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

IN THE MATTER OF LEILA PARVIZIAN BRASWELL, STATE BAR CARD NO. 24066652

CAUSE NO. 68959

AGREED JUDGMENT OF PROBATED SUSPENSION

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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 solely for the purposes of this proceeding which has not been fully adjudicated. Respondent waives any and all defenses that could be asserted under Rule 9.04 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. 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, conclusions, and orders:

Findings of Fact. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals finds that:

- (1) Respondent, Leila Parvizian Braswell, Bar Card No. is 24066652, is an attorney licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On July 21, 2023, the Joint Motion for Consent Discipline Pursuant to Rule XIX, Section 20, was filed in the Supreme Court of Louisiana in a matter styled: *In Re: Confidential Party, Docket No.* _____; which states in pertinent part as follows:

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The *Joint Stipulations of Facts* are attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. For purposes of this consent discipline, Respondent conditionally admits that her conduct violated Rules 1.3, 1.4(a)(2)(3)(4)(b), 1.16(a), and 3.2, of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Respondent is consenting to the imposition of discipline freely and voluntarily. She has not been the subject of coercion or duress, and she is fully aware of the implications of submitting to consent discipline.

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Respondent consents because she knows that if this disciplinary matter was prosecuted to completion, Respondent could not successfully defend against the charges.

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The Respondent's conditional admission of the rules, as stated herein, is in exchange for a stated form of discipline, to wit: suspension of six months, fully deferred, with a two-year period of probation, subject to the following conditions:

- a) Respondent shall return to Complainant \$1,000.00, which was cast as costs against Complainant, as a direct result of Respondent's failure;
- b) Respondent shall participate in the Law Office Management Program administered by the Bar; and
- c) Respondent shall pay all costs and expenses associated with this disciplinary matter.
- On or about October 10, 2023, an Order Per Curium was entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana styled Supreme Court of Louisiana, No. 2023-B-01012, *In Re: Laila Parvizian Braswell*, Attorney Disciplinary Proceeding, which states in pertinent part:

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") commenced an investigation into allegations that respondent neglected a legal matter, failed to communicate with a client, and failed to withdraw from a representation she determined she could not handle Prior to the filing of formal charges, respondent and the ODC submitted a joint petition for consent discipline. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Laila Parvizian Braswell, Louisiana Bar Roll number 31909, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months. This suspension shall be deferred in its entirety, subject to a two-year period of probation with the conditions set forth in the petition for consent discipline. The probationary period shall commence from the date respondent and the ODC execute a formal probation plan. Any failure of respondent to comply with the conditions of probation, or any misconduct during the probationary period, may be grounds for making the deferred suspension executory, or imposing additional discipline, as appropriate.

- (4) Respondent, Leila Parvizian Braswell, is the same person as the Leila Parvizian Braswell, who is the subject of the Supreme Court Order entered in the Supreme Court of Louisiana; and
- (5) The Order entered in 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. TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P.R. 7.08(H).
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical, to the extent practicable, to that imposed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana is warranted in this case.
- (3) Respondent should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years with the suspension being fully probated.
- (4) This Board retains jurisdiction during the full term of probation imposed by this judgment to hear a motion to revoke probation. TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P.R. 2.22.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent, Leila

Parvizian Braswell, State Bar Card No. 24066652, is hereby suspended from the practice of law

for a period of two (2) years with the suspension being fully probated, beginning

May 3, 2024 , and extending through May 2, 2026 , under the

following terms and conditions:

- (1) Respondent shall not violate any of the provisions of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct or any provision of the State Bar Rules.
- (2) Respondent shall not be found guilty of, or plead no contest to, any felony involving moral turpitude or any misdemeanor involving theft,

embezzlement, or fraudulent misappropriation of money or other property.

- (3) Respondent must notify both the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel and the Membership Department of the State Bar of Texas of any change in Respondent's address within thirty (30) days of the change of address.
- (4) Respondent shall not violate any of the terms or conditions of probation of the Order Per Curium entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana on October 10, 2023, styled Supreme Court of Louisiana, No. 2023-B-01012, *In Re: Leila Parvizian Braswell*

Probation Revocation

Upon determination that Respondent has violated any term or condition of this judgment, or if Respondent is adjudged by a tribunal in Louisiana to have violated the terms of the disciplinary order entered in Louisiana, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel may, in addition to all other remedies available, file a motion to revoke probation pursuant to Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 2.22 with this Board and serve a copy of the motion on Respondent pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21a.

Should a motion to revoke probation be filed, this Board will conduct an evidentiary hearing to determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether Respondent has violated any term or condition or requirement of any applicable disciplinary judgment. If this Board finds grounds for revocation, it will enter an order revoking probation and placing Respondent on active suspension from the date of such revocation order without credit for any term of probation served prior to revocation.

It is further **ORDERED** that any conduct on the part of Respondent which serves as the basis for a motion to revoke probation may also be brought as independent grounds for discipline as allowed under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Judgment of Probated Suspension shall be made a matter of public record and be published in the *Texas Bar Journal*.

Signed this <u>3rd</u> day of <u>May</u> 2024.

CHAIR PRESIDING

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

eila Parvizian Braswell

State Bar Card No. 24066652 Respondent

Amanda M. Kates Assistant Disciplinary Counsel State Bar Card No. 24075987 Attorney for Petitioner

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