 at 2.5, 2.5)
5. Ms. Michaud's using a fraudulently-obtained law license to practice law is indicative of the character traits of dishonesty, lack of trustworthiness, lack of candor, and lack of professional responsibility.
6. Ms. Michaud did not timely complete the one-hour class necessary for her to be certified as a graduate and recipient of a J.D.(B.E. 2 at 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, and 2.8)
7. Ms. Michaud's failing to remedy her error by completing the pre-requisites for a J.D., are indicative of the character traits of lack of trustworthiness, lack of respect for the law, and dishonesty.

V.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

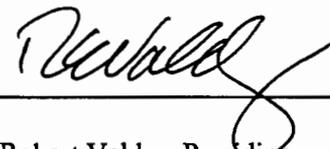
1. There is a clear and rational connection between Applicant's dishonesty, lack of trustworthiness, and lack of candor, as evidenced by the findings above, and the likelihood that Applicant would injure a client, obstruct the administration of justice, or violate the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct if her license to practice law were not cancelled at this time.

2. There is a clear and rational connection between Applicant's dishonesty, lack of trustworthiness, lack of candor, and lack of professional responsibility, as evidenced by the findings above, and the likelihood that Applicant would injure a client, obstruct the administration of justice, or violate the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct if her license to practice law were not cancelled at this time.
3. There is a clear and rational connection between Applicant's lack of trustworthiness, lack of respect for the law, and dishonesty, as evidenced by the findings above, and the likelihood that Applicant would injure a client, obstruct the administration of justice, or violate the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct if her license to practice law were not cancelled at this time.

IT IS THEREFORE ADJUDGED, ORDERED AND DECREED that the Board recommend to the Supreme Court of Texas that Ms Michaud's Texas law license should be CANCELLED and that her name be stricken from the roll of attorneys.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the Board recommend to the Supreme Court of Texas that the Court instruct Ms. Michaud to surrender her license certificate to the Court no later than 30 days from the date this Order is signed.

SIGNED this 16 day of Jan., 1998.



Robert Valdez, Presiding

The Supreme Court of Texas

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January 21, 1998

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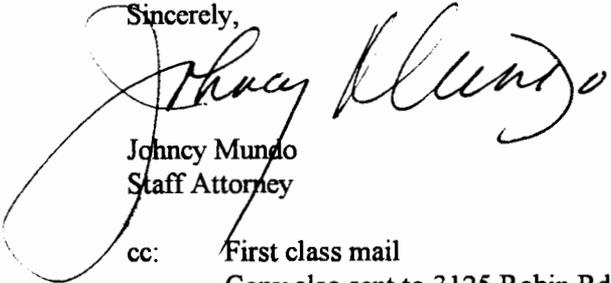
Ms. Lisa Denise Michaud
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Re: Order arising out of hearing January 15, 1998

Dear Ms. Michaud:

Because you did not appear at the January 15, 1998 hearing, the Board of Law Examiners ("Board") heard evidence presented by me, and has entered an Order in your case (copy attached) recommending that the Texas Supreme Court cancel your Texas law license. The Board will send its recommendation to the Court, which will act on it.

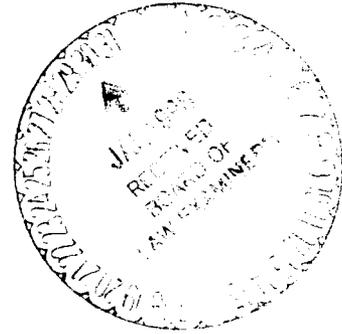
Sincerely,


Johnny Mundo
Staff Attorney

cc: First class mail
Copy also sent to 3125 Robin Rd, Midwest City, OK 73110

January 27, 1998

Ms. Johncy Mundo
Board of Law Examiners
State Bar of Texas
205 West 14th Street, Suite 500
Austin, Texas 78711-3486



C O P Y

Dear Ms. Mundo:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 5, 1998 regarding a hearing scheduled January 15, 1998 about the law license issued to me. Please note, that the address you sent the letter to is not my residence. Please forward any future correspondence to P.O. Box 30344, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73140.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the hearing scheduled on January 15. I do not wish to have the hearing rescheduled. It was not my intention to fraudulently obtain a law license. However, I do not have any current intention to practice law, and I have enclosed the license the Board issued to me. I trust that if I have sent this letter to the wrong individual, that you will see that it is forwarded to the correct person.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lisa Michaud".

Lisa Michaud