



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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	§	
<b>NANCY JOHNSON LEONARD</b>	§	<b>CAUSE NO. 44741</b>
<b>STATE BAR CARD NO. 00792182</b>	§	

**DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July 2010, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Nancy Johnson Leonard, State Bar Card No. 00792182, although duly cited to appear and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly made default. All questions of fact as well as all issues of law were submitted to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals for determination. Having considered the pleadings on file, having received evidence, and having heard the argument of counsel, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals is of the opinion that Petitioner is entitled to entry of the following findings and orders:

Findings of Fact. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals finds that:

- (1) Respondent, Nancy Johnson Leonard, Bar Card No. is 00792182, is an attorney who is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas due to non-payment of dues.
- (2) On May 22, 2009, the Supreme Court of Louisiana signed its Per Curiam Opinion in the matter styled: *In re: Nancy Eileen Johnson, No. 2009-B-0057*, suspending Respondent from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day.

- (3) Respondent, Nancy Johnson Leonard, is the same person as the Nancy Eileen Johnson who is the subject of the Opinion signed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana.
- (4) The judgment of the Supreme Court of Louisiana suspending Respondent is final.
- (5) Respondent was personally served with the Fourth Amended Order to Show Cause issued by this Board and the Fourth Amended Petition for Reciprocal Discipline by a Sabine Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Deputy as shown in the affidavit of service filed June 21, 2010 with the Board.

Conclusions of Law. Based upon the foregoing findings of facts the Board of Disciplinary Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

- (1) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 7.08(H) ("TRDP").
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana is warranted in this case. TRDP 9.02.

It is therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent, Nancy Johnson Leonard, State Bar No. 00792182, be, and hereby is, actively SUSPENDED from the practice of law in the State of Texas for a period of one year and one day beginning July 27, 2010, and ending on July 28, 2011.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, Nancy Johnson Leonard, during said suspension is prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal service for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services not completed prior to the date of this judgment, appearing as counsel in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body, or holding herself out to others or using her name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney," "counselor," or "lawyer."


It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Nancy Johnson Leonard, not later than thirty (30) days shall notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court, if any, in which Respondent, Nancy Johnson Leonard, has any legal matter pending, if any, of her suspension, of the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and of the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in that court. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail copies of all such notifications to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Nancy Johnson Leonard, shall immediately notify each of her current clients, if any, in writing, of her suspension. In addition to such notification, Respondent is ORDERED to return all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties which are in her possession but which belong to current or former clients, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within thirty (30) days after the date on which this Judgment is signed by the Board. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, within the same thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of her suspension and that all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties belonging to clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to any client or former client, Respondent's affidavit shall state with particularity the efforts made by Respondent with respect to each particular client and the cause of her inability to return to said client any file, paper, money or other property. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail a copy of

all notification letters to clients to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Nancy Johnson Leonard, immediately surrender her Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of July 2010.

  
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CHAIR PRESIDING