

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	§	
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<b>WILLIAM CONRAD HANLON</b>	§	<b>CAUSE NO. 47916</b>
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<b>STATE BAR CARD NO. 24011949</b>	§	

**CORRECTION JUDGMENT REVOKING PROBATION AND ACTIVELY  
SUSPENDING RESPONDENT FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

On September 29, 2011, this Board signed its judgment revoking the probation of Respondent William Conrad Hanlon and actively suspending him from the practice of law. Because that judgment incorrectly stated the term of suspension, the Board, on its own motion, withdraws the prior judgment and substitutes this one.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals heard the Petition for Revocation of Probation filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas against Respondent, William Conrad Hanlon, State Bar No. 24011949. Respondent, William Conrad Hanlon, although duly cited and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly made default. All issues of fact and questions of law were submitted to the Board. This Board has exclusive jurisdiction to hear a petition to revoke a probated suspension from the practice of law imposed by an evidentiary panel of the State Bar of Texas grievance committee during the full term of suspension, including any probationary period. Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 2.23 (“TRDP”); *In re State Bar of Texas*, 113 S.W.3d 730,733 (Tex. 2003).

Having considered the pleadings, and having heard the evidence and the argument of counsel, the Board finds as follows:

- (1) Respondent, William Conrad Hanlon, whose State Bar Card number is 24011949, is currently licensed but not authorized by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law.
- (2) Respondent was served with the Petition for Revocation of Probation and hearing notice in this cause on August 30, 2011, with the Petition and Notice of Hearing by U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, delivery restricted to addressee. Proof of service was filed with the Board on September 8, 2011.
- (3) On February 20, 2009, an Evidentiary of the State Bar of Texas District 5A02 Grievance Committee imposed a sanction of a three year partially-probated suspension beginning April 1, 2009, and ending March 31, 2012, with one year active suspension starting April 1, 2009, and ending March 31, 2010, and two years probated suspension beginning April 1, 2010, and ending March 31, 2012.
- (4) State Bar attorneys' fees of \$1,860.00 and expenses of \$470.00 were awarded and ordered payable on or before August 15, 2010. Respondent was further ordered to pay restitution to the following individuals on or before February 15, 2010: to Mini Kirtane in the amount of \$100.00; to Jasmin Rashid in the amount of \$250.00; to Katherine Henson in the amount of \$2,500.00; to Shane Steffek in the amount of \$2,750.00; to Edwin Heikkila, Jr. in the amount of \$2,500.00.
- (5) Respondent was further ordered to produce, on or before February 15, 2010, any and all papers and Mr. Heikkila's son's inhaler previously given to him by Edwin Heikkila, Jr.
- (6) Respondent was ordered to complete six additional hours of continuing legal education in the area of Criminal Law and six additional hours of continuing legal education in the area of Law Practice Management before March 31, 2010.
- (7) Respondent was also ordered to ensure that a licensed mental health care provider prepare and submit quarterly reports regarding his ability to practice law, with the first report due no later than April 1, 2009.
- (8) Respondent was ordered to notify his clients in writing of his suspension, on or before April 1, 2009, as well as return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property in his possession which belonged to his clients, either to the clients themselves or to another attorney at the client's request.
- (9) Respondent was ordered to file with the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487

(Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701) on or before April 1, 2009, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of Respondent's suspension and that all files, papers, unearned monies, and other property belonging to all current clients have been returned as ordered.

- (10) Respondent was ordered to notify in writing, on or before April 1, 2009, 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 had any matter pending of the terms of the judgment, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent was representing.
- (11) Respondent was ordered to file with the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701) on or before April 1, 2009, an affidavit stating that he had notified in writing every court or tribunal in which Respondent had any matter pending of the terms of the judgment, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent was representing.
- (12) Respondent was ordered to surrender his law license and permanent State Bar Card, on or before April 1, 2009, to State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701) on or before April 1, 2009, to be forwarded to the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (13) In addition to the requirements noted above, Respondent was also ordered, as specific requirements of his probation, not to violate any term of the judgment, not to engage in professional misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06(V) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, not to violate any state or federal criminal statutes, to keep the State Bar of Texas membership department notified of current mailing, residence, and business addresses, and telephone numbers, to comply with Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements, to comply with Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) requirements, and to promptly respond to any request for information from the Chief Disciplinary Counsel in connection with any investigation of any allegations of professional misconduct.
- (14) Respondent received the Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension on March 24, 2009, by personal service.
- (15) Respondent violated the Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension by failing to pay attorneys' fees, failing to pay restitution, failing to provide affidavits to the State Bar of Texas, failing to surrender his law license and bar card, failing to remain current on MCLE, failing to return papers and Mr.

Heikkila's son's inhaler to Mr. Heikkila, failing to complete six additional hours of CLE in the area of criminal law, failing to complete six additional hours of CLE in area of law practice management, and failing to ensure that a licensed mental health care provider prepared quarterly reports regarding his practice.

- (16) Respondent is the same person as the William Conrad Hanlon who is the subject of the Evidentiary Judgment described above.

Based on these undisputed facts, the Board concludes that:

- (1) This Board has exclusive jurisdiction to hear a petition to revoke a probated suspension from the practice of law imposed by an evidentiary panel of the State Bar of Texas grievance committee during the full term of suspension, including any probationary period. TRDP 2.23; *In re State Bar of Texas*, 113 S.W.3d 730, 733 (Tex.2003).
- (2) Respondent has materially violated the terms and conditions of the Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension signed on February 20, 2009, in Cause Nos. H001072367, H0020723979, H0040724317, H0070724908, H0080725042, H0050724458.
- (2) Respondent should be actively suspended from practicing law for the full term of the suspension as originally imposed by the Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension without credit for any probationary time served. TRDP 2.23.

It is therefore, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent, William Conrad Hanlon, State Bar No. 24011949, be, and hereby is, actively SUSPENDED from the practice of law in the State of Texas for a period of two years effective immediately on the date this judgment is signed and ending on October 5, 2013. *ML*

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, William Conrad Hanlon, 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," "counselor," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, William Conrad Hanlon, not later than thirty (30) days from the date of this judgment, shall notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court, if any, in which Respondent, William Conrad Hanlon, 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 Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, William Conrad Hanlon, shall immediately 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 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 of this Judgment. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, within the same thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of his 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 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 Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, William Conrad Hanlon, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Signed this 5<sup>th</sup> day of October 2011.



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**CHAIR PRESIDING**