

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
JOHN JOSEPH ARBOUR
STATE BAR CARD NO. 00786993**

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CAUSE NO. 37920

AGREED JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION

On the 11th day of July, 2006, 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 pro se 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, John Joseph Arbour, is an attorney who is presently enrolled with the State Bar of Texas and is not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas, and whose Bar Card No. is 00786993;
- (2) On November 29, 2005, the Supreme Court of Louisiana entered an Order that Respondent be suspended from the practice of law for two (2) years in Case No. 05-B-1189; styled, *In Re: John Joseph Arbour, Supreme Court of Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Proceedings*.
- (3) Respondent, John Joseph Arbour, is the same person as the John Joseph Arbour who is the subject of the Order by the Supreme Court of Louisiana; and
- (4) The suspension Order from the Supreme Court of Louisiana is 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 Supreme Court of Louisiana is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, John Joseph Arbour, State Bar Card No. 00786993, is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law in Texas for a period of two (2) years and effective November 29, 2005, and ending November 28, 2007.

It is further AGREED and ORDERED that during said term of active suspension, Respondent shall be prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel or in any representative capacity in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any administrative body, or holding himself out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney at law", "attorney", "counselor at law", or "lawyer".

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, John Joseph Arbour, not later than ten (10) days after the date this Judgment is signed by the Chairman of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals, shall notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every Texas court in which Respondent, John Joseph Arbour, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his 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 Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel,

State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

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It is further ORDERED that Respondent, John Joseph Arbour, shall immediately notify each of his current Texas clients, if any, in writing, of his 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 his possession but which belong to current or former clients, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within ten (10) days after the date on which this Judgment is signed by the Board. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with this Board, within the same ten (10) days, an affidavit stating either (a) that all current clients have been notified of his 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 or (b) that Respondent has no current clients, files, or papers, and that any unearned fees paid in advance or other monies or properties belonging to clients have previously been returned to the appropriate client. 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 his inability to return to said client any file, paper, money or other property. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail a copy of said affidavit and copies of all notification letters to clients, to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall forward a certified copy of Petitioner's Petition for Reciprocal Discipline on file herein, along with a copy of this Judgment, to each the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas, Supreme Court Building, P.O. Box 12248, Austin, Texas 78711, and to the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that this AGREED JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION shall be made a matter of public record and be published in the Texas Bar Journal.

Signed this 11 day of JULY, 2006.



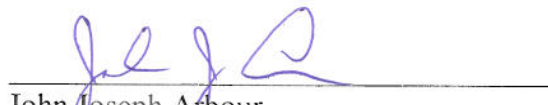
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