## BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS AUSTIN, TEXAS

# JERRY SCARBROUGH, RELATOR

EVIDENTIARY PANEL FOR THE STATE BAR DISTRICT NO. 08-5 STATE BAR OF TEXAS Respondent

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## SECOND AMENDED PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS, PROHIBITION AND/OR INJUNCTION

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## **IDENTITY OF PARTIES AND COUNSEL**

In accordance with rule 52.3(2) of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, the following list identified all parties and their counsel involved in the underlying lawsuit out of which this original proceeding arises, so that the members of the Honorable Board of Disciplinary Appeals may evaluate the need to recuse or disqualify themselves:

#### Relator:

Jerry Scarbrough

Counsel for Relator:

Jerry Scarbrough

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<u>Respondents:</u>	J. Eric Stoebner, Presiding Member and Lisa Richardson, Chairperson, Evidentiary Panel for State Bar District No. 08-5, State Bar of Texas
Counsel for Respondent:	Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the State Bar of Texas
<u>Grievance Complainants</u> :	Elizabeth Purser Tipton Alice Oliver Parrott
Counsel for Complainants:	Jack Crews Elizabeth Purser Tipton Jeff Ray, Jeff McElroy

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#### STATEMENT OF THE CASE

This case arises from the decision of the Evidentiary Panel for the State Bar District No. 08-5 State Bar of Texas, denying Relator's Motion to Stay his Suspension during the appeal of the Evidentiary Panel's order. The underlying order required him to serve active suspension for two years beginning on May, 1, 2015, and probated the remaining term of suspension for the remaining period, May 1, 2017, until April 30, 2025. Chair person Lisa Richardson, Presiding Member, signed the order suspending Relator's licenses to practice law for ten years. This order is currently appealed, and Appellant's brief is due on November 2, 2015. A hearing was held on July 6, 2015, where evidence was offered and argument made to the two members present. J. Eric Stoebner, Respondent, was acting as presiding member when he signed the order denying the Relator's Motion to Stay the Suspension, July 7, 2015.

Relator seeks relief under Rule 2.25 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, by writ of mandamus, prohibition, or injunction compelling Respondents to immediately order a stay of the suspension during the appeal, of the underlying case, and an injunction to remove the reference to Relator's ability to practice law in this state which says, "not eligible to practice in this state."

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## BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS AUSTIN, TEXAS

## JERRY SCARBROUGH, RELATOR v. EVIDENTIARY PANEL FOR THE STATE BAR DISTRICT NO. 08-5 STATE BAR OF TEXAS Respondent

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## PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS, PROHIBITION AND/OR INJUNCTION

# TO THE HONORABLE SAID MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS:

Relator, Jerry Scarbrough, petitions this Board to issue a writ of mandamus, prohibition, or injunction compelling the Honorable Members of the Evidentiary Panel for State Bar District No. 08-5 and the Honorable Lisa Richard, Presiding Member, to immediately issue an order to stay his suspension of the Partially Probated Suspension it ordered in this disciplinary proceeding and order the Commission to return his bar license and card. Relator petitions BODA to order the commission to remove the Texas Bar website the language that says "not eligible to practice in Texas," until a final decision is made in his appeal.

For clarity, Relator is referred to as Jerry Scarbrough; Respondents, the Honorable Lisa Richardson and J. Eric Stoebner are referred to by name; and the real party in interest is referred to as "Commission". References in this brief are CR is for Clerk's Record, and RR is for Reporter's Record.

#### STATEMENT OF JURISDICTION

The Board of Disciplinary Appeals has jurisdiction to issue a writ of mandamus, prohibition, and injunction, *Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure* 3.08 B., *Tex. Gov't Code* §22.221 (a); *see Tex. Const.* art. V, §6 (a).

#### **ISSUES PRESENTED**

Did the Evidentiary Panel clearly abuse its discretion by denying Jerry Scarbrough's Motion to Stay the suspension?

#### STATEMENT OF FACTS

An order of Partially Probated suspension to practice law was entered against Jerry Scarbrough, April 7, 2015, by the Honorable Evidentiary Panel for the State Bar of Texas, District 08-5, State Bar of Texas, signed by Respondent, Presiding member Lisa Richardson.<sup>1</sup> Jerry Scarbrough, Relator timely filed a Motion to Stay the suspension pursuant to Rule 2.25, Texas Rules of Disciplinary

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Appendix Exhibit 1 Order of Suspension entered April 7, 2015

Procedure.<sup>2</sup> Hearing on the Motions for New Trial and Stay of the Suspension was held on July 6, 2015.<sup>3</sup> Relator's motion for new trial was overruled and it is not contested here. At the hearing only two members of the Evidentiary Panel where present, and because there was a quorum it proceeded to listen to the evidence and argument of counsel.<sup>4</sup> Jerry Scarbrough introduced twelve witnesses who testified that his continued practice of law would not pose a threat to the welfare of his clients or the public. See footnotes 12 through 23. April 7, 2015, the Presiding Member, J. Eric Stoebner, signed the order denying Relator's motion to stay the suspension pending appeal of the suspension. <sup>5</sup> It is from this order the Relator seeks mandamus relief.

#### ARGUMENT

The right to earn a living by practicing one's profession is a fundamental right guaranteed by the 5th amendment to the United States Constitution, guaranteed to the citizens of Texas through the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution and more importantly to this Relator in Article 1, Section 19 of the Texas Constitution.<sup>6</sup> In Justice Willett's concurring opinion in the *Patel v. Texas Dept. Licensing and Regulation et al* case he said, "A pro-liberty presumption is also

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Appendix Exhibit 6 Motion to Stay

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> RR Volume 1, pages 1 through 129

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> RR Volume 1, pg. 2

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> See Appendix 7, CR 3973

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Ashish Patel, et al v. Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulation et al, No.12-0657, pg. 4,11, (Tex. June 26, 2015)

hardwired into the Texas Constitution, which declares no citizen shall be "deprived of life, liberty, property, [or] privileges or immunities, phrasing that indicates citizens already possess these freedoms, and government cannot take them except by the due course of the law of the land." He goes on to say, "Today's case arises under the Texas Constitution, over which we have final interpretive authority, and nothing in its 60,000-plus words requires judges to turn a blind eye to transparent rent-seeking that bends government power to private gain, thus robbing people of their innate right—antecedent to government—to earn an honest living. Indeed, even if the Texas Due Course of Law Clause mirrored perfectly the federal Due Process Clause, that in no way binds Texas courts to cut-and-paste federal rationalbasis jurisprudence that long post-dates enactment of our own constitutional provision, one more inclined to freedom".<sup>7</sup>

Due process is set out in this case in the *Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure*, §2.25. It provides that in cases of suspension, "An order of suspension <u>must</u> be stayed during the pendency of any appeals therefrom if the Evidentiary Panel finds that the Respondent has meet his burden of proof."<sup>§</sup> The only interpretation one could give the rule is that if an attorney's license is suspended, and he is appealing the Panel's decision as Relator is here, the panel's decision of suspension *must be stayed* if he carries his burden of proof, it goes on to say that,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Id Patel et al. v Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, pg 11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Emphasis added

"The Respondent carries the burden of proof by preponderance of the evidence to establish by competent evidence that the Respondent's continued practice of law does not pose a continuing threat to the welfare of Respondent's clients or to the public."<sup>9</sup> Jerry Scarbrough is clearly entitled to a stay of suspension because the Rule requires the Panel to grant the stay when he carries his burden such as he did here. See *Tilton v. Marshall*, 925 S.W.2d, 672, 682 (Tex. 1996); *Stoner v. Massey*, 586 S.W.2d 843, 846 (Tex. 1979). In review of the witnesses' testimony it is abundantly clear that Jerry Scarbrough has met his burden of proof. The Commission did not offer a single witness or any other credible evidence to rebut the evidence Jerry Scarbrough offered in support of granting the stay

Abuse of discretion is a failure to take into proper consideration the facts and law relating to a particular matter; an arbitrary or unreasonable departure from precedent and settled judicial custom.<sup>10</sup> Where a trial court must exercise discretion in deciding a question, it must do so in a way that is not clearly against logic and the evidence. A writ of mandamus would issue to correct a clear abuse of discretion. *In re Nitla S.A.*, 92 S.W.3d 419, 422 (Tex. 2002); *Liberty Nat'L Fire Ins. Co. v. Akin*, 927 S.W.2d 627, 629 (Tex. 1996); *Walker v. Packer*, 827 S.W.2d 833,839 (Tex. 1992.); *In Re: Prudential Insurance Company*, 148 S.W.3d 124 (Tex. 2004).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>See Appendix Exhibit 3 Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure §2.25

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> See Appendix Exhibit 2 Abuse of Discretion

In this case the Evidentiary Panel abused its discretion when it clearly failed to analyze or apply the law correctly.<sup>11</sup> The trial court has no discretion to misinterpret or misapply the law. *Walker*, 827 S.W.2d at 840; *In Re: Prudential Insurance Company*, 148 S.W.3d 124 (Tex. 2004). Jerry Scarbrough established that the Panel could have reached only one decision on the facts he presented. See *Akin*, 927 S.W.2d at 630. Knowing this, he met his burden of proof by offering twelve witnesses who testified from their own experiences as to his qualifications to continue to practice law in this state. Each testified that Jerry Scarbrough's continuing practice of law would not pose a threat to the welfare of his clients or the public. See their testimony as they testified to the Evidentiary Panel, footnotes 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,22,23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Appendix Exhibit 3 Texas Rules Disciplinary Procedure §2.25

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> RR, Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, David Fernandez pg. 35, Ln. 22 through pg. 41, Ln. 21; pg. 43, Ln. 3 through pg. 44, Ln. 5

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> RR, Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, Nancy Perez Patron pg. 44, Ln. 23 through pg. 47, Ln. 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, Michele Barber Chimene pg. 49, Ln. 8 through pg. 51, Ln. 10; pg. 53, Ln. 2-10.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> RR, Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, Ernie Gibson, pg. 53, Ln. 24 through pg. 56, Ln. 2; pg. 58, Ln. 25 through pg. 59, Ln. 23

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> RR, Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, Wayne Casey, pg. 60, Ln. 18 through pg. 62, Ln. 24; pg. 64, Ln. 16 through pg. 66, Ln. 6

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> RR, Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, Brian Hugh Brannock, pg. 66, Ln. 16 through pg. 68, Ln. 17; pg. 70, Ln. 12-14.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> RR, Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, Kim Elaine Brannock, pg. 71, Ln. 1 through pg. 72, Ln. 21; pg. 74, Ln. 2-9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> RR, Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, Howard Jeffrey Lyles, pg. 74, Ln. 21 through pg. 77, Ln. 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup>RR, Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, Amy-Nicole Ximinez, pg. 85, Ln. 10 through pg. 90, Ln. 17; pg. 92, Ln. 11, through pg. 94, Ln. 24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> RR, Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, Jerry Scarbrough, pg. 97, Ln. 1, through pg. 100, Ln. 7.

Additionally, Jerry Scarbrough offered testimony at the Evidentiary hearing from attorneys who practice in Bell County, and are familiar with him and his practice of law in the courts there. David Fernandez, testified, when asked if he is familiar with Jerry Scarbrough's reputation in the legal community in Bell County, for being fair and honest he said it was absolutely honest.<sup>24</sup> Jack Tarver, a lawyer who has practiced law for 48 years is familiar with Jerry Scarbrough, testified as to his competence, based upon his personal experience, and dealing with him and his clients over 20 years. He knows of no reason why Jerry Scarbrough should not continue to practice law in Bell County.<sup>25</sup> Dan Corbin, attorney, CPA, former Mayor, City Councilman of Killeen, and member of the Advertising Committee for the State Bar of Texas from 2000 through 2003. He testified that he was personally familiar with Jerry Scarbrough's reputation, and based upon his belief he thought he should be able to continue to practice law in Killeen.<sup>26</sup> Gary Jordan, attorney for 42 years in Waco, testified about his good professional relationship

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> RR, Vol. 1, exhibit 2, Deposition of Frank Cimino, Pg. 5, Ln. 6 through pg. 8, Ln. 23; Pg. 24, Ln. 17 through pg. 26, Ln. 16.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> RR, Vol. 1, exhibit 4, Deposition of Steve Sather, Pg. 5, Ln. 13 through pg. 14, Ln. 13; Pg. 24, Ln. 22 through pg. 25, Ln. 21.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> CR Vol. 2, Evidentiary Hearing, pg. 145, Ln. 3-10, 13-20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> CR Vol. 2, Evidentiary Hearing, pg. 171, Ln.9-25; pg. 172, Ln. 1-23; pg. 173, Ln. 1-3,10-25;

pg. 174, Ln. 1-6. <sup>26</sup> CR Vol. 2, Evidentiary Hearing, pg. 174, Ln.20-25; pg. 175, Ln. 1-25; pg. 176, Ln. 1-25,; pg. 177, Ln. 1-25; pg. 178, Ln. 1-7.

with Jerry Scarbrough, and opined that he was an honest and fair lawyer.<sup>27</sup> Michele Barber Chimene, who practices appellate law, and resides in Houston, Texas, filed the Appellant's Brief for Jerry Scarbrough, in the Olvera v. Purser case and other cases they worked on including one that was appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States, testified about the fitness of Jerry Scarbrough to practice law in this State. She also worked on the Olvera v. Purser case at the trial level, and Appellate level and opined that she thought his chances of winning the case on appeal was "Absolutely excellent."<sup>28</sup> Richard Mason, Assistant Attorney General, who has had cases where Jerry Scarbrough was his adversary, testified that he had a very good opinion of Jerry Scarbrough regarding his honesty as a lawyer, and felt like he was an upfront person and very ethical.<sup>29</sup> Jerry Scarbrough also testified as to his ability to practice law in this state and that his continued practice of law would pose no threat to the welfare of his clients or the public. 30

In order for Jerry Scarbrough to show he is entitled to mandamus he must meet three requirements. The first requirement is to show that the panel clearly

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> CR Vol. 2, Evidentiary Hearing, pg. 180, Ln.10-25; pg. 181, Ln. 1-25; pg. 182, Ln. 1-25,; pg. 183, Ln. 1-22.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> CR Vol. 1, Evidentiary Hearing, pg. 206, Ln.1-25; pg. 207, Ln. 1-13; pg. 208, Ln. 1-25,; pg. 209 Ln. 1-25; pg. 210, Ln. 1-25; pg. 211, Ln. 1-25; pg. 212, Ln. 25; pg. 213, Ln. 1-12; pg. 218, Ln.16-18.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup>CR Vol. 1, Evidentiary Hearing, pg. 221, Ln.8-25; pg. 222, Ln. 1-25; pg. 223, Ln. 1-12, 23-25,; pg. 224 Ln. 1-5. <sup>30</sup> RR, Vol. 1, Motion to Stay, Jerry Scarbrough, pg. 97, Ln. 1 through pg. 100, Ln. 1.

abused its discretion. This has been done as discussed earlier. The second requirement is to show that he has no adequate remedy by appeal. In Re: Prudential Insurance Company, 148 S.W.3d 124, (Tex. 2004); Walker v. Packer, 827 S.W.2d 833,839 (Tex. 1992.) The court said "The operative word, "adequate" has no comprehensive definition; it is simply a proxy for the careful balance of jurisprudential considerations that determine when appellate courts will use original mandamus proceedings to review the actions of lower courts." It goes on to say an appellate remedy is "adequate" when any benefits to mandamus review are outweighed by the detriments. Appeal is not an adequate remedy in this case because the stay of the suspension during appeal of the panel's decision cannot be granted on appeal. Regardless of the success of the appeal, his loss of the right to practice while the appeal is pending is lost forever. Appeal cannot restore his loss nor restore the living he could have made during the time the appeal was pending Furthermore, if the right to continue to practice law was not a fundamental right while the appeal is pending, the rules of procedure would not have provided for it. Balanced against all these reasons to stay the decision, the Bar offered no evidence that Jerry Scarbrough's continuing to practice would be a detriment. Thirdly, the Relator must show that it asked the trial court, (here the, Panel.) for relief and it refused to act.<sup>31</sup> Relator sought relief as noted above by timely filing its motion to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> In re Perritt, 992 S.W.2d,444,446 (Tex. 1999); Terrazas v. Ramirez, 829 S.W.2d 712, 723

stay and offering evidence to support its relief as requested, but the Panel refused to grant the stay.<sup>32</sup>

The State Bar's publication on its web site https://www.texasbar.com that Jerry Scarbrough is "Not Eligible to Practice in Texas (click for detail)" deprives him of his right to practice law in Texas before a final determination is made in this case.<sup>33</sup> His suspension was a denial of due process, and equal protection of the The breach has caused and continues to harm Jerry Scarbrough, and his law. clients have been severely harmed and denied due process. There is not adequate remedy on appeal to restore his fundamental right to practice his profession, while the appeal is pending.

Requirements of the Judgment to surrender his license, Bar card, notify his clients, opposing counsel, and the courts of his suspension deprives the Relator of his property rights under the law and Constitutions of the United States, and Texas. It also denies him due process and equal protection under the law.<sup>34</sup>

BODA should immediately issue a mandamus, prohibition, injunction ordering the Evidentiary Panel to stay the suspension it ordered, and order the

<sup>(</sup>Tex. 1991); Axleson, Inc. v. McIthany, 7998 S.W.2d 550, 556 (Tex. 1990) <sup>32</sup> Appendix Exhibits 6 & 7 Motion to Stay and Order denying it. CR Vol. 2, Motion to Stay, document no. 87, pg number 0238. CR Vol. 2, Order denying Motion to Stay, document no. 117, pg number 03973

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Appendix Exhibit 13 Notice of Jerry Scarbrough's suspension published on the State Bar's website.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Appendix Exhibits 9, 10, 11, and 12 Article 1 §19, Texas Constitution; and the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments to The United States Constitution.

Commission to immediately return Jerry Scarbrough's licenses, bar card, and publish a notice on the State Bar of Texas Website, stating that Jerry Scarbrough is eligible to practice law in Texas.<sup>35</sup>

### PRAYER

WHEREFORE PREMISES CONSIDERED, Relator, Jerry Scarbrough, prays that this Honorable Board of Disciplinary Appeals schedule an emergency hearing on this petition for writ of mandamus, consider the evidence, oral argument, and enter mandamus ordering the Honorable Evidentiary Panel to stay its Order of Suspension, return Relator's license, bar card and remove the notation in the Texas Bar web site stating that Jerry Scarbrough is "Not Eligible to Practice in Texas", pending a final disposition on his case.

Respectfully submitted

By: Jerry Searbrough, Pro-se

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Appendix Exhibit 8 Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 6.07

### **<u>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</u>**

I hereby certify that on the  $22\pi$  day of September 2015 a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served, as indicated below, on the following:

VIA FACSIMILE: 1.512.427.4167

Rebecca (Beth) Stevens, Esq. Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel STATE BAR OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12487 Austin, Texas 78711-2487

erry Scarbrough

## CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

Under Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 52.10(a), I certify that on 22day of 2015, I notified Rebecca (Beth) Stevens, Esq., Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, STATE BAR OF TEXAS by facsimile that a motion for temporary relief had been filed.

Furthermore, I certify that I have complied with the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure and this document contains the following format settings: 14 point font, Times New Roman font face, 1 inch margins, number count of 3,913 words, and 23 pages in length.

Scarbrough, Pro Se

# **CERTIFICATE OF FACTUAL STATEMENTS**

I certify that the factual statements made in this First Amended Petition for Writ of Mandamus, Prohibition, and Injunction are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

Jerry Scarbrough, Pro Se

## **VERIFICATION**

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STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF BELL

Before me, the undersigned notary, on this day personally appeared, Jerry Scarbrough, a person whose identity is known to me. After I administered an oath to him, upon his, oath he said the following:

"My name is Jerry Scarbrough, and I am capable of making this affidavit. The facts in this affidavit are within my personal knowledge and are true and correct.

I am the Pro Se Relator. All documents included with the petition for writ of mandamus, prohibition, and injunction are true copies."

ferry Scarbrough SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on the September 2015. AMY NICOLE XIMINEZ MY COMMISSION EXPIR August 7, 2017 Jotary Public State of Texas

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# **APPENDIX**

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## BEFORE THE EVIDENTIARY PANEL FOR STATE BAR DISTRICT NO. 08-5 STATE BAR OF TEXAS

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COMMISSION FOR LAWYER	*	
DISCIPLINE,	*	
Petitioner	*	A0111214896
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JERRY W. SCARBROUGH,	*	
Respondent		

# JUDGMENT OF PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION

## Partles and Appearance

On January 14, 2015, a hearing on Petitioner's First Amended Motion for Application of Collateral Estoppel was heard. On January 16, 2015, an Order Partially Granting Petitioner's First Amended Motion for Application of Collateral Estoppel was entered. On February 19, 2015 and March 9, 2015, came to be heard the above styled and numbered cause. Petitioner, Commission for Lawyer Discipline, appeared by and through its attorney of record and announced ready. Respondent, Jerry W. Scarbrough, Texas Bar Number 17717500, appeared in person and through attorney of record and announced ready.

## Jurisdiction and Venue

The Evidentiary Panel 8-5 having been duly appointed to hear this complaint by the chair of the Grievance Committee for State Bar of Texas District 8, finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action and that venue is proper.

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#### Professional Misconduct

The Evidentiary Panel, having considered all of the pleadings, evidence,

stipulations, and argument, finds Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct

as defined by Rule 1.06(W) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

#### Findings of Fact

The Evidentiary Panel, having considered the pleadings, evidence and argument

of counsel, makes the following findings of fact:

- Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.
- Respondent resides in and maintains his principal place of practice in Bell County, Texas.
- 3. In 2009, Clayton Olvera, a former business associate of Gary Purser, Sr. ("Gary Purser"), filed a lawsuit against Gary Purser and the Purser family (Helen Purser, Sue Purser, JoAnn Purser and Bubba Purser). On or about June 18, 2010, the Purser family filed a third-party petition against Mellssa Deaton ("Deaton"), and Deaton hired Respondent, Jerry Scarbrough, to represent her. Deaton, through prior counsel, counter-claimed against the Purser family and, through Respondent, filed a third-party petition against Elizabeth Purser Tipton.
- 4. Respondent knowingly made a false statement of material fact to the 146th District Court. Throughout the litigation, Respondent responded to various discovery requests on behalf of Deaton. Opposing counsel made repeated requests to Respondent for production of any recordings Involving Gary Purser. At a discovery sanctions hearing on May 27, 2011, in sworn testimony before the 146th District Court, Respondent denied having knowledge of any recordings of Gary Purser other than (1) a recording involving Gary Purser, Melissa Deaton, and Kathy Purdue, and (2) a recording involving Gary Purser, Melissa Deaton, and John Redington. However, there existed at least one additional recording, referred to as the "two good bitches" recording, involving Gary Purser, Melissa Deaton, and Denise Steele, which Respondent had previously given to an information technology professional named Shawn Richardson together with the two other recordings.

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- 5. In prior litigation, the 146th District Court and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, Waco Division, made fact findings that Respondent unlawfully obstructed another party's access to evidence, specifically audio recordings of Gary Purser; altered, destroyed, or concealed audio recordings of Gary Purser; or counseled or assisted Melissa Deaton in doing so.
- 6. In prior Iltigation, the 146th District Court and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, Waco Division, made fact findings that Respondent knowingly disobeyed an order of the 146th District Court not to disclose medical records pertaining to Gary Purser.
- 7. Respondent engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation during a telephone conversation with Gary Purser's niece, Carolyn Bolling, after Gary Purser's death. When Ms. Bolling asked Respondent whom he represented, Respondent said that he represented himself and Gary "probably more than anyone else in the world right now." Respondent did not disclose his representation of Melissa Deaton. This left Ms. Bolling with the impression that Respondent represented her deceased uncle. At no time did Respondent represent Gary Purser.
- 8. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas has incurred reasonable attorneys' fees and direct expenses associated with this Disciplinary Proceeding in the amount of \$12,000.00.

#### Conclusions of Law

The Evidentiary Panel concludes that, based on foregoing findings of fact, the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct have been violated: 3.03(a)(1), 3.04(a), 3.04(d), 8.04(a)(1) and 8.04(a)(3).

#### Sanction

The Evidentiary Panel, having found that Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct, heard and considered additional evidence regarding the appropriate sanction to be imposed against Respondent. After hearing all evidence and argument and after having considered the factors in Rule 2.18 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the Evidentiary Panel finds that the proper discipline of the

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Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension Page 3 of 9 Respondent for each act of Professional Misconduct is a Partially Probated Suspension.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent be suspended from the practice of law for a period of ten (10) years, beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2025, provided Respondent complies with the following terms and conditions. Respondent shall be actively suspended from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years beginning May 1, 2015 and ending April 30, 2017. If Respondent complies with all of the following terms and conditions timely, the eight (8) year period of probated suspension shall begin on May 1, 2017, and shall end on April 30, 2025:

- 1. Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and direct expenses to the State Bar of Texas in the amount of \$12,000.00. The payment shall be due and payable on or before April 30, 2017, and shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order. Respondent shall forward the funds, made payable 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).
- 2. Respondent shall make contact with the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Offices' Compliance Monitor at 877-953-5535, ext. 1334 and Special Programs Coordinator at 877-953-5535, ext. 1323, not later than seven (7) days after receipt of a copy of this judgment to coordinate Respondent's compliance.

Should Respondent fail to comply with all of the above terms and conditions

timely, Respondent shall remain actively suspended until the date of compliance or until

April 30, 2025, whichever occurs first.

## Terms of Active Suspension

It is further ORDERED that during the term of active suspension ordered herein,

or that may be imposed upon Respondent by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals as a

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It is further ORDERED that, on or before April 30, 2015, Respondent shall notify each of Respondent's current clients and opposing counsel in writing of this suspension.

In addition to such notification, it is further ORDERED Respondent shall return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to current clients in Respondent's possession to the respective clients or to another attorney at the client's request.

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall 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) on or before May 15, 2015, an affidavit stating all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of Respondent's suspension and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all current clients have been returned as ordered herein.

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall, on or before April 30, 2015, 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 create

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It is further ORDERED Respondent shall 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) on or before May 15, 2015 an affidavit stating Respondent has notified 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 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 in Court.

It is further ORDERED that, on or before May 1, 2015, Respondent shall surrender his law license and permanent State 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), to be forwarded to the Supreme Court of Texas.

#### Terms of Probation

It is further ORDERED that during all periods of suspension, Respondent shall be under the following terms and conditions:

- 3. Respondent shall not violate any term of this judgment.
- 4. Respondent shall not engage in professional misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06(W) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.
- 5. Respondent shall not violate any state or federal criminal statutes.
- Respondent shall keep State Bar of Texas membership department notified of current mailing, residence and business addresses and telephone numbers.
- 7. Respondent shall comply with Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements.
- 8. Respondent shall comply with Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) requirements.
- 9. Respondent shall promptly respond to any request for information from the

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Chief Disciplinary Counsel in connection with any investigation of any allegations of professional misconduct.

10. Respondent shall make contact with the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Offices' Compliance Monitor at 877-953-5535, ext. 1334 and Special Programs Coordinator at 877-953-5535, ext. 1323, not later than seven (7) days after receipt of a copy of this judgment to coordinate Respondent's compliance.

#### **Probation Revocation**

Upon information that Respondent has violated a term of this judgment, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel may, in addition to all other remedies available, file a motion to revoke probation pursuant to Rule 2.23 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure with the Board of Disciplinary Appeals ("BODA") and serve a copy of the motion on Respondent pursuant to Tex.R.Civ.P. 21a.

BODA shall conduct an evidentiary hearing. At the hearing, BODA shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether Respondent has violated any term of this Judgment. If BODA finds grounds for revocation, BODA shall enter an order revoking probation and placing Respondent on active suspension from the date of such revocation order. Respondent shall not be given credit for any term of probation served prior to revocation.

It is further ORDERED that any conduct on the part of Respondent which serves as the basis for a motion to revoke probation may also be brought as independent grounds for discipline as allowed under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

#### Attorney's Fees and Expenses

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and direct expenses to the State Bar of Texas in the amount of

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\$12,000.00. The payment shall be due and payable on or before April 30, 2017, and shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order. Respondent shall forward the funds, made payable to the State Bar of Texas, to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701).

It is further ORDERED that all amounts ordered herein are due to the misconduct of Respondent, are assessed as a part of the sanction in accordance with Rule 1.06(Z)of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Any amount not paid shall accrue interest at the maximum legal rate per annum until paid and the State Bar of Texas shall have all writs and other post-judgment remedies against Respondent in order to collect all unpaid amounts.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent shall remain actively suspended from the practice of law as set out above until such time as Respondent has completely paid attorney fees and direct expenses in the amount of \$12,000.00 to the State Bar of Texas.

#### **Publication**

This suspension shall be made a matter of record and appropriately published in accordance with the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

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## Other Relief

All requested relief not expressly granted herein is expressly DENIED.

SIGNED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ \_, 2015.

**EVIDENTIARY PANEL DISTRICT NO. 8-5** STATE BAR OF TEXAS Lisa Richardson District 8-5 Presiding Member

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# Abuse of Discretion

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# Abuse of Discretion

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A failure to take into proper consideration the facts and law relating to a particular matter; an Arbitrary or unreasonable departure from precedent and settled judicial custom.

Where a trial court must exercise discretion in deciding a question, it must do so in a way that is not clearly against logic and the evidence. An improvident exercise of discretion is an error of law and grounds for reversing a decision on appeal. It does not, however, necessarily amount to bad faith, intentional wrong, or misconduct by the trial judge.

For example, the traditional standard of appellate review for evidence-related questions arising during trial is the "abuse of discretion" standard. Most judicial determinations are made based on evidence introduced at legal proceedings. Evidence may consist of oral testimony, written testimony, videotapes and sound recordings, documentary evidence such as exhibits and business records, and a host of other materials, including volce exemplars, handwriting samples, and blood tests.

Before such materials may be introduced into the record at a legal proceeding, the trial court must determine that they satisfy certain criteria governing the admissibility of evidence. At a minimum, the court must find that the evidence offered is relevant to the legal proceedings. Evidence that bears on a factual or legal issue at stake in a controversy is considered relevant evidence.

The relevancy of evidence is typically measured by its *probative value*. Evidence is generally deemed **Probative** if it has a tendency to make the existence of any material fact more or less probable. Evidence that a murder defendant ate spaghetti on the day of the murder might be relevant at trial if spaghetti sauce was found at the murder scene. Otherwise such evidence would probably be deemed irrelevant and could be excluded from trial if opposing counsel made the proper objection.

During many civil and criminal trials, judges rule on hundreds of evidentiary objections lodged by both parties. These rulings are normally snap judgments made in the heat of battle. Courts must make these decisions quickly to keep the proceedings moving on schedule. For this reason, judges are given wide latitude in making evidentiary rulings and will not be over-turned on appeal unless the appellate court finds that the trial judge abused his or her discretion,

For example, in a Negligence case, a state appellate court ruled that the trial court did not abuse its discretion by admitting into evidence a posed accident-scene photograph, even though the photograph depicted a model pedestrian blindly walking into the path of the driver's vehicle with the pedestrian's head pointed straight ahead as if she was totally oblivious to the vehicle and other traffic. *Gorman v. Hunt*, 19 S.W. 3d 662 (Ky. 2000). In upholding the trial court's decision to admit the evidence, the appellate court observed that the photograph was only used to show the pedestrian's position relative to the vehicle at the time of impact and not to blame the pedestrian for being negligent. The appellate court also noted that the lawyer objecting to the photograph's admissibility was free to remind the jury of its limited relevance during cross-examination and closing arguments.

An appellate court would find that a trial court abused its discretion, however, if it admitted into evidence a photograph without proof that it was authentic. *Apter v. Ross*, 781 N.E.2d 744 (Ind.App. 2003). A photograph's authenticity may be established by a witness's personal observations that the photograph accurately depicts what it purports to depict at the time the photograph was taken. Ordinarily the photographer who took the picture is in the best position to provide

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### 2.25 No Supersedeas

An Evidentiary Panel's order of disbarment cannot be superseded or stayed. The Respondent may within thirty days from entry of judgment petition the Evidentiary Panel to stay a judgment of suspension. The Respondent carries the burden of proof by preponderance of the evidence to establish by competent evidence that the Respondent's continued practice of law does not pose a continuing threat to the welfare of Respondent's clients or to the public. An order of suspension must be stayed during the pendency of any appeals therefrom if the Evidentiary Panel finds that the Respondent has met that burden of proof. An Evidentiary Panel may condition its stay upon reasonable terms, which may include, but are not limited to, the cessation of any practice found to constitute Professional Misconduct, or it may impose a requirement of an affirmative act such as an audit of a Respondent's client trust account.

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Rule 34.5(c)(2). The appeal must be dismissed if a certification that shows the defendant has the right of appeal has not been made part of the record under these rules.

- (e) Clerk's Duties. The trial court clerk must note on the copies of the notice of appeal and the trial court's certification of the defendant's right of appeal the case number and the date when each was filed. The clerk must then immediately send one copy of each to the clerk of the appropriate court of appeals and, if the defendant is the appellant, one copy of each to the State's attorney.
- (f) Amending the Notice or Certification. An amonded notice of appeal or trial court's certification of the defendant's right of appeal correcting a defect or omission in an earlier filed notice or certification, including a defect in the notification of the defendant's appellate rights, may be filed in the appellate court in accordance with Rule 37.1, or at any time before the appealing party's brief is filed if the court of appeals has not used Rule 37.1. The amended notice or certification is subject to being struck for cause on the motion of any party affected by the amended notice or certification. After the appealing party's brief is filed, the notice or certification may be amended only on leave of the appellate court and on such terms as the court may prescribe.
- (g) Effect of Appeal. Once the record has been filed in the appellate court, all further proceedings in the trial court - except as provided otherwise by law or by these rules - will be suspended until the trial court receives the appellate-court mandate.
- (h) Advice of Right of Appeal. When a court enters a judgment or other appealable order and the defendant has a right of appeal, the court (orally or in writing) shall advise the defendant of his right of appeal and of the requirements for timely filing a sufficient notice of appeal.

#### Notes and Commonts

Comment on 1997 change: This is former Rule 40. In civil cases, the requirement of an appeal bond is repealed. Appeal is perfected by filing a notice of appeal. A notice must be filed by any party socking to alter the trial court's judgment. The restricted appeal — formerly the appeal by writ of error — is perfected by filing a notice of appeal in the trial court as in other appeals. The contents of the notice of appeal is prescribed. The notice of limitation of appeal is repealed. In criminal cases, the rule is amended to apply to notices by the State, and to refer to additional statutory requirements for the State's notice. In felony cases in which the defendant waived trial by jury, pleaded guilty or noto contendere, and received a punishment that did not exceed what the defendant agreed to in a plea bargain, the rule is amended to make clear that regardless of when the alleged error occurred, an appeal must be based on a jurisdictional defect or a written motion ruled on before trial, or be with the permission of the trial court.

TEXAS RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE

Comment to 2002 change: Rule 25.2. for criminal cases, is amended. Subdivision 25.2(a) states the parties' rights of appeal that are established by Code of Criminal Procedure article 44.01 and by article 44.02, the proviso of which was repealed when rulemaking power was given to the Court of Criminal Appeals. Subdivision 25.2(b) is given the requirement that a notice of appeal be in "sufficient" form, which codifies the decisional law. The requirement in former subdivision 25.2(b)(3) that a plea-bargaining appellant's notice of appeal specify the right of appeal is replaced by a requirement in subdivision 25.2(d) that the trial court certify the defendant's right of appeal in every case in which a judgment or other appealable order is entered. The certificate should be signed at the time the judgment or other appealable order is pronounced. The form of certification of the defendant's right of appeal is provided in an appendix to these rules. If the record does not include the trial court's certification that the defendant has the right of appeal, the appeal must be dismissed. If a sufficient notice of appeal or certification is not filed after the appellate court deals with the defect (see Rules 34.5(c) and 37.1), preparation of an appellate record and representation by an appointed attorney may cease.

#### Rule 26. Time to Perfect Appeal

#### 26.1. Civil Cases

The notice of appeal must be filed within 30 days after the judgment is signed, except as follows:

- (a) the notice of appeal must be filed within 90 days after the judgment is signed if any party timely files:
  - (1) a motion for new trial;
  - a motion to modify the judgment;
  - (3) a motion to reinstate under Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 165a: or
  - (4) a request for findings of fact and conclusions of law if findings and conclusions either are required by the Rules of Civil Procedure or, if not required, could property be considered by the appellate court;
- (b) in an accelerated appeal, the notice of appeal must be filed within 20 days after the judgment or order is signed;

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Sec. 6. COURTS OF APPEALS; TERMS OF JUSTICES; CLERKS. (a) The state shall be divided into courts of appeals districts, with each district having a Chief Justice, two or more other Justices, and such other officials as may be provided by law. The Justices shall have the qualifications prescribed for Justices of the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals may sit in sections as authorized by law. The concurrence of a majority of the judges sitting in a section is necessary to decide a case. Said Court of Appeals shall have appellate jurisdiction co-extensive with the limits of their respective districts, which shall extend to all cases of which the District Courts or County Courts have original or appellate jurisdiction, under such restrictions and regulations as may be prescribed by law. Provided, that the decision of said courts shall be conclusive on all questions of fact brought before them on appeal or error. Said courts shall have such other jurisdiction, original and appellate, as may be prescribed by law.

(b) Each of said Courts of Appeals shall hold its sessions at a place in its district to be designated by the Legislature, and at such time as may be prescribed by law. Said Justices shall be elected by the qualified voters of their respective districts at a general election, for a term of six years and shall receive for their services the sum provided by law.

(c) All constitutional and statutory references to the Courts of Civil Appeals shall be construed to mean the Courts of Appeals.

(Amended Aug. 11, 1891, Nov. 7, 1978, Nov. 4, 1980, Nov. 5, 1985, and Nov. 6, 2001.) (TEMPORARY TRANSITION PROVISION for Sec. 6: See Appendix, Note 3.)

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#### BEFORE THE EVIDENTIARY PANEL FOR STATE BAR DISTRICT NO. 08-5 STATE BAR OF TEXAS

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COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE,	Ş
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JERRY W. SCARBROUGH,	Š
Respondent	ş

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## hlef Disciplinary Counsel **RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO STAY DISCIPLINARY PANEL'S JUDGM** SUSPENSION

#### TO THE HONORABLE SAID EVIDENTIARY PANEL:

NOW COMES, Jerry Scarbrough, Respondent, and moves the Panel to Stay its

Judgment of Suspension, pursuant to Rule 2.25 of the *Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure* 

and for cause would show the Panel the following:

Respondent's continued practice of law does not pose a continuing threat to the welfare

of Respondent's clients or to the public.

#### PRAYER

Wherefore Premises considered Respondent prays that the Evidentiary Panel convene and

hear evidence and argument on this motion, and upon consideration stay its judgment of

suspension during the pendency of any appeals.

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RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO STAY

Respectfully submitted,

By: Jerry Scarbrough State Bar Number 17717500 JWS@JerryScarbrough.net P.O. Box 690866 Killeen, Texas 76549-0866 Tel: (254) 634-6266 Fax.:(254) 634-0516

Pro Se Respondent, Jerry Scarbrough

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the  $\frac{1}{10}$  day of May 2015 a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served, as indicated below, on the following:

VIA FACSIMILE: 1.512.427.4167

Rebecca (Beth) Stevens Linda A. Acevedo Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel STATE BAR OF TEXAS P.O. Box 12487 Austin, Texas 78711-2487

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### **ORDER ON RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO STAY**

ON THIS DAY CAME ON TO BE HEARD, Respondent's Motion to Stay in the above entitled and numbered cause. Upon due consideration of Respondent's motion and Petitioner's response, the Motion is DENIED.

SIGNED this 7th day of VULY 2015. J. ERIC STOEBNER Panel 8-5 Presiding Member

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### 6.07 Publication of Disciplinary Results

The final disposition of all Disciplinary Proceedings and Disciplinary Actions shall be reported in the Texas Bar Journal, and shall be sent for publication to a newspaper of general circulation in the county of the disciplined attorney's residence or office. Private reprimands (which may include restitution and payment of attorneys' fees) shall be published in the Texas Bar Journal with the name of the attorney deleted. The Commission shall report all public discipline imposed against an attorney, suspensions due to Disability, and reinstatements to the National Discipline Data Bank of the American Bar Association.

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Sec. 18. IMPRISONMENT FOR DEBT. No person shall ever be imprisoned for debt.

Sec. 19. DEPRIVATION OF LIFE, LIBERTY, ETC.; DUE COURSE OF LAW. No citizen of this State shall be deprived of life, liberty, property, privileges or immunities, or in any manner disfranchised, except by the due course of the law of the land.

Sec. 20. OUTLAWRY OR TRANSPORTATION FOR OFFENSE. No citizen shall be outlawed. No person shall be transported out of the State for any offense committed within the same. This section does not prohibit an agreement with another state providing for the confinement of inmates of this State in the penal or correctional facilities of that state.

(Amended Nov. 5, 1985.)

Sec. 21. CORRUPTION OF BLOOD; FORFEITURE; SUICIDES. No conviction shall work corruption of blood, or forfeiture of estate, and the estates of those who destroy their own lives shall descend or vest as in case of natural death.

Sec. 22. TREASON. Treason against the State shall consist only in levying war against it, or adhering to its enemies, giving them aid and comfort; and no person shall be convicted of treason except on the testimony of two witnesses to the same overt act, or on confession in open court.

Sec. 23. RIGHT TO KEEP AND BEAR ARMS. Every citizen shall have the right to keep and bear arms in the lawful defense of himself or the State; but the Legislature shall have power, by law, to regulate the wearing of arms, with a view to prevent crime.

Sec. 24. MILITARY SUBORDINATE TO CIVIL AUTHORITY. The military shall at all times be subordinate to the civil authority.

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# **Fourth Amendment**

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## Amendment IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

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# **Fifth Amendment**

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## Amendment V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or Indictment of a grand jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the militia, when in actual service in time of war or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or timb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

### Wex Resources

Fifth Amendment (http://www.taw.cornell.edu/wex/fifth\_amendment)

Criminal Law (http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/criminal\_law) / Criminal Procedure (http://www.law.cornell.edu/wex/criminal\_procedure)

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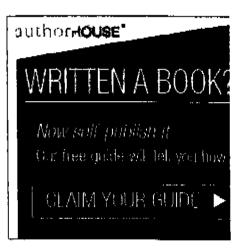
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# Sixth Amendment

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## Amendment VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the state and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the assistance of counsel for his defense.

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