

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

IN THE MATTER OF	§	
CHRIS M. EVANS	§	CAUSE NO. 45331
STATE BAR CARD NO. 06711500	§	

JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 15th day of January 2010, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action 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, Chris M. Evans, although duly cited to appear and having proper notice 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, Chris M. Evans, State Bar Card Number 06711500, is licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On April 26, 2001, Respondent was charged by Indictment with crimes involving Laundering of Monetary Instruments in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(3)(B) and Aiding and Abetting in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. § 2, in Criminal Case No. 01-0234, styled *United States of America v. Chris McKinney Evans*, in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland.

- (3) On October 5, 2001, Respondent signed a Plea Agreement in Criminal Case No. WMN-01-0234, styled *United States of America v. Chris M. Evans*, in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Count Two of the Indictment which charged Evans with Money Laundering, in violation of Title 18 U.S.C. Section 1956(a)(3)(B).
- (4) On or about February 14, 2003, a Judgment in a Criminal Case was signed in Case Number: WMN-01-0234, styled *United States of America v. Chris McKinney Evans*, in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Count 2, Laundering of Monetary Instruments, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(3)(B) and was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of twenty-seven (27) months and ordered upon release from imprisonment to be on supervised release two (2) years and further ordered to pay an assessment of \$100.00.
- (5) Respondent, Chris M. Evans, is the same person as the Chris McKinney Evans who is the subject of the Judgment described above.
- (6) Respondent's criminal sentence is not fully probated.
- (7) Respondent's conviction is final.
- (8) Respondent was personally served with the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on October 5, 2009 by an authorized private process server in Fairfax County, Virginia, and the affidavit was filed with the Board on October 16, 2009.

Conclusions of Law. Based upon the foregoing findings of fact the Board of Disciplinary

Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

- (1) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure ("TRDP") Rule 7.08(G).
- (2) Respondent, Chris M. Evans, having been convicted of Laundering of Monetary Instruments in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1956(a)(3)(B), has been convicted for purposes of TRDP 8.04 of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(T) which is also a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(Z).

- (3) Having been convicted of an Intentional Crime and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, and that conviction being final, Respondent Chris M. Evans should be disbarred. TRDP 8.05.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Chris M. Evans, State Bar Card No. 06711500, be and he is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and his license to practice law in this state be and is hereby revoked.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, Chris M. Evans, is hereafter permanently prohibited, effective immediately, from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal service for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services not completed before the date of this judgment, appearing as counsel in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body, or holding himself out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney," "counselor," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Chris M. Evans, 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, Chris M. Evans, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his disbarment, 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 also 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, Chris M. Evans, shall immediately notify each of his current clients, if any, in writing, of his disbarment. 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 his 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 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 his disbarment 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 his inability to return to said client any file, paper, money or other property. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail a copy of said affidavit and 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, Chris M. Evans, immediately surrender his 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, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 19th day of January 2010.



CHAIR PRESIDING