

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 19-9083

IN THE MATTER OF MELYNDA G. PEARSON

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Melynda G. Pearson (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. Therefore, the Court deems the professional misconduct detailed in the Response conclusively established for all purposes. The Court further concludes that Melynda G. Pearson's resignation is in the best interest of the public, the profession and Melynda G. Pearson.

Therefore, the law license of Melynda G. Pearson of Texarkana, Texas, State Bar Card Number 00787534 is canceled. Melynda G. Pearson must immediately surrender her State Bar Card and Texas law license to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas or file with the Court an affidavit stating why she cannot.

Melynda G. Pearson is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. She is prohibited from holding herself 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 herself out to others or using her name in any manner in conjunction with the words "Attorney at Law," "Counselor at Law," or "Lawyer."

Additionally, Melynda G. Pearson must immediately notify in writing each of her current clients and opposing counsel of her resignation. She must also return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property in her 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. Melynda G. Pearson must file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within thirty days of the date of this Order an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of her resignation and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

Finally, Melynda G. Pearson must, within thirty 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 Melynda G. Pearson 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) Melynda G. Pearson is representing in court. Melynda G. Pearson must file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within thirty days of the date of this Order an affidavit stating that she has notified in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which she 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) she is representing in Court.

CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

As absolute conditions precedent for the reinstatement of Melynda G. Pearson, she must pay the following:

1. Restitution to Tonya Torbert in the amount of \$5,000.00;
2. Restitution to Freddie D. Solomon in the amount of \$1,500.00;
3. Restitution to Beverly Neighbors in the amount of \$750.00;
4. Restitution to Gerlinda Butler in the amount of \$7,601.30;

5. Restitution to Rickey Wayne Walls in the amount of \$750.00;
6. Restitution to Donna Johnson in the amount of \$2,000.00;
7. Restitution to Veronica Jean Johnson in the amount of \$1,200.00;
8. Restitution to Crystal Brown in the amount of \$4,350.00;
9. Restitution to Linda Diane Lawrence in the amount of \$1,500.00;
10. Restitution to Sharon Pickett in the amount of \$2,900.00; and
11. Restitution to Robert Neal in the amount of \$1,200.00.

As absolute conditions precedent for the reinstatement of Melynda G. Pearson, she must pay the following:


1. Attorney's fees and expenses in the amount of \$2,884.75 to the State Bar of Texas. The attorney's fees and expenses payable to the State Bar of Texas are reimbursement for fees and expenses incurred by Commission for Lawyer Discipline in the matter Hope Lynn Williams made the basis of Melynda G. Pearson's resignation.
2. Attorney's fees and expenses in the amount of \$2,985.25 to the State Bar of Texas. The attorney's fees and expenses payable to the State Bar of Texas are reimbursement for fees and expenses incurred by Commission for Lawyer Discipline in the matter Mary Ann Lawson made the basis of Melynda G. Pearson's resignation.
3. Attorney's fees and expenses in the amount of \$675.00 to the State Bar of Texas. The attorney's fees and expenses payable to the State Bar of Texas are reimbursement for fees and expenses incurred by Commission for Lawyer Discipline in the matter Ashley Paige Napier made the basis of Melynda G. Pearson's resignation.

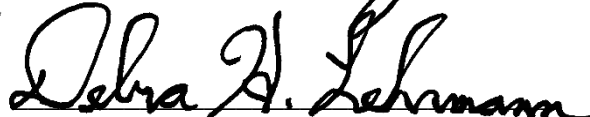
All payments of restitution, attorney's fees and expenses must be made by certified or cashier's check or money order and must be delivered to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701).

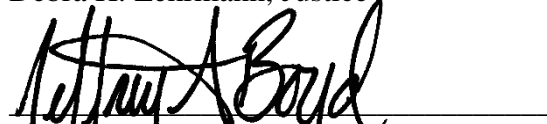
SO ORDERED this 1st day of October, 2019.



Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



Paul W. Green, Justice


Eva M. Guzman, Justice


Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice


Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice


John P. Devine, Justice


James D. Blacklock, Justice


J. Brett Busby, Justice


Jane N. Bland, Justice