



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

**IN THE MATTER OF
CORY DEAN FARLEY,
STATE BAR CARD NO. 00796530**

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CAUSE NO. 72646

JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION

On the 31st day of July, 2026, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. The Commission for Lawyer Discipline, Petitioner, appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Cory Dean Farley, appeared in person and announced ready. 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, having received evidence, and having heard the argument of counsel, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals makes the following findings, conclusions, and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Cory Dean Farley, State Bar Card No. 00796530, is an attorney licensed but not currently authorized by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On July 22, 2025, an Agreement for Discipline by Consent was entered in PDJ 2025-9026, styled *In The Matter of a Member of a Suspended Member of the State Bar of Arizona, Cory D. Farley, Bar No. 020151*, before the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, State Bar File No. 24-0447, in which Respondent conditionally admitted violations of Arizona Ethical Rules 1.5(b), 1.8(a), 8.1(b), and 8.4(c) and Respondent and the State Bar agreed on an appropriate sanction, including a one-year suspension, retroactive to January 19, 2024, the date Respondent went on administrative suspension.

- (3) On August 1, 2025, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge issued an Order Accepting Agreement for Discipline by Consent in *In The Matter of a Member of a Suspended Member of the State Bar of Arizona, Cory D. Farley, Bar No. 020151*, PDJ 2025-9026, State Bar File No. 24-0447.
- (4) Also on August 1, 2025, the Presiding Disciplinary Judge issued a Final Judgment and Order in the same case, ordering Respondent suspended for a period of one (1) year, effective January 19, 2024, for his conduct in violation of the Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct, as set forth in the Agreement documents. Respondent was also ordered to pay restitution to Edward Cunningham in the full amount of principal and interest due to Mr. Cunningham under Respondent's original July 27, 2023 promissory notes.
- (5) The Final Judgment and Order entered by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, State of Arizona, is final.
- (6) Respondent, Cory Dean Farley, is the same person as the Cory D. Farley, who is the subject of the Final Judgment and Order entered by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, State of Arizona.

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).
- (2) The conduct that resulted in the discipline imposed in Arizona occurred within the limitations period of Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 17.06(A).
- (3) Reciprocal discipline, identical to the extent practicable, to that imposed by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, State of Arizona, is warranted in this case.
- (4) Active suspension from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year is the discipline that is "identical, to the extent practicable" to that ordered by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, State of Arizona.
- (5) Respondent shall pay restitution as ordered by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, State of Arizona.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Cory Dean Farley, State Bar Card No. 00796530, is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law in

Texas for a period of one (1) year beginning August 6, 2026, and extending through August 5, 2027.

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Cory Dean Farley, during said suspension, is prohibited 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, appearing as counsel or in any representative capacity 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 at law,” “attorney,” “counselor at law,” “Esquire,” “Esq.” or “lawyer.”

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Corey Dean Farley, shall remain subject to all terms and conditions of the Final Judgment and Order issued by the Arizona Presiding Disciplinary Judge, including the requirement that restitution be paid, and nothing in this Judgment shall relieve Respondent of any outstanding requirement under that Final Judgment and Order. Any failure to comply on the part of Respondent may be independent grounds for discipline as allowed under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Cory Dean Farley, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, shall notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer, and chief justice of each and every court or tribunal, if any, in which Respondent, Cory Dean Farley, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his 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 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, Cory Dean Farley, shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Statewide Compliance Monitor, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, an affidavit stating that Respondent has notified in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer, and chief justice of each and every court or tribunal in which Respondent has any matter pending of the terms of this judgment, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in that court or tribunal.

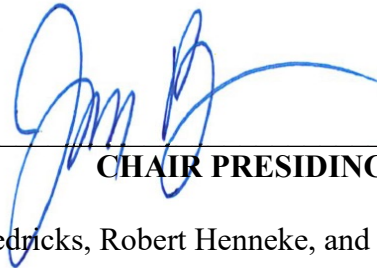
It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Cory Dean Farley, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, shall notify each of his current clients and opposing counsel, if any, in writing, of his suspension. In addition to such notification, Respondent is **ORDERED** to return all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and property which are in his possession or control but which belong to current or former clients, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment if requested.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Cory Dean Farley, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Statewide Compliance Monitor, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of Respondent's suspension and that all files, papers, monies, and other property belonging to all current 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 such inability to return to said client any file, paper, money, or other property.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Cory Dean Farley, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, shall 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, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Judgment of Suspension shall be made a matter of public record and notice of this judgment shall be published in the *Texas Bar Journal*.

Signed this 6th day of August 2026.



CHAIR PRESIDING

Board members Arthur D'Andrea, Scott Fredricks, Robert Henneke, and David Iglesias did not participate in this decision.