



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

**IN THE MATTER OF
THELMA M. ANDERSON,
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24091728**

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CAUSE NO. 71154

ORDER

On this day, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals considered the Emergency Motion to Reset Hearing, Reopen Record, and for Due Process Relief Regarding Compulsory Discipline Proceeding, filed by Thelma M. Anderson, Respondent, in the above-captioned compulsory discipline case. Having reviewed this matter, the Board finds as follows:

1. The above-captioned compulsory disciplinary case was called for hearing before a three-member panel of the Board at 9:00 am on February 12, 2026, over Zoom. Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, appeared through counsel, and Respondent appeared pro se.
2. On February 9, 2026, BODA staff sent the parties Instructions and Admonishments for the Use of Zoom for BODA Hearings, which instruct that in the event of technical difficulties or loss of internet service, or upon difficulty re-entering the Zoom meeting for any reason, a party should promptly alert BODA staff at the phone number provided. At the beginning of the Zoom hearing, the panel chair read aloud the BODA phone number to call in the event of technical difficulties.
3. The panel heard argument on and considered: (1) Respondent's Motion to Abate and Hold Proceedings in Abeyance for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction, Defective Service,

- and Constitutional Due Process Violations, filed February 6, 2026; (2) Petitioner's Response to Respondent's Motion to Abate and Hold Proceedings in Abeyance for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction, Defective Service, and Constitutional Due Process Violations, filed February 10, 2026; (3) Respondent's Renewed and Supplemental Motion to Abate and Hold Proceedings in Abeyance for Lack of Personal Jurisdiction, Defective Service, Constitutional Due Process Violations, and Preservation of the Integrity of the Disciplinary Record, filed February 11, 2026; and (4) Respondent's Emergency Memorandum Regarding Appearance of Impropriety, Legitimacy Concerns, and Due Process Impact Related to Proof of Service Documentation Produced February 10, 2026, After Extended Withholding.
4. During the hearing, Respondent acknowledged that she was served the Second Amended Petition for Compulsory Discipline by certified mail and that she signed the green card acknowledging receipt. At that time, the Second Amended Petition for Reciprocal Discipline was the live pleading in this case.
 5. Respondent was served the Third Amended Petition for Compulsory Discipline by email. That is currently the live pleading in this case.
 6. The panel found that the Board has jurisdiction and ordered that it would move forward with the compulsory discipline hearing. The panel announced that Respondent's Motion to Abate and Hold Proceedings in Abeyance is **DENIED**, Respondent's Renewed and Supplemental Motion to Abate and Hold Proceedings in Abeyance is **DENIED**, and the relief sought in Respondent's Emergency Memorandum is **DENIED**.
 7. Petitioner put on its case as to interlocutory suspension under Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 8.04, and Petitioner's Exhibits 1-10 were admitted.

8. When Respondent was called upon to make argument or offer evidence as to interlocutory suspension, she asked for a brief recess to restart her computer, which she stated had frozen, though Zoom was apparently still working. At approximately 10:00 am, the panel chair granted Respondent's request and instructed that the hearing would resume at 10:07 am.
9. Respondent did not appear at 10:07. At 10:15 am, BODA staff sent both parties an email containing the call-in phone number for the Zoom meeting, saying that the Board would wait until 10:20 am to resume the hearing.
10. At 10:19 am, BODA staff received an e-filing notice showing that at 10:17 am, Respondent submitted for filing with a District Court in Dallas County a Petition for Writ of Mandamus with Request for Court Cost and FeeFor [sic] Attorney's Fees and Costs, naming as respondents the Board of Disciplinary Appeals and the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel. Thus, it appeared that Respondent's computer was working by 10:17 am.
11. Respondent's Petition for Writ of Mandamus was file-stamped 10:17 am, filed in the 95th Judicial District Court, Dallas County, under Case No. DC-26-02564.
12. At about 10:23 am, the panel went back on the record and resumed the hearing, noting that Respondent had not reappeared. The panel concluded the hearing, took the matter under advisement, and adjourned by about 10:25 am.
13. At 10:32 am, BODA staff received an email from Respondent stating that she had rejoined the Zoom meeting and was in the waiting room. At 10:36 am, BODA staff received an email from Respondent with an attached screenshot of the Zoom waiting room, not showing the time.

14. At 10:39 am, BODA staff responded to Respondent by email, stating that the Board had taken the matter under advisement and the hearing was adjourned.
15. At 10:42 am, Respondent emailed BODA staff a photograph of her phone screen, showing the battery at 1% and charging at 10:39. That email was delivered to BODA email at 12:16 pm.
16. BODA has no record of Respondent calling or leaving a voicemail message about technical difficulties or difficulty rejoining the meeting after the recess. After granting Respondent's request for a recess, neither the Board nor BODA staff heard from Respondent until the email received at 10:32 am, more than half an hour after the recess was granted.
17. Respondent filed the Emergency Motion to Reset Hearing and Reopen Record at 12:03 pm. Petitioner does not oppose the motion.

The Board **ORDERS** that Respondent's Emergency Motion to Reset Hearing and Reopen Record is **GRANTED IN PART**. The hearing is reset for 9:00 am on Thursday, February 26, 2026, over Zoom, accessible through the following link:

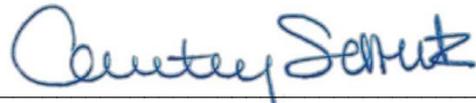
<https://txcourts.zoom.us/j/82026978857>

The hearing shall be resumed for the limited purpose of hearing Respondent's argument and allowing Respondent to complete the evidentiary record as to whether the standard for interlocutory suspension under Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 8.04 has been met. The panel will not hear further argument as to jurisdiction, service of process, or abatement. This includes argument relating to the veracity or authenticity of affidavits regarding attempts to serve Respondent with the Original or First Amended Petition, as the panel already announced its decision as to jurisdiction.

Respondent's request that the hearing be reset and record reopened for the purpose of presenting evidence as to Petitioner's counsel's conduct as it relates to service is **DENIED**.

Any relief not expressly granted is denied. Further continuance requests will not be considered except under extraordinary circumstances.

SIGNED this 17th day of February 2026.



VICE CHAIR PRESIDING