



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS**  
Appointed By  
**THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

**LAUREN ASHLEY HARRIS**  
*State Bar of Texas Card No. 24080932*

v.

**COMMISSION FOR  
LAWYER DISCIPLINE**

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**CAUSE NO. 67843**

**ORDER DENYING APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE  
FOR REINSTATEMENT/REHEARING**

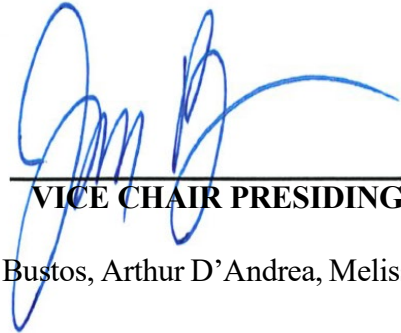
On this day, the Board considered the Motion for Extension of Time to File for Reinstatement/Rehearing, filed by Appellant, Lauren Ashley Harris, in the above-numbered and captioned appeal from a default judgment of partially probated suspension. Having reviewed the motion and the arguments therein, as well as the pleadings and documents filed in the appeal, the Board finds as follows:

The Board entered its Order Granting Appellee's Motion to Strike Appellant's Brief and to Dismiss Appeal on July 29, 2025. A motion for rehearing was due August 13, 2025. *See* BODA INTERNAL PROCEDURAL RULE (IPR) 1.03, TEX. RULES APP. P. (TRAP) 49.1. *See also* TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 1.03(C), TRAP 4.1(a).

Appellant filed a Notice of Appeal in the Supreme Court of Texas on August 13, 2025. Appellant then filed the above-titled motion with this Board on August 14, 2025, seeking additional time to file a motion for rehearing/reinstatement. Appellant's Notice of Appeal precludes the filing of a motion for rehearing here. *See* BODA IPR 1.03, TRAP 49.11. Thus, an extension of time would be to no effect.

Accordingly, Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time to File for Reinstatement/Rehearing is **DENIED** as moot.

SIGNED this 22nd day of August 2025.



**VICE CHAIR PRESIDING**

Board members W.C. Kirkendall, Fernando Bustos, Arthur D'Andrea, Melissa Goodwin, and Robert Henneke did not participate in this decision.

**Jason Boatright, joined by Scott Fredricks, Andrew Graham, Woodrow Halstead, David Iglesias, and Courtney Schmitz, concurring:**

Harris filed her notice of appeal with BODA back in May 2023. Her notice was two months late, but BODA let her proceed with the appeal. BODA then issued a briefing schedule, but Harris missed her deadline. BODA granted her three extensions, but she failed to file anything.

Next, BODA issued a show cause order instructing Harris to file a brief within ten days or risk dismissal for want of prosecution, but she filed a proposed brief that was over 40,000 words long—more than 25,000 words over the limit. BODA rejected her proposed brief and gave her another chance to file a compliant one, but she did not take it. Instead, she filed a brief that was about an hour late and 2,000 words over the limit.

The Commission for Lawyer Discipline moved to strike Harris's brief and dismiss the appeal. BODA waited ten days for Harris to respond to the Commission's motion, but she never did. Accordingly, BODA granted the Commission's motion and dismissed Harris's appeal.

Finally, Harris filed the motion at issue here. In it, she argues that she is entitled to an extension because she is unable to work on her disciplinary appeal during business hours. Ordinarily, that would be a good reason to request and receive an extension.

Granting extensions is almost always the right thing to do. Lawyers should be given plenty of time to properly brief issues and fix mistakes so that cases can be decided on the merits. That is why we gave Harris at least six extra chances and more than two years to file her brief.

But there must be a limit to all this, and Harris reached it some time ago. She has demonstrated that she is unwilling or unable to follow the rules. Giving her yet another chance and more time would just encourage bad behavior and reward contempt for the law. It would also divert public money and time from worthy matters—like punishing lawyers who harm clients, or vindicating lawyers who are unfairly treated—and divert those valuable public resources to a lawyer who has simply decided to ignore or game the rules.

I would deny Harris's motion even if Rule 49.11 did not require that we do so.