



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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
MARY CHRISTINE DOBBIE  
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24046473**

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**CAUSE NO. 69469**

**JUDGMENT OF PROBATED SUSPENSION**

On the 25th day of July, 2024, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action was called for hearing by submission based on the documents and pleadings before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Respondent, Mary Christine Dobbie, although properly served with Petitioner's Petition for Reciprocal Discipline, failed to file a responsive pleading but agreed to have this matter considered by submission based on the documents and pleadings before the Board. All questions of fact and all issues of law were submitted to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals for determination. Having considered the pleadings on file, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals 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, Mary Christine Dobbie, whose Bar Card No. is 24046473, is an attorney licensed but not currently authorized by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On or about December 7, 2023, an Opinion Order was issued in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals in a matter styled *In Re Mary Chris Dobbie, A Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (Bar Registration No. 975939), In Re Reagan Taylor, An Attorney Licensed to*

*Practice Law in the State of Tennessee*, No. 21-BG-0024, which states in pertinent part:

In its Report and Recommendation, the Board on Professional Responsibility found that respondents had violated Rules 3.8(e), 8.4(c), and 8.4(d) of the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct. Rule 3.8(e), in relevant part, prohibits prosecutors from “[i]ntentionally fail[ing] to disclose to the defense . . . any evidence or information that the prosecutor knows or reasonably should know tends to negate the guilt of the accused or to mitigate the offense.” Rule 8.4(c) proscribes “conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.” And Rule 8.4(d) forbids conduct that “seriously interferes with the administration of justice.” The Board recommended that respondents be suspended from the practice of law for six months.

We agree with the Board that respondents violated each of these rules, but we disagree as to the appropriate sanction. In recognition of the inadequate and ill-advised guidance provided to respondents by their supervisors; the nature of respondents’ Rule 8.4(c) violation; respondents’ lack of bad faith and otherwise unblemished records; and our obligation to treat similar cases alike, we instead impose a six-month suspension, stayed as to all in favor of one year of probation.

- (3) Respondent, Mary Christine Dobbie, is the same person as the Mary Christine Dobbie who is the subject of the Opinion Order entered in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals.
- (4) The Opinion Order entered in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals 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), 9.01-04.
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical, to the extent practicable, to that imposed by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals is warranted in this case.

- (3) Respondent should be suspended for a period of one (1) year with the suspension 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, Mary Christine Dobbie, State Bar Card No. 24046473, is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year with the suspension being fully probated, beginning July 30, 2024 and extending through July 29, 2025, 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 in the Opinion Order entered by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals on December 7, 2023, styled *In Re Mary Chris Dobbie, A Member of the Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (Bar Registration No. 975939), In Re Reagan Taylor, An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in the State of Tennessee*, No. 21-BG-0024.

### **Probation Revocation**

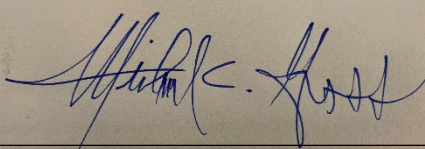
Upon determination that Respondent has violated any term or condition of this judgment, or if Respondent is adjudged by a tribunal in the District of Columbia to have violated the terms of the disciplinary order or judgment entered in the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, the Chief Disciplinary 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2024.



VICE-CHAIR PRESIDING

Board Chair Kelli Hinson and Board members Jennifer Caughey and Arthur D'Andrea did not participate in this decision.