

# Supreme Court of Texas

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Misc. Docket No. 22-9035

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## Order Revoking Probationary License

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The probationary license issued to TAYLOR NICOLE STOUT, State Bar Card Number 24120331, is revoked pursuant to the recommendation contained in the attached Order of the Board of Law Examiners. Taylor Nicole Stout must immediately surrender their State Bar Card and Texas law license to the Clerk of the Supreme Court or file an affidavit with the Court stating why they cannot.

Taylor Nicole Stout is prohibited from holding themselves out as a licensed Texas attorney, 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 giving legal advice to others regarding any proceeding in any Texas court or before any such Texas administrative body. Taylor Nicole Stout is prohibited from engaging in the practice of law as defined by Texas Government Code § 81.101.

Additionally, Taylor Nicole Stout must immediately notify in writing each of Stout's clients of the revocation. Taylor Nicole Stout shall return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property in Stout's possession belonging to any client or former client to the client or former client or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request. Taylor Nicole Stout shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487, within 30 days after the date of this Order, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of the revocation of Stout's license and that all files, papers, monies, and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

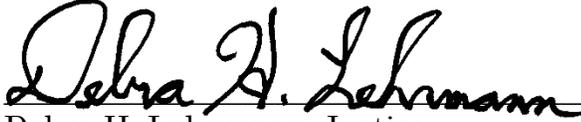
Finally, Taylor Nicole Stout must, within 30 days after the date of this Order, notify in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which Stout has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) that Stout is representing in court. Taylor Nicole Stout must file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within 30 days of the date of this Order, an affidavit stating that Stout has notified in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which Stout 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) Stout is representing in court.

This Order is effective immediately.

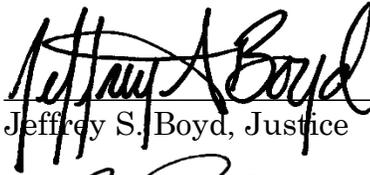
SO ORDERED this 24th day of May, 2022.



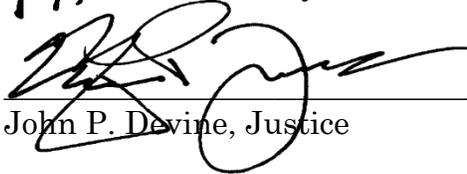
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



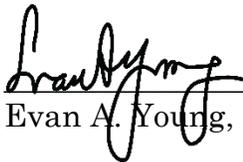
J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice



Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice

TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF  
TAYLOR STOUT

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DOCKET NO. H-03-24-22-7  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

Order Revoking Probationary License

Summary

The Panel finds that Taylor Stout's repeated failures to comply with conditions of the Extended Probationary License Order evidences that she lacks the present good moral character and fitness required for continued licensure. The Board shall recommend to the Supreme Court of Texas that Stout's Probationary License be revoked.

*Findings of Fact*

1. Stout passed the July 2019 Texas Bar Examination.
2. On March 28, 2020, staff sent Stout a Preliminary Determination Letter (PDL) notifying her that staff could not certify that she possessed the present good moral character and fitness required for admission. Stout agreed to attend an Informal Settlement Conference (ISC) on August 14, 2020 to address issues raised by the PDL. The ISC members included Board Member Teresa Ereon Giltner, Presiding; Susan Henricks, Executive Director; and Allison Drish, Director of Character and Fitness. Staff attorney Lynn Bradshaw represented the Board staff. Stout appeared *pro se*.
3. After the ISC, on September 14, 2020, Stout signed an Agreed Probationary Order with conditions for two years.
4. Teresa Ereon Giltner signed the Agreed Probationary Order on September 21, 2020.
5. Stout received a Probationary License on September 24, 2020, subject to the conditions in the Agreed Probationary Order.

*First Noncompliance Hearing*

6. On November 18, 2021, Stout appeared before a panel of the Board to address her

non-compliance with the conditions imposed in the Agreed Probationary Order.

7. The panel included Al Odom, presiding and Barbara Ellis and Carlos Soltero.
8. The panel found that Stout violated conditions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 14, 18, 18, and 21 of the Agreed Probationary Order by not responding to Board staff's request for affidavits of abstinence, testing positive for marijuana, not updating Board staff with her change of address, filing her questionnaires late, not obtaining an AA Sponsor, not attending LCL meetings and uploading logs, and not checking in.
9. Based on its findings, the panel signed an Extended Probationary Order on February 17, 2022 extending Stout's conditions through September 24, 2024.

*Second Noncompliance Hearing*

10. Stout then violated conditions 10, 21, and 22 of the Extended Probationary Order
11. Stout then appeared before another panel of the Board with Carlos Soltero, presiding and Al Odom, and Alfred Mackenzie on March 24, 2022.
12. Stout received timely and proper notice of the March 24, 2022 hearing.
13. Condition 10 of Stout's Probationary License Order required that Stout provide the Board staff a properly completed Periodic Questionnaire, beginning December 1, 2020 and on the first day of every third month thereafter. Stout failed to comply with condition 10 of her Probationary License Order by filing her Periodic Questionnaire on December 2, 2021, and not on December 1, 2021. The fact that Stout failed to comply with condition 10 of her Probationary License Order is indicative of a lack of trustworthiness in carrying out responsibilities.
14. Condition 21 of Stout's Probationary License Order requires that she check-in daily. Stout failed to comply with condition 21 of her Probationary License Order by failing to check-in on December 23, 2021 and from February 20, 2022 to the date of the hearing. The fact that Stout failed to comply with condition 21 of her Probationary License Order is indicative of a lack of trustworthiness in carrying out responsibilities.
15. Condition 22 of Stout's Probationary License Order requires that she appear for testing if selected. Stout failed to comply with condition 22 of her Probationary License Order

by failing to appear for tests she was selected for on February 19, 2022, February 23, 2022, and March 2, 2022. The fact that Stout failed to comply with condition 22 of her Probationary License Order is indicative of a lack of trustworthiness in carrying out responsibilities.

16. Stout appeared at the hearing, pro se and did not want to participate in the Hearing. Stout stated that she did not want her probationary license any longer and asked for the Board to just take her license away.

### *Conclusions of Law*

17. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 82.004, 82.022, 82.030, and 82.038 as well as Rules 1, 2, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16, and 20 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas, adopted by the Supreme Court of Texas, including all amendments. The evidence outlined above in the Findings of Fact is sufficient to meet the Board staff's burden of proof that Stout does not have the requisite present good moral character for admission to the practice of law in Texas. Stout's testimony and evidence are insufficient to meet his burden to show that she possesses present good moral character as defined by *The Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas*.
18. Stout's repeated failure to fully comply with the conditions of Agreed Probationary Order and the Extended Probationary Order evidences a lack of trustworthiness in carrying out responsibilities and there is a clear and rational connection between this trait and the likelihood she would harm a client, obstruct the administration of justice, or violate the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct if she were allowed to continue to practice law.
19. The Board recommends that the Supreme Court revoke Stout's Probationary License per Rule 15(h)(6) due to her repeated failure to comply with the conditions of her Probationary License Order, her request, and her lack of present good moral character and fitness.

## Orders

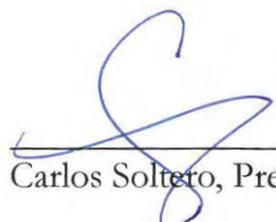
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Stout's repeated failures to comply with the conditions of the Extended Probationary Order indicates that she lacks the present good moral character and fitness required for continued licensure and that the Board shall recommend to the Supreme Court of Texas that Stout's Probationary License be revoked.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Stout may file a petition for redetermination of her present good moral character and fitness **no earlier than March 24, 2023**, and that any such petition must be accompanied by the Supplemental Investigation form then in effect and all appropriate fees.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, upon Stout's proper filing of any future petition for redetermination and Supplemental Investigation form, the panel's determination will be guided by evidence presented in a redetermination hearing as to Stout's requisite good moral character and fitness at that time.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, in connection with any future petition for redetermination, Stout **must** appear at a hearing before a panel of this Board and shall have the burden of proof as to her rehabilitation and possession, at that time, of the requisite good moral character and fitness required by the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas, and she must present evidence addressing not only the character issues covered in this Order, but also any new issue that may arise from or pertain to an investigation of any future petition for redetermination and the requisite Supplemental Investigation form she may file with this Board.

SIGNED this 30 day of May 2022

  
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Carlos Soltero, Presiding