



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

IN THE MATTER OF	§	
HELEN TYNE MAYFIELD	§	CAUSE NO. 42845
<i>State Bar of Texas Card No. 24014721</i>	§	

JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 27th day of July 2012, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals considered the Third Amended Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment filed in the above case by Petitioner, Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas, against Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield. Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield, appeared in person. All issues of fact as well as all questions of law were submitted to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals for determination. The Board finds that:

- (1) It has continuing jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 8.05 ("TRDP").
- (2) The Tenth Court of Appeals affirmed Respondent Helen Tyne Mayfield's criminal convictions and issued its Mandates indicating that the decisions were final on or about March 16, 2011.
- (3) Petitioner filed its Third Amended Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment on or about March 30, 2012, and served same on Respondent in accordance with TRDP 8.05.
- (4) Respondent's convictions for the commission of Intentional Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(T), for which she was sentenced in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas, have become final and are not subject to

appeal. In connections with these convictions, the Respondent did not receive probation through deferred adjudication nor was the sentence fully probated.

- (5) Petitioner's Third Amended Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment should be granted.

Interlocutory Suspension

Following a hearing on the 6th day of October 2008, at which Petitioner Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas appeared by attorney and announced ready and Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield, although duly cited to appear and having been notified of the hearing, failed to appear and made default, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered an Interlocutory Order of Suspension on or about October 8, 2008, which included the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- (1) Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield whose State Bar Card number is 24014721, is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas due to an administrative suspension for nonpayment of bar dues effective September 2, 2008.
- (2) On October 4, 2007, Respondent was charged by Indictment with 3 counts involving Forgery Financial Instrument in Case No. 07-05453-CRF-272, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas.
- (3) On October 4, 2007, Respondent was charged by Indictment with 3 counts involving Forgery Financial Instrument in Case No. 07-05454-CRF-272, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas.
- (4) On October 4, 2007, Respondent was charged by Indictment with 3 counts involving Forgery Financial Instrument in Case No. 07-05455-CRF-272, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas.
- (5) On October 4, 2007, Respondent was charged by Indictment with 3 counts involving Forgery Financial Instrument in Case No. 07-05456-CRF-272, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas.

- (6) On July 30, 2008, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was signed in Case No. 07-05453-CRF-361 Count One, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty by a jury of Forgery Financial Instrument in violation of Texas Penal Code §32.21(d). Respondent was committed to the custody of the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to be imprisoned for a term of twenty-four (24) months with the sentence running concurrently. Respondent was further ORDERED to pay restitution in the amount of \$6,000.00.
- (7) On July 30, 2008, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was signed in Case No. 07-05453-CRF-361 Count Two, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty by a jury of Forgery Financial Instrument in violation of Texas Penal Code §32.21(d). Respondent was committed to the custody of the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to be imprisoned for a term of twenty-four (24) months with the sentence running concurrently.
- (8) On July 30, 2008, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was signed in Case No. 07-05453-CRF-361 Count Three, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty by a jury of Forgery Financial Instrument in violation of Texas Penal Code §32.21(d). Respondent was committed to the custody of the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to be imprisoned for a term of twenty-four (24) months with the sentence running concurrently.
- (9) On July 30, 2008, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was signed in Case No. 07-05454-CRF-361 Count One, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty by a jury of Forgery Financial Instrument in violation of Texas Penal Code §32.21(d). Respondent was committed to the custody of the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to be imprisoned for a term of twenty-four (24) months with the sentence running concurrently.
- (10) On July 30, 2008, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was signed in Case No. 07-05454-CRF-361 Count Two, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty by a jury of Forgery Financial Instrument in violation of Texas Penal Code §32.21(d). Respondent was committed to the custody of the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to be imprisoned for a term of twenty-four (24) months with the sentence running concurrently.

- (11) On July 30, 2008, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was signed in Case No. 07-05454-CRF-361 Count Three, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty by a jury of Forgery Financial Instrument in violation of Texas Penal Code §32.21 (d). Respondent was committed to the custody of the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to be imprisoned for a term of twenty-four (24) months with the sentence running concurrently.
- (12) On July 30, 2008, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was signed in Case No. 07-05455-CRF-361 Count One, styled *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361st District Court of Brazos County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty by a jury of Forgery Financial Instrument in violation of Texas Penal Code §32.21(d). Respondent was committed to the custody of the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice to be imprisoned for a term of twenty-four (24) months with the sentence running concurrently.
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- (18) Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield, is the same person as the Helen Mayfield who is the subject of the Mayfield criminal cases described above.
- (19) Respondent was personally served with the Petition for Compulsory Discipline and hearing notice on August 21, 2008, and the affidavit of service was filed on September 10, 2008.
- (20) Respondent's criminal sentence is not fully probated.
- (21) Respondent has appealed the criminal convictions.
- (22) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure ("TRDP") 7.08(G).
- (23) Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield, having been convicted of twelve (12) counts of Forgery Financial Instrument, has been convicted of Intentional Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(T).
- (24) Respondent has also been convicted of Serious Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(Z).
- (25) Having been convicted of Intentional and Serious Crimes, and having appealed said convictions, Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield, should have her license to practice law in Texas suspended during the appeal of her criminal convictions. TRDP 8.04.
- (26) The Board retains jurisdiction to enter a final judgment in this matter until the criminal appeals are final and may enter final judgment when any one of the appeals is final. TRDP 8.05.

Disbarment

The Board has determined that disbarment of the Respondent is appropriate. It is, therefore, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield, State Bar No. 24014721, be and he is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas, and her license to practice law in this state be and is hereby revoked.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield, is hereafter permanently prohibited, effective immediately, from practicing law in Texas, holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal service for 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, or holding herself out to others or using her name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney," "counselor," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield, not later than thirty (30) days from the date of the entry of this judgment, shall notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court, if any, in which Respondent has any legal matter pending, if any, of her 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 Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield, shall immediately notify each of her current clients, if any, in writing, of her 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 her 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 this Board, within the same thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of her 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 her inability to return to said client any file, paper, money or other property. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail a copy of said affidavit and copies of all notification letters to clients, to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Helen Tyne Mayfield, if she has not already done so, immediately surrender her Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P. O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

It is further ORDERED that a certified copy of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file herein along with a copy of this Final Judgment of Disbarment be sent to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 31st day of July 2012.



CHAIR PRESIDING