



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

On this day, the Board considered Appellant's Emergency Motion to Avert Improper Evidentiary Panel 14-2 Hearing on Remand filed by the Appellant, Lauren Ashley Harris, in the above-numbered and captioned evidentiary appeal. The Motion is **GRANTED** in part and **DENIED** in part, as follows.

Pursuant to the Board's authority under Rule 2.17(N) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the Board **ORDERS**:

(1) In accordance with its role in providing administrative support and functioning as clerk to evidentiary panels, the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel (CDC) shall arrange for a complete audio recording, which may also include video, to be made of the hearing on Respondent's Verified Motion for Formal Bill of Exception. The CDC shall also arrange for and ensure the preservation of any exhibits offered during the hearing. Finally, the CDC shall also ensure compliance with the procedures set out in Rule 13.2 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure applicable to court recorders.

(2) Pursuant to Rule 2.17(N), the party initiating an appeal shall pay the costs for preparation of a transcript of proceedings before the evidentiary panel. Thus, upon request, the CDC shall make a copy of the recording and exhibits available to Respondent for purposes of having a certified shorthand reporter transcribe the proceedings in accordance with Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure 34.6 and 35 and the Uniform Format Manual for Texas Reporters' Records. Only the recording created and preserved by the CDC pursuant to this Order shall serve as the basis for

the preparation of the transcript. Only that written transcript will serve as the official record of the proceeding to be considered by the Board. Any disagreements over the contents of the transcript of the proceeding are to be resolved pursuant to BODA Internal Procedural Rule 4.02(h).

(3) In the alternative, Respondent may elect to have a certified shorthand reporter attend the hearing to create a real-time transcript of the proceeding, at Respondent's own expense. To this end, the CDC must give Respondent 14 days' notice prior to the hearing, to allow time for Respondent to make such arrangements. Respondent's inability to secure a court reporter shall not be grounds to continue the hearing, provided the CDC is willing and able to create and preserve a recording for later transcription under the procedures outlined herein.

(4) Subject to the scheduling limitations of the parties and the evidentiary panel, the Board requests that the hearing on Respondent's Verified Motion for Formal Bill of Exception be conducted within 30 days of this order.

The Board further **ORDERS** the parties to notify the Board of the disposition of the Verified Motion for Formal Bill of Exception and any supplements or changes to the appellate record. Any relief not expressly granted is denied.

SIGNED this 22nd day of November 2023.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kevin H.", is written over a horizontal line.

CHAIR PRESIDING