



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

IN THE MATTER OF §
RONALD EUGENE REYNOLDS § **CAUSE NO. 57004**
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24025610 §

JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 26th day of July 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals considered the First 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, Ronald Eugene Reynolds. Respondent answered and appeared in person and through his attorney. The Board finds that:

- (1) It has continuing jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 8.05 (“TRDP”);
- (2) The Court of Appeals for the Eighth District Court of Texas, El Paso Division affirmed Respondent, Reynolds’s, criminal convictions and issued Mandates indicating that the decisions were final on or about September 24, 2018;
- (3) Petitioner filed its Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment on or about November 29, 2018, and served same on Respondent in accordance with TRDP 8.05;
- (4) Petitioner filed its First Amended Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment on or about January 16, 2019, and served same on Respondent’s counsel;
- (5) Respondent has been convicted of Intentional Crimes and Serious Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(V) and TRDP 1.06(GG);
- (6) Respondent’s criminal sentences were not fully probated.

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

Interlocutory Suspension

On the 2nd day of May 2016, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered an Interlocutory Order of Suspension, which included the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- (1) On or about July 31, 2015, Respondent was charged by Information with barratry, in Cause No. 15-307888-04 in the County Court at Law of Montgomery County.
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- (3) On or about July 31, 2015, Respondent was charged by Information with barratry, in Cause No. 15-307890-04 in the County Court at Law of Montgomery County.
- (4) On or about July 31, 2015, Respondent was charged by Information with barratry, in Cause No. 15-307891-04 in the County Court at Law of Montgomery County.
- (5) On or about July 31, 2015, Respondent was charged by Information with barratry, in Cause No. 15-307892-04 in the County Court at Law of Montgomery County.
- (6) On or about November 24 2015, a Trial Judgment of Conviction by Jury was entered in Case No. 15-307888, styled *The State of Texas v. Ronald Eugene Reynolds*, in County Court at Law 4 of Montgomery County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Barratry and was sentenced to 365 days in the Montgomery County Jail, ordered to pay a \$4,000.00 fine and \$292.00 in court costs.
- (7) On or about November 24 2015, a Trial Judgment of Conviction by Jury was entered in Case No. 15-307889, styled *The State of Texas v. Ronald Eugene Reynolds*, in County Court at Law 4 of Montgomery County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Barratry III Obtain Employment and was sentenced to 365 days in the Montgomery County Jail to run concurrently with 15-307888, ordered to pay a \$4,000.00 fine and \$222.00 in court costs.
- (8) On or about November 24 2015, a Trial Judgment of Conviction by Jury

was entered in Case No. 15-307890, styled *The State of Texas v. Ronald Eugene Reynolds*, in County Court at Law 4 of Montgomery County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Barratry III Obtain Employment and was sentenced to 365 days in the Montgomery County Jail to run concurrently with 15-307888, ordered to pay a \$4,000.00 fine and \$227.00 in court costs.

- (9) On or about November 24 2015, a Trial Judgment of Conviction by Jury was entered in Case No. 15-307891, styled *The State of Texas v. Ronald Eugene Reynolds*, in County Court at Law 4 of Montgomery County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Barratry III Obtain Employment and was sentenced to 365 days in the Montgomery County Jail to run concurrently with 15-307888, ordered to pay a \$4,000.00 fine and \$227.00 in court costs.
- (10) On or about November 24 2015, a Trial Judgment of Conviction by Jury was entered in Case No. 15-307892, styled *The State of Texas v. Ronald Eugene Reynolds*, in County Court at Law 4 of Montgomery County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Barratry III Obtain Employment and was sentenced to 365 days in the Montgomery County Jail to run concurrently with 15-307888, ordered to pay a \$4,000.00 fine and \$227.00 in court costs.
- (11) Respondent, Ronald Eugene Reynolds is the same person as the Ronald Eugene Reynolds, who is the subject of the criminal cases described above.
- (12) Respondent has appealed the criminal convictions.
- (13) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Tex. R. Disciplinary P. ("TRDP") 7.08(G);
- (14) Respondent, Ronald Eugene Reynolds, having been convicted of one count of Barratry and four counts of Barratry III Obtain Employment, has been convicted of Intentional Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(V).
- (15) Respondent has also been convicted of Serious Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(GG).
- (16) Having been found guilty and convicted of Intentional and Serious Crimes and having appealed such convictions, Respondent, Ronald Eugene Reynolds, should have his license to practice law in Texas suspended during the appeal of his criminal convictions. TRDP 8.04.
- (17) The Board retains jurisdiction to enter a final judgment in this matter when the criminal appeal is final.

Disbarment

It is, therefore, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Ronald Eugene Reynolds, State Bar No. 24025610, 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, Ronald Eugene Reynolds, 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 or in any representative capacity 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 Respondent, Ronald Eugene Reynolds, shall immediately notify each of his 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 Statewide Compliance Monitor, 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 signing of this judgment by the Board, 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. If Respondent is unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to any client or former client with active cases pending, 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.

It is further ORDERED Respondent, Ronald Eugene Reynolds, shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the signing of this judgment by the Board, 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 Statewide Compliance Monitor, 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 signing of this judgment by the Board, 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, Ronald Eugene Reynolds, if he has not already done so, immediately surrender his 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 certified copies of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file herein and 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 29th day of July 2019.

Robert A. Gluck

CHAIR PRESIDING