

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

**IN THE MATTER OF** §  
**SAMMY K. ECK** § **CAUSE NO. 51568**  
**STATE BAR CARD NO. 06396000** §

**AGREED JUDGMENT OF TWO PUBLIC REPRIMANDS**

On this day the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner appeared by attorney and Respondent appeared in person as indicated by their respective signatures below and announced that they agree to the findings of fact, conclusions of law and orders set forth below. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals, having reviewed the file and in consideration of the agreement of the parties, 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, Sammy K. Eck, whose State Bar Card number is 06396000, is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas, but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas;
- (2) On September 19, 2012, an Order Approving Stipulation to Two Reprimands was entered by the Disciplinary Board of the Washington State Bar Association in a matter styled, *In re Sam K. Eck, Lawyer (Bar No. 13111)*, Proceeding No. 12#00082.
- (3) On September 24, 2012, a Stipulation to Two Reprimands was entered by the Disciplinary Board of the Washington State Bar Association in a matter styled, *In re Sam K. Eck, Lawyer (Bar No. 13111)*, Proceeding No. 12#00082.
- (4) On or about October 12, 2012, a Reprimand was entered by the Disciplinary Board of the Washington State Bar Association in a matter styled, *In re Sam K. Eck, Lawyer (Bar No. 13111)*, Proceeding No. 12#00082. In the first Reprimand, the Board found that Respondent: 1) represented a client when

there was a significant risk that the representation would be materially limited by a personal interest of the lawyer in violation of Washington Rules of Professional Conduct (“WRPC”) 1.7(a)(2); 2) failed to obtain the informed consent of a client when a conflict of interest existed in violation of WRPC 1.7(b)(4); and 3) failed to advise a client in writing of the lawyer’s ownership interest in a business or advise the client of the desirability of consulting independent counsel with respect to the transaction, and failed to obtain the client’s informed consent to the conflict in violation of WRPC 1.8(a).

- (5) On or about October 12, 2012, a second Reprimand was entered by the Disciplinary Board of the Washington State Bar Association in a matter styled, *In re Sam K. Eck, Lawyer (Bar No. 13111)*, Proceeding No. 12#00082. In the second Reprimand, the Board found that Respondent shared legal fees with a non-legal entity in violation of Rule 5.4 of WRPC.
- (6) Respondent, Sammy K. Eck, is the same person as the Sam K. Eck, who is the subject of the Order Approving Stipulation to Two Reprimands, Stipulation to Two Reprimands, and the two Reprimands entered by the Disciplinary Board of the Washington State Bar Association in a matter styled, *In re Sam K. Eck, Lawyer (Bar No. 13111)*, Proceeding No. 12#00082; and
- (7) The Order Approving Stipulation to Two Reprimands, Stipulation to Two Reprimands, and the two Reprimands entered by the Disciplinary Board of the Washington State Bar Association are final.

Conclusions of Law. Based upon the foregoing findings of facts the Board of Disciplinary

Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

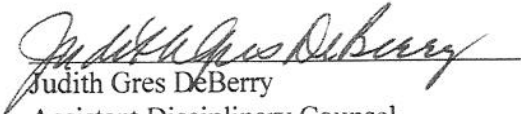
- (1) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Rule 7.08(H), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure;
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Disciplinary Board of the Washington State Bar Association is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Sammy K. Eck, State Bar Card No. 06396000, hereby receives two PUBLIC REPRIMANDS as an attorney at law in the State of Texas.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013.

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CHAIRMAN PRESIDING  
BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

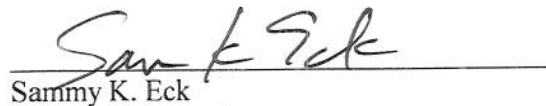
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