



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

**IN THE MATTER OF** §  
**LAWRENCE P. CULLEN** § **CAUSE NO. 52399**  
*State Bar of Texas Card No. 05208700* §

**DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT**

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 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 April 24, 2012, a Decision of the Trial Panel was filed 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*, in Case Nos. 10-150; 10-151. The Trial Panel found Cullen should be permanently disbarred and that at no time did Cullen cooperate in any manner with the Bar, and even failed to attend a deposition for which he was successfully personally served. The Trial Panel found that Cullen repeatedly failed to keep his clients apprised

and informed and failed to render an accounting when requested to do so by his clients and his client's subsequent counsel. The Trial Panel further found that Cullen knowingly and intentionally converted client funds and that he was unfit to practice law. Finally, the Trial Panel concluded that Cullen violated RPC 1.3, 1.4(a), 1.15-1(a), 1.15-1(d), 4.1, 4.4, 5.0, 7.0, 8.1(a)(2), 8.4(a)(2) and 8.04(a)(3).

- (3) On June 27, 2012, a Disciplinary Board Clerk Memo was issued in a matter styled, *In re Cullen, Lawrence P.*, Case No. 10-150 and 10-151, that states in pertinent part as follows:

“...Under Bar Rule 10.3, the 60-day period within which to request review of the decision of the Trial Panel of the Disciplinary Board in the above-entitled matter ended on June 25, 2012. Neither the Bar nor the Accused sought review of the panel's decision in the Supreme Court. Accordingly, the opinion of the Trial Panel in this matter is final, under BR 10.1, effective June 26, 2012...”

- (4) Respondent, Lawrence P. Cullen, is the same person as the Lawrence P. Cullen who is the subject of the matter described above.
- (5) Respondent was served with this Board's Order to Show Cause with hearing setting along with the Second 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 fact 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, be and he is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and his license to practice law in this state be and is hereby revoked.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, Lawrence P. Cullen, is hereafter permanently prohibited, effective immediately, 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 disbarment, 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 disbarment. 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 the 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 disbarment 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2014.

  
CHAIR PRESIDING