

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	§	
<b>JOANNE ENGUM</b>	§	<b>CAUSE NO. 46090</b>
<b>STATE BAR CARD NO. 24007161</b>	§	

**JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION**

On the 9th day of April 2010, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action brought pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure Part IX was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner, Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas, appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Joanne Engum, although duly cited to appear and show cause by this Board's Order signed February 10, 2010, and having been notified of the date, place and time of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly made default. All issues of fact as well as all questions of law were submitted to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals for determination. Having considered the pleadings on file, having received evidence, and having heard the argument of counsel, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals is of the opinion that Petitioner is entitled to entry of the following findings and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Joanne Engum, Bar Card No. is 24007161, is an attorney who is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas having been administratively suspended for failure to pay State Bar dues and the Texas Attorney Occupation Tax.
- (2) On or about October 30, 2009, the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana

signed an Order/Per Curium in a matter styled: *In Re: Joanne S. Engum*, No. 2009-B-1619, suspending Respondent from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day.

- (3) Respondent, Joanne Engum, is the same person as the Joanne S. Engum, who is the subject of the Order/Per Curium signed by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana.
- (4) The suspension Order from the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana is final.
- (5) Respondent was personally served on February 18, 2010 with this Board's Order to Show Cause signed February 10, 2010 containing a hearing notice with a copy of the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline as attested in an affidavit of service filed with the Board on March 29, 2010.

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. Rule 7.08(H), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure;
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana should be imposed in this case.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Joanne Engum, State Bar Card No. 24007161 is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law in Texas for a period of one year and one day beginning effective the date this Judgment is signed and ending April 14, 2011.

It is further ORDERED that during the term of active suspension ordered herein, Respondent shall be prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal service for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services not completed prior to the date of this Judgment, appearing as counsel in any proceeding in any Texas

court or before any Texas administrative body, or holding herself out to others or using her name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney," "counselor," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Joanne Engum, shall notify in writing, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent has any legal matter pending, if any, of her suspension, of the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and of the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in that court. Respondent is ORDERED to mail copies of all such notifications to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Joanne Engum, shall immediately notify each of her current clients, if any, in writing, of her suspension. In addition to such notification, Respondent is ORDERED to return all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties which are in her possession but which belong to current or former clients, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within thirty (30) days after the date on which this Judgment is signed by the Board. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, within the same thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of her suspension and that all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties belonging to clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to

any client or former client, Respondent's affidavit shall state with particularity the efforts made by Respondent with respect to each particular client and the cause of her inability to return to said client any file, paper, money or other property. Respondent is ORDERED to file copies of all notification letters to clients to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Joanne Engum, immediately surrender her Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Signed this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 2010.

  
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CHAIR PRESIDING