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

IN THE MATTER OF **ROBIN JEFFREY GORDON** STATE BAR CARD NO. 08206200

CAUSE NO. 52070

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#### AGREED JUDGMENT OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

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On the <u>3rd</u> day of <u>April</u> 2013, 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:

- correct appy of the Public Censure is s attached (1)Respondent, Robin Jeffrey Gordon, whose State Bar Card number is 08206200, is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law but is not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas;
- (2)On October 22, 2012, a Public Censure was entered by the Disciplinary District V of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee in a matter styled: In Re: Robin Jeffrey Gordon, BPR No. 14618, File No. 34972-5-ES, publicly censuring Respondent. The Board found that Gordon employed an attorney with a non-active Illinois law license, not licensed in Tennessee, to work as a paralegal in his office. The employee held himself out to clients as an attorney by signing two letters with detailed legal advice, providing three receipts which listed himself as an "attorney" with a billable rate of \$250, and providing a business card identifying himself as "attorney at law." Gordon billed the non-licensed attorney at an unreasonable rate and failed to ensure that the employee's conduct was not the unauthorized practice of law;

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- (3) Respondent, Robin Jeffrey Gordon, is the same person as the Robin Jeffrey Gordon, who is the subject of the Public Censure entered by the Disciplinary District V of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee; and
- (4) The Public Censure entered by the Disciplinary District V of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee is final.

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

Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

- 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 District V of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Robin

Jeffrey Gordon, State Bar Card No. 08206200, is hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED as an

attorney at law in the State of Texas.

Signed this 3rd day of Hprin 2013.

CHAIRMAN PRESIDING BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Judith Gres DeBerry Assistant Disciplinary Counsel State Bar No. 2404780 ATTORNEY FOR PETITIONER

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Robin Jeffrey Gordon State Bar No. 08206200 RESPONDENT

## BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

I, Rita Webb, Executive Secretary of said Board, do hereby certify that the attached is a true, accurate, and complete copy of Public Censure, IN RE: Robin Jeffrey Gordon, BPR File No. 34972-5-ES, dated October 22, 2012, of record now on file in my office.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand at Nashville, on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013.

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Rita Webb Executive Secretary

Sworn to and subscribed before me,

this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013. Expires 10/20/2014

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#### IN DISCIPLINARY DISTRICT V OF THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE

IN RE: ROBIN JEFFREY GORDON, BPR NO. 14618 Respondent, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee (Davidson County) FILE NO. 34972-5-ES

#### PUBLIC CENSURE

The above complaint was filed against Robin Jeffrey Gordon, an attorney licensed to practice law in Tennessee, alleging certain acts of misconduct. Pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, the Board of Professional Responsibility considered these matters at its meeting on September 21, 2012.

Respondent employed an attorney with a non-active Illinois law license, not licensed in Tennessee, to work as a paralegal in his office. The employee held himself out to clients as an attorney by signing two letters with detailed legal advice, providing three receipts which listed himself as an "attorney" with a billable rate of \$250, and providing a business card identifying himself as "attorney at law." Respondent billed the non-licensed attorney at an unreasonable rate and failed to ensure that the employee's conduct was not the unauthorized practice of law.

By the aforementioned acts, Robin Jeffrey Gordon has violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5 (fees) and 5.3 (responsibilities regarding non-lawyer assistants) and is hereby Publicly Censured for these violations.

# FOR THE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY

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