



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

IN THE MATTER OF §
LUCILLE PARRISH § **CAUSE NO. 48980**
STATE BAR CARD NO. 15538100 §

DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 24th day of July 2015, 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, Lucille Parrish, although duly cited to answer and appear, and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly made default. All issues of fact as well as all questions 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, Lucille Parrish, State Bar Card Number 15538100, is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas but is not currently authorized to practice law in Texas due to being on inactive status.
- (2) On or about January 20, 2011, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals disbarred Respondent in a matter styled: *Nos. 09-BG-1012 & 10-BG-795. IN RE: LUCILLE SAUNDRA WHITE, RESPONDENT, A Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (Bar Registration No. 463929) On Report and Recommendation of the Board on Professional Responsibility (BDN 292-04) (BDN 169-06).*

- (3) The District of Columbia Court of Appeals found that Respondent: represented a private client in a case on which Respondent worked while employed by the District of Columbia Office of Human Rights (“OHR”), in violation of D.C. Bar Rule 1.11 (conflict in successive government and private employment); submitted false documents and testified falsely to the Council of the District of Columbia (“Council”), in violation of D.C. Bar Rule 3.4(a) (alteration of evidence), D.C. Bar Rule 3.4(b) (falsification of evidence), and D.C. Bar Rule 8.4(b) (criminal act – here, perjury – that reflects adversely on lawyer’s honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness); and introduced false documents to the disciplinary committee in violation of D.C. Bar Rule 8.1(a) (false representation in connection with a disciplinary matter). Respondent’s actions in regard to both OHR and the Council were found to constitute a violation of D.C. Bar Rule 8.4(c) (dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation). Finally, Respondent’s actions in regard to her violation of D.C. Bar Rule 1.11 were also found to constitute, in their effect on her client’s underlying litigation, a violation of D.C. Bar Rule 8.4(d) (serious interference with the administration of justice).
- (4) Respondent, Lucille Parrish, is the same person as the Lucille Sandra White who is the subject of the Order described above.
- (5) Respondent was served with the Order to Show Cause on Ninth Amended Petition for Reciprocal Discipline and hearing notice with the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline attached by a duly authorized private process server on June 17, 2015, and the return of service was filed with the Board of Disciplinary Appeals on July 01, 2015.

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. Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure Rule 7.08(H) (“TRDP”).
- (2) Respondent has not answered or pled or proved any defense to the imposition of identical discipline by clear and convincing evidence as required by TRDP 9.04.
- (3) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals is warranted in this case. TRDP 9.03.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Lucille Parrish State Bar Card No. 15538100, be, and she is hereby **DISBARRED** from the practice of law

in the State of Texas and her license to practice law in this state be, and hereby is, revoked.

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that Respondent, Lucille Parrish, is prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any administrative body or holding herself out to others or using her name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney at law," "attorney," "counselor at law," or "lawyer."

It is further **ORDERED** Respondent shall immediately notify each of her current clients in writing of this disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is **ORDERED** to return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to clients and former clients in the Respondent's possession to the respective clients or former clients or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request. Respondent is further **ORDERED** to file with the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of Respondent's disbarment and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein.

It is further **ORDERED** Respondent shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this judgment, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer and chief justice of each and every court or tribunal in which Respondent has any matter pending of the terms of this judgment, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing.

Respondent is further **ORDERED** to file with the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's

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Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, an affidavit stating that each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer and chief justice has received written notice of the terms of this judgment.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Lucille Parrish, immediately surrender her 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 28 day of July 2015.



VICE CHAIR PRESIDING