

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

IN THE MATTER OF \$
WESLEY LINDON CLARKE, \$ CAUSE NO. 65865
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24014254 \$

ORDER TO CONFER

On the 29th day of July, 2022, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal discipline action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Wesley Lindon Clarke, appeared by and through his attorney of record and announced ready. Having considered the pleadings on file, having received evidence, and having heard the argument of counsel, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals orders as follows:

During argument, Petitioner stated that though Respondent failed to file a timely answer, Petitioner is unopposed to the lesser sanction sought by Respondent of active suspension rather than disbarment, and that Respondent's proposed sanction was "reasonable." Petitioner's counsel further stated that he had not conferred with his client, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, on Respondent's proposed sanction. Respondent's counsel stated that he contacted Petitioner's counsel prior to the hearing with a proposal to resolve the matter but did not receive a response.

Accordingly, the Board **ORDERS** the parties in this matter to meet and confer regarding

a possible agreed resolution of this reciprocal discipline matter prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Commission for Lawyer Discipline. The Board abates any ruling in this matter until after the next scheduled meeting of the Commission for Lawyer Discipline to permit sufficient time to allow for any offers of settlement to be communicated to the Commission for Lawyer Discipline. The parties are instructed to file a status report with the Board no later than seven days following the next scheduled meeting of the Commission for Lawyer Discipline.

Respondent is currently not eligible to practice law in Texas due to his election to claim an exemption from MCLE requirements. The Board further **ORDERS** Respondent to notify the Board immediately if he takes any affirmative action to become eligible to practice law in Texas.

SIGNED this 10th day of August 2022.

CHAIR PRESIDING