

# **ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

MISC. DOCKET NO. 16-9041

## **IN THE MATTER OF GWENDOLYN F. CLIMMONS**

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Gwendolyn F. Climmons (a/k/a Gwendolyn Climmons-Johnson) (the Motion) and the Response of the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission for Lawyer Discipline (the Response). The Court concludes each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The Court finds that Gwendolyn F. Climmons has waived her right to withdraw the Motion. Therefore, the Court deems the professional misconduct detailed in the Response conclusively established for all purposes. The Court further concludes that Gwendolyn F. Climmons' resignation is in the best interest of the public, the profession and Gwendolyn F. Climmons.

Therefore, the law license of Gwendolyn F. Climmons of Missouri City, Texas, State Bar Card Number 04390000 is canceled. The Court notes that Gwendolyn F. Climmons has provided a declaration stating that she cannot access her Texas law license or Texas Bar card. Gwendolyn F. Climmons shall immediately surrender her Texas law license and Texas Bar card to the Clerk of this Court should she have access to them in the future.

Gwendolyn F. Climmons is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. She is prohibited from holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing legal services for others, giving legal advice to 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 Texas administrative body (whether state, county, municipal, or other), or holding herself out to

others or using her name in any manner in conjunction with the words “Attorney at Law,” “Counselor at Law,” or “Lawyer.”

Additionally, Gwendolyn F. Climmons must immediately notify in writing each of her current clients and opposing counsel of her resignation. She must also return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property in her possession belonging to any client or former client to the respective client or former client or to another attorney at the client’s or former client’s request. Gwendolyn F. Climmons must file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within thirty days of the date of this Order an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of her resignation and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

Finally, Gwendolyn F. Climmons must, within thirty days after the date of this Order, notify in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which Gwendolyn F. Climmons has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) Gwendolyn F. Climmons is representing in court. Gwendolyn F. Climmons must file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within thirty days of the date of this Order an affidavit stating that she has notified in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which she has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) she is representing in Court.

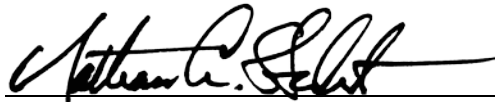
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### **CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT**

As absolute conditions precedent for the reinstatement of Gwendolyn F. Climmons, she must pay the following: restitution to Joy Hardison in the amount of \$7,506.48.

All payments of restitution must be made by certified or cashier's check or money order and must be delivered to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701).

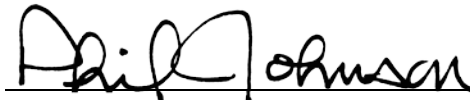
SO ORDERED this 5th day of April 2016.



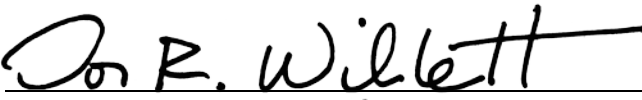
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



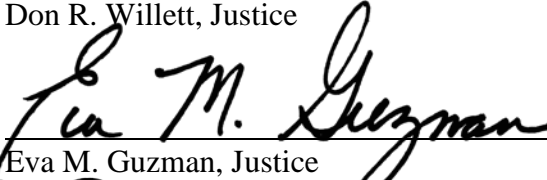
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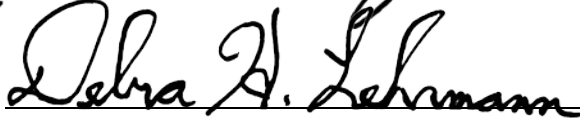
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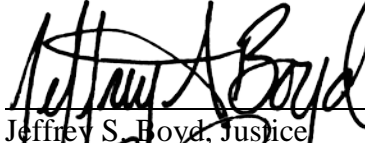
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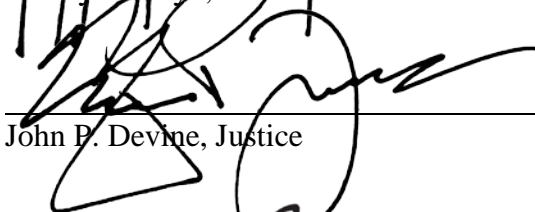
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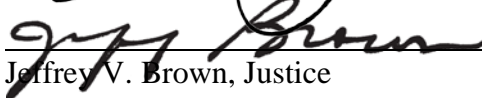
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice