



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
APPOINTED BY
THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

IN THE MATTER OF	§	
LAWRENCE P. CULLEN	§	CAUSE NO. 46724
<i>State Bar of Texas Card No.05208700</i>	§	

DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION

On the 25th day of July 2014, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Lawrence P. Cullen, although duly cited to appear and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly made default. All questions of fact as well as all issues of law were submitted to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals for determination. Having considered the pleadings on file, having received evidence, and having heard the argument of counsel, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals is of the opinion that Petitioner is entitled to entry of the following findings and orders:

Findings of Fact. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals finds that:

- (1) Respondent, Lawrence P. Cullen, State Bar of Texas Card Number 05208700, is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about October 9, 2009, a Stipulation for Discipline was entered in the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon in a matter styled: *In Re: Complaint as to the Conduct of LAWRENCE P. CULLEN, Accused*, Case Nos. 08-117,09-01.
- (3) On or about November 24, 2009, an Order Accepting Stipulation for Discipline was entered in the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon in a

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matter styled: *In Re: Complaint as to the Conduct of LAWRENCE P. CULLEN, OSB Bar #920468, Accused, Oregon State Bar 08117,0901, S057995*, that states in pertinent part as follows:

“...The court accepts the Stipulation for Discipline. The accused is suspended from the practice of law in the State of Oregon for a period of nine months, effective December 1, 2009...”

- (4) In the Order, the Court found that in one matter, the “Wolf & Shaer Matter,” Respondent neglected the client’s case in violation of Oregon Rule of Professional Conduct (“RPC”) 1.3, failed to communicate with the client in violation of RPC 1.4(a), and failed to promptly provide client’s new counsel with client’s property in violation of RPC 1.15-1(d). In another matter, the “Velasquez Matter,” Respondent neglected his client’s case in violation of RPC 1.3, failed to respond to his client’s reasonable requests for information in violation of RPC 1.4(a), and failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, in violation of RPC 1.4(b). Also in the Velasquez Matter, it was found that Respondent misrepresented to his clients the status of their case, constituting conduct involving misrepresentation reflecting adversely on his fitness to practice law, in violation of RPC 8.4(a)(3). Finally, the Court found in the Velasquez Matter that Respondent failed to respond to lawful demands for information from disciplinary entities, in violation of RPC 8.1(a)(2).
- (5) Respondent, Lawrence P. Cullen, is the same person as the Lawrence P. Cullen, who is the subject of the Order Accepting Stipulation for Discipline entered in the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon; and
- (6) The Order Accepting Stipulation for Discipline entered in the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon is final.
- (7) Respondent was personally served with this Board’s Order to Show Cause with hearing setting along with the Fourteenth Amended Petition for Reciprocal Discipline by a duly authorized private process server on June 18, 2014, and the affidavit of service was filed with BODA on July 7, 2014.

Conclusions of Law. Based upon the foregoing findings of facts the Board of Disciplinary Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

- (1) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Tex. R. Disciplinary P. Rule 7.08(H) (“TRDP”).

- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of the State of Oregon is warranted in this case. TRDP 9.03.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Lawrence P. Cullen, State Bar Card No. 05208700, is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law in Texas for a period of nine months effective as of the date of this judgment and ending April 30, 2015.

It is further ORDERED that during the term of active suspension ordered herein, Respondent shall be prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal service for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body, or holding himself out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words “attorney,” “counselor,” or “lawyer.”

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Lawrence P. Cullen, shall notify in writing, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent, Lawrence P. Cullen, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his suspension, of the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and of the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in that court. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail copies of all such notifications to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Lawrence P. Cullen, shall immediately notify each of his current clients and opposing counsel, if any, in writing, of his suspension. In addition to such notification, Respondent is ORDERED to return all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties which are in his possession but which belong to

current or former clients, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within thirty (30) days after the date on which this Judgment is signed by the Board. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, within the same thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of his suspension and that all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties belonging to clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to any client or former client, Respondent's affidavit shall state with particularity the efforts made by Respondent with respect to each particular client and the cause of his inability to return to said client any file, paper, money or other property. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail copies of all notification letters to clients to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Lawrence P. Cullen, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Signed this 30th day of July 2014.


CHAIR PRESIDING