



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS**

**Appointed By**

**THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

**RICARDO A. BACA**

*State Bar Card No. 08455300*

**v.**

**COMMISSION FOR**

**LAWYER DISCIPLINE**

**OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS**

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**CAUSE NO. 53798**

**ORDER PARTIALLY GRANTING TEMPORARY EMERGENCY  
STAY OF JUDGMENT OF PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**

On this day the Board considered Appellant Ricardo A. Baca's Emergency Petition to Stay Judgment of Suspension filed with the Board on April 7, 2014. On February 12, 2014, the evidentiary panel of the State Bar District No. 4-4 Grievance Committee signed a Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension actively suspending Baca from the practice of law beginning April 7, 2014. Baca timely filed his notice of appeal with the Board on February 26, 2014.

Appellant filed a motion to stay his suspension with the evidentiary panel on April 3, 2014. In accordance with Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure (TRDP) 2.25 (a motion to stay must be filed within 30 days from the date of the judgment), the time to file a motion for a stay expired on March 14, 2014. He now brings his motion for an emergency stay before this Board.

The terms of the Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension required that Baca, prior to the imposition of the suspension, pay attorney's fees and direct expenses in the amount of \$6,073.36 to the State Bar of Texas on or before April 7, 2014; pay restitution to Nicolas Stephen in the amount of \$5,000 on or before March 7, 2014; and pay restitution to Felipe Arana in the amount of \$5,000

on or before March 7, 2014. As of this date, he has not complied with those terms.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Baca's Emergency Petition to Stay Judgment of Suspension is **TEMPORARILY GRANTED** upon the condition that Baca pay the monies ordered to be paid by the Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension on or before 5:00 p.m. April 14, 2014. Those monies are: attorney's fees and direct expenses in the amount of \$6,073.36 to the State Bar of Texas; restitution to Nicolas Stephen in the amount of \$5,000, and restitution to Felipe Arana in the amount of \$5,000. These funds shall be held in trust by the State Bar of Texas during the pendency of all appeals of this matter. Should Baca fail to timely pay such monies, this temporary stay will be dissolved.

Notice is hereby given that on May 2, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. the Board shall hold an evidentiary hearing to determine whether, in accordance with TRDP 2.25, the judgment of partially probated suspension should be further stayed during the pendency of any appeals.

All other relief requested not expressly granted is **DENIED**.

**SIGNED** this 10<sup>TH</sup> day of April 2014.

  
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**VICE CHAIR PRESIDING**