

BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS
BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS



FILED

January 5, 2017

Board of Disciplinary Appeals

GINA DAWN PATTERSON, §
STATE BAR NUMBER 24013301 §
Petitioner §
§ Case No # 58517
V. §
§
COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, §
Respondent §

PETITION FOR REINSTATEMENT AFTER INDEFINITE DISABILITY SUSPENSION

COMES NOW, Gina Dawn Patterson (herein after "Petitioner"), and files this Petition for Reinstatement After Indefinite Disability Suspension (the "Petition") and would respectfully show the Commission as follows:

I.

PARTIES

Petitioner is a 52 year old woman, Gina Dawn Patterson, currently residing at 1311 West Clay, Houston, Texas 77019. Respondent, The Commission for Lawyer Discipline, is an administrative agency of the State Bar of Texas (the "Commission") and can be served with process via certified mail return receipt requested pursuant to Texas R. Disciplinary Procedure 11.04 to Linda Acevedo, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, The Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, 1414 Colorado Street, Austin, TX 78701. A copy of the Petition is also served via certified mail return receipt requested to Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, Vanessa Windham, 4801 Woodway Drive, Suite 315W, Houston, Texas 77056.

II.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

This Petition is brought pursuant to Tex. R. Discpl. Proc. 12.06; Reinstatement After Disability.

Petitioner resides in Harris County; and therefore agrees and stipulates that venue and jurisdiction are proper in Harris County before the Commission.

III. BACKGROUND

A. Legal Background

In 1999, Petitioner graduated from the University of Houston Law Center and was licensed to Practice law on November 3, 1999. Petitioner worked at Locke Lord & Sapp, L.L.P. (now Locke Lord, L.L.P.) from 1999 to 2010, in the tax section concentrating on wills, trusts and estates. Petitioner made partner. In 2011, Petitioner worked for Schlanger Mills, L.L.P. (now Silver, Barg & Paine, LLP) for about two months. Thereafter, Petitioner worked as a solo practitioner for a short time working on wills, trusts and estates. During her career, Petitioner was a successful lawyer and helped a lot of clients.

B. Disability

On August 20, 1012, it was concluded that Petitioner was suffering from a disability as defined by Rule 1.06-I of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure (TRCP) in Cause No. 50977. Petitioner requested and agreed with the decision made by the Commission and executed a stipulation which supported that finding (*See Attached Exhibit "A"*). At that time, Petitioner was indefinitely suspended from the practice of law in Texas and was prohibited from practicing law in Texas in any representative capacity.

During this suspension, Petitioner has taken the necessary time and care to address her disability issues. Petitioner had untreated mental health issues and drug addiction and alcoholism. Petitioner had a gran mal seizure in October 2012 due to a drug overdose which precipitated the

disability suspension and was hospitalized in Cedar Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, California. Petitioner was then hospitalized in Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn, New York, near her extended family, as her parents had both recently died.

At the current time, Petitioner has more than one year clean and sober (more than 15 months). Her sobriety date is September 20, 2015. During this suspension, Petitioner sought professional help and twelve step recovery programs for her drug and alcohol addiction and to address her mental health issues, as described in detail this Petition. Petitioner attends almost daily Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings, at least five to six times a week, if not more, hereinafter referred at as "almost daily."

C. Completion of Criminal Conditions

Petitioner had criminal consequences to her drug and alcohol addiction, which she has completed. Petitioner was arrested on February 10, 2011 and March 2, 2011 for possessing a controlled substance, namely cocaine, in *The State of Texas vs. Gina D. Patterson, Harris County District Court No. 208, Cause No. 1295164 ("Cause 1295164")* (See Attached Exhibit "B") and *The State of Texas vs. Gina D. Patterson, Harris County, Texas No. 208 Cause No. 1297511 ("Cause Number 1297511")* (See Attached Exhibit "C"). Cause Number 1295164 was dismissed. (See Attached Exhibit "D"). Petitioner received deferred adjudication for Cause Number 1297511 (See Attached Exhibit "E"). The terms of Petitioner's deferred adjudication are fully set forth in the *Order of Deferred Adjudication and Conditions of Community Supervision* (See Attached Exhibit "F"). Among other things, Petitioner was Ordered to participate in 180 days New Choices Program, an in-jail drug and alcohol rehabilitation program in the Harris County Jail and submit to random drug and alcohol analysis. Further, Petitioner was ordered to four years of Community Supervision. Petitioner was also Ordered to pay certain fees and fines.

Petitioner satisfactorily fulfilled all of the conditions of Deferred Adjudication and Community Supervision and her Supervision period was terminated early on September 25, 2014 (See Attached

Exhibit "G"). Petitioner has had no other criminal charges since such time.

D. Transitional Living Facility

Petitioner went to a transitional living facility ("Angela House") for women exiting the criminal justice system in January 2013. Petitioner began seeing Ms. Teresa Doyle, MA, LPC, LMFT, LCDC at Angela House for her depressive/bi-polar symptoms for individual and group psychotherapy sessions (*See Attached Exhibit "H"*). Petitioner attended all scheduled classes and activities while at Angela House. Petitioner's depressive/ bi-polar symptoms were managed with medication by her psychiatrist at the Mental Health and Mental Retardation Association ("MHMRA").

Petitioner was successfully discharged from Angela House and moved into her own apartment in July 2014. Petitioner continued to see Ms. Doyle for therapy during this period but suffered from increasing levels of depression and anxiety. In May and June 2015, Petitioner attempted suicide and was both times taken to Ben Taub Hospital and then transferred to the Psychiatric unit, where she stayed for a few days. Petitioner was released to her own apartment and then relapsed on drugs and alcohol for a short period of time.

E. Houston Behavioral Hospital and Austin Recovery

In September 2015, Petitioner was admitted to Houston Behavioral Healthcare Hospital ("HBHH") under the care of John E. Marcellus, M.D., her psychiatrist and neurologist, and continues to see him to date (*See Attached Exhibit "I"*). Petitioner was diagnosed with PolySubstance Abuse Disorder, Bipolar Disorder and Anxiety Disorder, consistent with Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Panic Disorder and Social Disorder. Petitioner has remained clean and sober since her admittance to HBHH.

Following her hospitalization, Petitioner was discharged to HBHH Partial Hospitalization Program. In the beginning of October 2015, Petitioner was admitted to a drug and alcohol rehabilitation program ("Austin Recovery") with the majority of the funding coming from the Texas Lawyer's Assistance Program ("TLAP"). After her successful discharge from Austin Recovery, Petitioner attended

the Intensive Outpatient Program at HBHH.

IV.

PETITIONER'S CURRENT CONDITION

A. Under the Care of a Psychiatrist

Petitioner regularly sees Dr. Marcellus, most recently on November 14, 2016 and her next regularly scheduled appointment is January 17, 2016. (See Attached Exhibit "I"). It is recommended that Petitioner see a Psychiatrist and she does so regularly. Dr. Marcellus's Affidavit demonstrates and provides that a mental health care provider as to Applicant's current condition should be considered. Dr. Marcellus is a health care provider whose practice consists of counseling those with PolySubstance Abuse Disorder, Bipolar and Anxiety Disorder, Panic Disorder and Social Disorder.

According to Dr. Marcellus, Petitioner's "prognosis is good and she is fully and completely invested in maintaining her sobriety and ongoing stabilization of her psychiatric illnesses." (See Attached Exhibit H"). She attends sobriety meetings almost daily. Further, as stated by Dr. Marcellus in his Affidavit, Petitioner has demonstrated consistency with her medication regimen as prescribed. Dr. Marcellus fully supports Petitioner. "Therefore, it is my professional opinion that as long as Ms. Patterson continues in her current wellness program, her prognosis is good and she should be allowed to practice law again. Reinstating Gina Patterson's license to practice law would be of benefit to the state of Texas and to the community in which she lives."

B. Under the Care of a Qualified Therapist

Petitioner resumed weekly sessions with Ms. Doyle, her therapist, subsequent to her stay at Austin Recovery (See Exhibit "H"). Ms. Doyle's Affidavit demonstrates and provides that a mental health care provider whose practice consists of counseling to those who suffer from drug and alcohol addiction, depression and bipolar, as in the case of Petitioner, should be considered.

Petitioner attends almost daily recovery meetings at multiple sites and is actively involved with

her sponsor and her recovery. Her moods are stabilized and her thinking clearer. She has also begun confronting issues in her therapy. Petitioner is taking the opportunity to give back at her recovery meetings by volunteering and helping other addicts and alcoholics. Ms. Doyle states that Petitioner has been clear about her boundaries and not being able to provide legal advice while she did not have her license, even though she has been asked almost daily to do so by friends and others.

Ms. Doyle states in her Affidavit, that Petitioner has come a long way regarding her emotional stability and daily functioning (*See Attached Exhibit "H"*). Petitioner's current courses of action have all contributed to decreased levels of depression and anxiety. Petitioner's coping skills have greatly improved and she has achieved a higher level of functioning and become fully engaged in her daily life. Ms. Doyle wrote in her Affidavit in full support of Petitioner's request to reinstate her law license and that you take into account her many positive accomplishments and strengths.

C. Active in Recovery

In addition, to seeing Dr. Marcellus and Ms. Doyle, and attending Austin Recovery, Petitioner attends Alcoholic Anonymous and Narcotic Anonymous meetings regularly, almost daily. Petitioner also volunteers regularly at the place of her Alcoholics Anonymous club, the LAMBDA Club. Petitioner's volunteering includes chairing meetings, volunteering at fundraisers, helping newcomers and working at conferences, specifically, the Houston Roundup.

D. Giving Back/ Volunteering

During this suspension, Petitioner volunteered at Friends for Life, a non-profit no-kill animal shelter. Petitioner took care of and walked dogs that were abandoned and lost. Petitioner also volunteered for the Hillary Clinton campaign. Petitioner made phone calls on behalf of her campaign and worked at polling stations carrying signs and giving out information.

E. Working

Petitioner has recently started working. Petitioner worked at Voter Consumer Research doing

political surveys in October/November 2016. Petitioner also started working at TJMax in November 2016 and is currently employed there as a salesperson.

F. Affidavit of Ms. Kathryn Frazer

The Commission may find it helpful to be informed by a member of the community and Petitioner's Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor, Ms. Kathryn Frazer. (See Attached Exhibit "J"). Ms. Frazer has been Petitioner's sponsor for the past 15 months. Ms. Frazer informs the Commission that Petitioner attends Alcoholic Anonymous and Narcotic Anonymous almost daily and has changed in her 15 months of sobriety (See Attached Exhibit "J"). Ms. Frazer informs the Commission that she has worked the steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and takes them very seriously. She shares at meetings and helps the newcomers. Petitioner also volunteers at the place of her Alcoholics Anonymous Club, the Lambda Club, at fundraisers and conferences. (See Attached Exhibit "J"). Ms. Frazer states "She has embraced sobriety and has many friends and is liked by her peers." Further, Ms. Frazer states that she wishes Petitioner would have had her license so she could have helped her on a trust matter. We need more lawyers like her that know about wills, trusts and estates in Texas. There are also many others who would have liked to hire Gina if she had her license.

G. Lawyer's Assistance Program

Petitioner reached out to the TLAP, through Cameron Vann and has kept her updated on her status since attending Austin Recovery in 2015. It is Petitioner's understanding that TLAP will send a letter to the Commission to this effect. Petitioner has also met with TLAP volunteers, Catherine Harrington Hale and Valerie Fayle. Recently, Petitioner volunteered with Ms. Harrington Hale and Ms. Fayle at the Council on recovery for their Christmas Party for children.

V.

GRIEVANCES

At the time of Petitioner's suspension, the following grievance was pending against her:

VI.
REINSTATEMENT REQUESTED

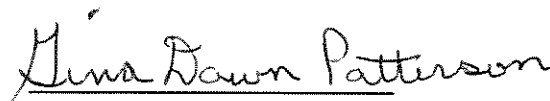
Petitioner should be reinstated because she has sought professional and twelve step recovery help to address her disability issues. She is connected with the sober community and is completely invested in her ongoing sobriety and the maintenance of her mental health.

Further, Petitioner is plugged into TLAP and with local TLAP lawyers. Petitioner is a smart and caring woman and can help people who need a lawyer like her. Finally, hopefully after some time, Petitioner can help other lawyers suffering from similar issues, come out of the shadows, leading by example.

VII. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner, Gina Dawn Patterson respectfully requests that this Commission enter an order declaring that Petitioner is of good moral character and possesses the mental and emotional fitness to practice law; that the reasons for suspension no longer exist and that termination of the of the suspension would be without danger to the public and profession, thereby entitling her to be reinstated and for further relief as is just and equitable.

Respectfully submitted,



GINA DAWN PATTERSON, pro se

1311 West Clay Street

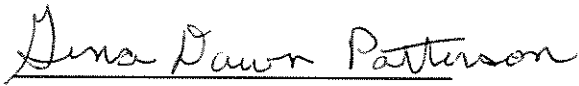
Houston, Texas 77019

(281) 902-2255

pepper1052.gp@gmail.com (email)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and complete copy of the foregoing Petition has been served upon Linda Acevedo, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, The Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, 1414 Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701 by certified mail return receipt requested and Vanessa Windham, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, 4801 Woodway Drive, Suite 315W, Houston, Texas 77056 by certified mail, return receipt requested.



Gina Dawn Patterson, pro se

VERIFICATION

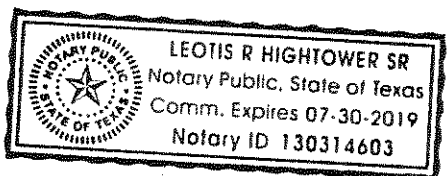
Before me, the undersigned notary public, on this day appeared Gina Dawn Patterson who being duly sworn by me deposed and said:

"My name is Gina D. Patterson. I am the Petitioner in this case. I am over the age of 21 and competent to make this verification. I have read the Petition for Reinstatement After Indefinite Disability Suspension and I verify that the substantive facts stated therein are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct."

Gina Dawn Patterson

Gina Dawn Patterson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME ON December 29, 2016 to certify which witness my hand and official seal.



[Signature]

Notary Public in and for Texas

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

By: _____	FILED
	AUG 23 2012
Board of Disciplinary Appeals appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas	

IN THE MATTER OF

GINA DAWN PATTERSON

STATE BAR CARD NO. 24013301

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CAUSE NO. 50977

AGREED ORDER OF INDEFINITE DISABILITY SUSPENSION

The Chief Disciplinary Counsel (hereinafter referred to as "CDC"), upon investigation of case number H0121134295, reasonably believes that GINA DAWN PATTERSON (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent") is suffering from a Disability and has been authorized by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline to enter into this Agreed Order of Indefinite Disability Suspension.

There is currently one disciplinary complaint pending against the Respondent.

The allegations are summarized as follows:

Case No. H0121134295 - Daniel J. Schacht

Gina Dawn Patterson ("Respondent") was hired in July of 2011 to represent Daniel J. Schacht ("Complainant") in the probate of his father's estate. Complainant paid Respondent \$2,000.00 for the representation.

In October 2011, Complainant states that Respondent informed him by telephone that she was in a hospital after suffering seizures, but she would contact him in a week or so when she returned home. This was their last conversation; Complainant thereafter was unable to communicate with Respondent. Telephone calls and emails to Respondent went unanswered.

The foregoing facts allege violations of Rule 1.03(a) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

Respondent has submitted an Affidavit (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") in which she specifically waives the following rights: (1) the right to be separately noticed of a

Exhibit "A"

hearing before a District Disability Committee; (2) the right to any disability hearing resulting therefrom; (3) the right to have the Board of Disciplinary Appeals review the record of the CDC; and (4) the right to have a District Disability Committee appointed as provided in Rule 12.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and the right to have counsel appointed. Respondent also stipulated that she suffers from a Disability as defined in Rule 1.06(I) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and requested that the Board of Disciplinary Appeals enter an order of indefinite disability suspension from the practice of law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Respondent Gina Dawn Patterson be indefinitely suspended from the practice of law.

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that Respondent Gina Dawn Patterson, during said suspension, is hereby enjoined from practicing law in Texas, holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services, appearing as counsel 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 his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney at law," "counselor at law," or "lawyer."

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent Gina Dawn Patterson shall immediately notify each of her current clients in writing of this suspension. In addition to such notification, the Respondent is **ORDERED** to return all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to her current clients (or to another attorney at the client's request) within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Order. Respondent Gina Dawn Patterson is **ORDERED** to file within the same thirty (30) days 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) an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of the Respondent's suspension, and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to each current client have been returned as ordered herein, and showing in the case where it was not possible to notify clients or return their property that due diligence was used to do so.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent Gina Dawn Patterson shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent has any matter pending of the terms of this suspension, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and 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 State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

The Board of Disciplinary Appeals notes that Respondent has provided an affidavit stating that she cannot locate her Texas law license or her Texas bar card. Respondent shall immediately surrender her Texas law license and Texas bar card to the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) should she locate them in the future.

Signed this 28th day of August, 2012.



CHAIR PRESIDING

AGREED AS TO BOTH FORM
AND SUBSTANCE:

Vanessa G. Windham
VANESSA G. WINDHAM
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel
State Bar No. 24050651

DATE: *August 20, 2012*

Gina Dawn Patterson
GINA DAWN PATTERSON
Respondent Pro Se
State Bar No. 24013301

DATE: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF GINA DAWN PATTERSON

On this 16th day of August, 2012, personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Gina Dawn Patterson, who after being duly sworn, did state upon her oath:

"I, Gina Dawn Patterson, am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to make this Affidavit in all respects, and am personally acquainted with the facts herein stated:

It is my understanding that the Chief Disciplinary Counsel is willing to stipulate that I am suffering from a Disability as defined in Rule 1.06(I) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. I hereby stipulate to same.

I hereby waive the right to be separately noticed of a disability complaint by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and I waive the right to any hearing resulting therefrom. I further waive the right to have the Board of Disciplinary Appeals review the record of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel regarding the disability from which I suffer, and waive the right to the appointment of a District Disability Committee as provided in Rule 12.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. I further waive the right to have counsel appointed to represent me in this matter.

I swear or affirm that I am suffering from a Disability as defined in Rule 1.06(I) of the Texas Rules of Disability Procedure and request that the Board of Disciplinary Appeals enter an Order of indefinite disability suspension from the practice of law.

I swear or affirm that I currently am handling no pending cases, so there is no need for the State Bar of Texas to file a Motion for the Assumption of Jurisdiction of my files.

I acknowledge the above to be true and correct."

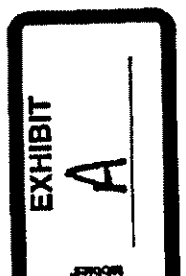
Gina Dawn Patterson

Gina Dawn Patterson, Affiant

16th SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day of August, 2012.



L. White
Notary Public for and in the State of Texas



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THE STATE OF TEXAS
VS.
GINA D. PATTERSON
3333 ALLEN PARKWAY #707
HOUSTON, TX 77019

02544224
SPN:
DOB: WF 09-02-1964
DATE PREPARED: 2/10/2011

D.A. LOG NUMBER: 1721789
CJIS TRACKING NO.: 9166301025-A001
BY: RZ DA NO: 002328033
AGENCY: HPD
O/R NO: 17446111M
ARREST DATE: 02-10-2011

NCIC CODE: 5599 06

RELATED CASES:

FELONY CHARGE: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
CAUSE NO:
HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT NO: 1295164
FIRST SETTING DATE: 208

BAIL: \$10,000
PRIOR CAUSE NO:

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Before me, the undersigned Assistant District Attorney of Harris County, Texas, this day appeared the undersigned affiant, who under oath says that he has good reason to believe and does believe that in Harris County, Texas, GINA D. PATTERSON, hereafter styled the Defendant, heretofore on or about FEBRUARY 10, 2011, did then and there unlawfully intentionally and knowingly possess a controlled substance, namely, COCAINE, weighing more than 4 grams and less than 200 grams by aggregate weight, including any adulterants and dilutants.

Unofficial Copy Office of Chris Daniel District Clerk

FILED
Chris Daniel
District Clerk

FEB 10 2011

Time: _____
Harris County, Texas
By: _____
Deputy

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on February 10, 2011

AFFIANT

ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

24057467
BAR NO.

COMPLAINT

Exhibit "B"

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
VS.

02544224

D.A. LOG NUMBER: 1728029
CJIS TRACKING NO.: 9166368766-A001
BY: CS DA NO: 002328328
AGENCY: HPD
O/R NO: 26520311
ARREST DATE: 03/02/2011

GINA D. PATTERSON
3333 ALLEN PARKWAY #707
HOUSTON, TX 77019

SPN:
DOB: W F 09/02/1964
DATE PREPARED: 3/3/2011

NCIC CODE: 5599 05

RELATED CASES:

FELONY CHARGE: POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
CAUSE NO:

HARRIS COUNTY DISTRICT COURT NO:
FIRST SETTING DATE:

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BAIL: SNO BOND
PRIOR CAUSE NO:

IN THE NAME AND BY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

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FILED

Chris Daniel
District Clerk

MAR 03 2011

Time: 04:21
Harris County, Texas
By: [Signature]
Deputy

AGAINST THE PEACE AND DIGNITY OF THE STATE.

Sworn to and subscribed before me on March 3, 2011

[Signature]
AFFIANT

[Signature] 12187900
ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY BAR NO.
OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS.

COMPLAINT

Exhibit "C"

OFFENSE: PCS

CAUSE NO. 1297511

THE STATE OF TEXAS

IN THE 2nd DISTRICT COURT
IN COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. _____

VS.
GINA PATEL

OF
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

MOTION TO DISMISS

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

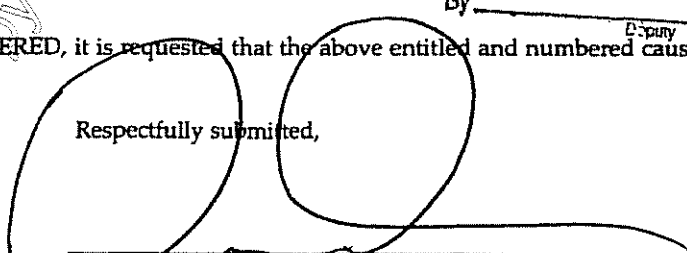
NOW COMES the State of Texas, by and through her District Attorney, and respectfully requests the Court to dismiss the above entitled and numbered criminal action for the following reason:

- The Defendant was convicted in another case. (1295104)
- In custody elsewhere.
- Old case, no arrest.
- Missing witness.
- Request of complaining witness.
- Motion to suppress granted.
- Co-Defendant tried, this Defendant testify.
- Insufficient evidence.
- Co-Defendant convicted, insufficient evidence this Defendant.
- Case refiled as cause no. _____
- Other.

EXPLANATION:

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, it is requested that the above entitled and numbered cause be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,



Assistant District Attorney
Harris County, Texas

FILED
Chris Daniel
District Clerk
JAN 10 2012

Time: _____
Harris County, Texas
By: _____
Deputy

ORDER

The foregoing motion having been presented to me on this the 10 day of Jul, A.D. 2012 and the same having been considered, it is, therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that said above entitled and numbered cause be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Jeani Collins
JUDGE
208 DISTRICT COURT
COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT LAW NO. _____
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS



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CASE NO. 129516401010
INCIDENT NO./TRN: 9166301025A001

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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IN THE 208TH DISTRICT

v.

COURT

PATTERSON, GINA D

HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

STATE ID NO.: TX08772723

ORDER OF DEFERRED ADJUDICATION

Judge Presiding: HON. DENISE COLLINS Date Order Entered: 1/10/2012

Attorney for State: CALLIGAN, CAMERON Attorney for Defendant: HINTON, M J

Offense:
POSSESSION OF COCAINE, 4GRAMS - 200GRAMS

Charging Instrument: INDICTMENT Statute for Offense: N/A

Date of Offense: 2/10/2011

Degree of Offense: 2ND DEGREE FELONY Plea to Offense: GUILTY Findings on Deadly Weapon: N/A

Terms of Plea Bargain:
4 YEARS DAG AND A \$500 FINE

Plea to 1st Enhancement Paragraph: N/A Plea to 2nd Enhancement/Habitual Paragraph: N/A

Findings on 1st Enhancement Paragraph: N/A Findings on 2nd Enhancement/Habitual Paragraph: N/A

ADJUDICATION OF GUILT DEFERRED;
DEFENDANT PLACED ON COMMUNITY SUPERVISION.

PERIOD OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION: 4 YEARS

Fine: \$ 500.00 Court Costs: \$ 207.00 Restitution: \$ N/A Restitution Payable to: VICTIM (see below) AGENCY/AGENT (see below)

Sex Offender Registration Requirements do not apply to the Defendant. TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. chapter 62

The age of the victim at the time of the offense was N/A .

Time Credited: N/A DAYS

NOTES: N/A

All pertinent information, names and assessments indicated above are incorporated into the language of the judgment below by reference.

This cause was called for trial in Harris County, Texas. The State appeared by her District Attorney as named above.

Counsel / Waiver of Counsel (select one)

- Defendant appeared in person with Counsel.
- Defendant knowingly, intelligently, and voluntarily waived the right to representation by counsel in writing in open court.

Both parties announced ready for trial. Defendant waived the right of trial by jury and entered a plea as indicated above. The Court admonished the Defendant as required by law. It appeared to the Court that Defendant was mentally

RECORDER'S MEMORANDUM
This instrument is of poor quality
at the time of imaging

Exhibit "E"

IMAGED

competent to stand trial, made the plea freely and voluntarily, and was aware of the consequences of this plea. The Court received the plea and entered it of record. Having heard the evidence submitted, the Court FINDS such evidence substantiates Defendant's guilt. The Court FINDS that, in this cause, it is in the best interest of society and Defendant to defer proceedings without entering an adjudication of guilt and to place Defendant on community supervision.

The Court FINDS the Presentence Investigation, if so ordered, was done according to the applicable provisions of TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 42.12 § 9.


The Court ORDERS that Defendant is given credit noted above for the time spent incarcerated. The Court ORDERS Defendant to pay all fines, court costs, and restitution as indicated above.

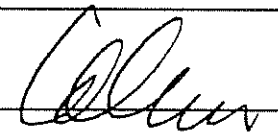
The Court ORDERS that no judgment shall be entered at this time. The Court further ORDERS that Defendant be placed on community supervision for the adjudged period so long as Defendant abides by and does not violate the terms and conditions of community supervision. See TEX. CODE CRIM. PROC. art. 42.12 § 5(a).

Furthermore, the following special findings or orders apply:

APPEAL WAIVED. NO PERMISSION FOR APPEAL GRANTED.
DEFENDANT REMANDED TO CUSTODY OF NEW CHOICES UFON AVAILABILITY

Signed and entered on January 10, 2012

X 
DENISE COLLINS
JUDGE PRESIDING



Notice Appeal Filed: _____

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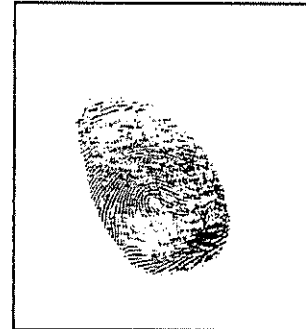
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CONDITIONS OF COMMUNITY SUPERVISION

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VS.
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Cause: 129516401010

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January 10, 2012
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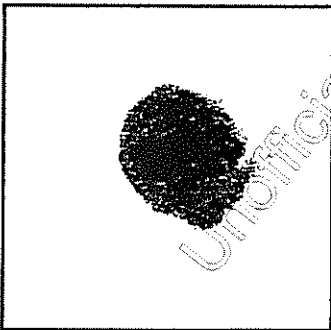
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December 26, 2012
DATE

Signed this 26th day of December A.D. 2012

Denise Collins
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SPN: 02544224

PLEA: GUILTY

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FIRST AMENDED TO STIPULATE: - New begin dates for fees and programs

- Add Mental Health caseload conditions

CAUSE NO. 1295164

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THE STATE OF TEXAS

IN THE 208th DISTRICT COURT

VS.

COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT AT

GINA PATTERSON (SPN 02544224)
(Name of Defendant)

LAW NO. _____

AKA _____

OF HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ORDER RELEASING FROM NEW CHOICES PROGRAM

On this the 13th day of December, 2012, came on to be considered in the above-styled and numbered cause a motion for release from the New Choices Program; and

It appearing that the defendant was placed on community supervision; and

That one of the conditions of her/his community supervision was that she/he be placed in the New Choices Program in accordance with Article 42.12 of Criminal Procedure; and

That the Court has been notified by the New Choices Program occupied within the Harris County Sheriff's Department that the defendant is completing the treatment program at said facility and has been given a discharge date.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED by this Court that the defendant, GINA PATTERSON be released from the New Choices Program and the custody of the sheriff's department from said cause on the 21st day of December, 2012.

SIGNED on the 13th day of December, 2012.

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FOR [Signature]
PRESIDING JUDGE DENISE COLLINS
Criminal District Court # 208
County Criminal Court at Law # _____
Houston, Harris County, Texas

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208TH DISTRICT COURT

Harris County, Texas

Order Affecting Community Supervision

After considering the community supervision officer's recommendations and other evidence, the presiding judge FINDS that the Defendant X has has not satisfactorily fulfilled the conditions of supervision imposed by the court under The Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and / or Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code:

Motion Denied

 The Defendant has not satisfactorily fulfilled the conditions of community supervision imposed by the Court for the full term of the supervision period to which he/she was sentenced.

 Accordingly, the Court ORDERS defendant's motion to modify community supervision denied.

Motion Granted

Full Term

 The Defendant has satisfactorily fulfilled the conditions of supervision imposed by the Court for the full term of the supervision period to which he / she was sentenced.

Early Termination

 The Defendant has satisfactorily fulfilled the conditions of supervision imposed by the Court for two (2) years or for more than one-third (1/3) of the time to which defendant was sentenced to community supervision.

Deferred Adjudication

XX The best interests of the defendant and society will be served by the termination of defendant's supervision period. The Court has not proceeded to an adjudication of guilt during the period of supervision.

Conditional Discharge

Other Comments

Accordingly, the Court ORDERS defendant's community supervision terminated. The Court further ORDERS, ADJUDGES AND DECREES that

The defendant is discharged according to law.

Date signed:

9/25/14

Judge Presiding, 208TH District Court
Harris County, Texas

RECORDER'S MEMORANDUM
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Exhibit "B"

Teresa E. Doyle, MA, LPC, LMFT, LCDC

1807 Lexington, Houston Texas 77098 713/339-7300

November 11, 2016

Attention: State Bar Association

Re: Gina Patterson

DOB 09-02-1964

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Teresa E. Doyle. I am competent to make this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are true and correct and within the view and scope of my professional exposure to Gina D Patterson.

I began working with Ms. Gina Patterson in individual and group psychotherapy sessions at Angela House January 2, 2013. She arrived at Angela House in late December 2012. Angela House is a transitional living facility for women exiting the criminal justice system. Ms. Patterson successfully completed her program at Angela House in July 2014. Prior to coming to Angela House, Ms. Patterson had attended an in-jail rehabilitation center (New Choices) upon the order of the court. I continue to work with Ms. Patterson to date in weekly individual psychotherapy sessions. I am writing this letter in support of her request to reinstate her law license.

Psychotherapy initially focused on identification of feelings, management of major depressive/bi-polar disorder symptoms, impulse control, substance abuse issues, family of origin issues, low self esteem and grief issues related to her parents' deaths. In addition to her individual and group psychotherapy work, Ms. Patterson successfully completed a 12-14 week Shame Resilience/Relapse Prevention course at Angela House. She also attended 3 Recovery meetings (AA, NA or CA) a week and started working with a sponsor. She participated in all scheduled classes and activities while at Angela House. Ms. Patterson's depressive/bi-polar symptoms were originally managed with medication by her psychiatrist at MHMRA. She has since transitioned her psychiatric care to Dr. John Marcellus and continues to work with him to date.

After her successful discharge from Angela House July 3, 2014 Ms. Patterson moved into her own apartment and continued individual psychotherapy sessions with me. She struggled with setting up and keeping a consistent schedule. She talked about things she wanted to do such as volunteer work and attending more Recovery meetings yet, she had a difficult time putting these ideas into action. She did work with a sponsor during this time but relied on her sister for most of her social activities/needs. Her severe anxiety regarding driving limited her activities also. When she reported increasing levels of depression and anxiety, her attendance at psychotherapy sessions began to be more inconsistent as did her attendance at Recovery meetings and work with her sponsor at the time.

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In May 2015 Ms. Patterson attempted suicide and was taken to Ben Taub hospital. She reported feeling a great deal of shame and increased depression after this incident. A second suicide attempt occurred in June 2015 and Ms. Patterson was hospitalized in the Ben Taub Psychiatric Unit. She stayed in the hospital for a few days again and was released to her apartment. Sometime after this second suicide attempt Ms. Patterson relapsed for a short period of time.

Ms. Patterson transitioned from the MHMRA system and continued her psychiatric treatment with Dr. John Marcellus in July 2015. In September 2015 Ms. Patterson was hospitalized at Houston Behavior Hospital and discharged to their Partial Hospitalization Program. In the beginning of October 2015, Ms. Patterson, after a great deal of searching, found a rehabilitation program in Austin (Austin Recovery) and attended a 30-day treatment program there. The majority of the funding for this rehabilitation program came from a Lawyer Assistance Program. After her stay in Austin, she returned to the Partial Hospitalization Program and then she completed her treatment with approximately 6 weeks in the Intensive Outpatient Program (IOP). She continued her medication management under the care of her Psychiatrist Dr. John Marcellus. Ms. Patterson resumed her weekly sessions with me during the IOP portion of her treatment. She worked with me and at IOP about scheduling her day and followed up on her desire to do volunteer work with animals, dogs in particular.

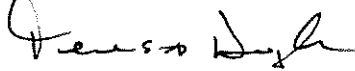
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Ms. Patterson has come a long way regarding her emotional stability and daily functioning since I first met her at Angela House in December 2012. She has made great strides especially in the last fourteen (14) months. Her current course of action which includes her Recovery meetings, step work with her sponsor, social activities with a sober support group, volunteer work, therapy work with me and medication management/therapy with her psychiatrist have all contributed to decreased levels of depression and anxiety. Ms. Patterson's coping skills have greatly improved and she has achieved a higher level of functioning and has become more fully engaged in her daily life.

As previously stated, I am writing this letter in full support of Ms. Patterson's request to reinstate her law license and hope you will take into account her many positive accomplishments and strengths.

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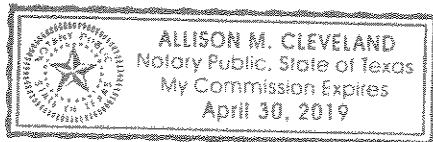


Teresa Doyle, MA, LPC, LMFT, LCDC

State of **Texas**
County of **Harris**

Before me, Allison Cleveland, notary public, State of Texas, on this day, personally appeared Teresa Doyle, known to me, to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and who acknowledged to me that she executed the same for the purposes and consideration expressed herein.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 9th day of **December, 2016**.



Allison M. Cleveland
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Notary Public, State of Texas

John E. Marcellus, M.D.
Diplomate American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
In Child, Adolescent and Adult Psychiatry

4888 Loop Central Drive, Suite 510
Houston, TX 77081
Phone: 713-346-1551 Fax: 713-346-1577

December 29, 2016

State Bar of Texas

Re: Gina Patterson
DOB: 9/2/1964

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is John E. Marcellus, M.D., Licensed Physician in the state of Texas. The facts stated within this document are within my professional and clinical knowledge and are true and correct.

I am a physician licensed to practice medicine in the state of Texas under license number J4325. This letter is in regards to Gina Patterson. Ms. Patterson has been a patient of mine since her admission into Houston Behavioral Healthcare Hospital (HBHH) in 2015. At that time, Ms. Patterson was diagnosed with Bipolar Disorder and Anxiety Disorder, consistent with Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Panic Disorder, and Social Disorder. She also has a history of Poly Substance Abuse Disorder.

Following her inpatient care at HBHH, Ms. Patterson was admitted to long-term rehabilitation in Austin, which was funded by the Texas Bar Association. She then completed intensive outpatient therapy at HBHH's program, again under my supervision. Ms. Patterson has subsequently and consistently presented in my office as an outpatient, most recently on November 14, 2016. Her next regularly scheduled appointment is January 17, 2017.

Ms. Patterson has now been sober for 15 months. She has demonstrated consistency with her medication regimen as I have prescribed. Additionally, Ms. Patterson attends sobriety meetings daily with her sponsor as well as additional meetings as needed. She is fully and completely invested in maintaining her sobriety and ongoing stabilization of her psychiatric illnesses.

Therefore, it is my professional opinion that as long as Ms. Patterson continues in her current wellness program, her prognosis is good and she should be allowed to practice

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law again. Reinstating Gina Patterson's license to practice law would be of benefit to the state of Texas and to the community in which she lives.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the circumstances surrounding Ms. Patterson and her desire to return to work within her profession, which I fully support. If additional information is required to help gain an understanding of Ms. Patterson's situation, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



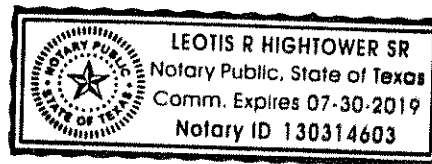
John E. Marcellus, M.D.
Licensed Physician
Texas J4325

STATE OF TEXAS

COUNTY OF Harris
SIGNED under oath before me
On December 29, 2016



Notary Public, State of Texas



December 29, 2016

To the State Bar of Texas

My name is Kathryn Frazer. I am competent to make this affidavit. The facts stated in this affidavit are true and correct within the view and scope of my personal experience to Gina D. Patterson.

I have known Gina D. Patterson for four years. I met her when she was at Angela House, a transitional living center. I got to know Gina personally and began to sponsor her 15 months ago. Gina attends recovery meetings almost daily, both Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. She has changed a great deal in her 15 months of sobriety. Gina works the steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and take takes them very seriously. She has embraced sobriety and has many friends and liked by her peers. Gina is eager to help the newcomer and is quick to take people to meetings that don't have transportation. I feel Gina has made great progress and is ready to practice law again. She is compassionate and loves to help others. She is honest, trustworthy and totally capable and willing to be an attorney in our State.

She also volunteers at her place of her Alcoholic Anonymous meetings, the LAMBDA Club, including at fundraisers and conferences, the Houston Roundup and her Church. She volunteered at Friends for Life, a no-kill animal shelter and for the Hillary Clinton campaign.

I also know Gina knows a lot about Wills, Trusts and Estates. I had a recent experience with an attorney that did not have such experience and got poor advice. I wish Gina would have had her license so she could have helped me. We need more lawyers like her out there. There are also many others who would have also liked for Gina to help them on legal matters had she had her license.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (713) 204-5947.

Sincerely,

Kathryn Frazer



State of Texas

County of HARRIS

SIGNED under oath before me on December 30 2016.



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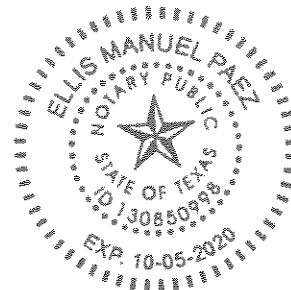


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