## BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

APPOINTED BY

### THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

#### LAUREN ASHLEY HARRIS

STATE BAR OF TEXAS NO. 24080932, APPELLANT,



v.

# COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE,

APPELLEE.

On Appeal from Cause No. 202000647 [North]
Grievance Committee, District 14
Evidentiary Panel 14-2 of the State Bar of Texas

# APPELLANT'S UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPELLANT'S BRIEF

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF DISCLIPINARY APPEALS:

Comes now Appellant, Lauren Ashley Harris ("Ms. Harris") -- by and through the undersigned firm -- and files this her Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Appellant's Brief before this, the Honorable Board of Disciplinary Appeals ("BODA") of the State Bar of Texas. In support thereof, Appellant respectfully shows as follows:

#### A. Compliance: BODA Internal Operating Rule 1.09(a)(2)

1. This Motion seeks leave of BODA for additional time to file Appellant's Brief in this BODA appellate action -- made from a Default Judgment of Partially Probated

Suspension entered against Appellant Lauren Ashley Harris on February 7, 2023 by the Evidentiary Panel 14-2 of the Denton, Texas, District 14 Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Texas.

- 2. Subsequent to many post-judgment motions filed by Ms. Harris before the Evidentiary Panel 14-2, this appeal was perfected on May 8, 2023 by the filing of a Notice of Appeal.
- 3. Where this matter was remanded by BODA to the Evidentiary Panel 14-2 for additional action before the Panel, including a hearing over Ms. Harris' Formal Bill of Exceptions.
- 4. On February 16, 2024, the Board received and filed the Second Supplemental Clerk's record. In addition, the Board received and filed the Reporter's Record from the hearing on Respondent/Appellant's Bill of Exceptions on February 20, 2024.
- 5. On May 14, 2024, notice was issued by this Honorable BODA, per BODA Internal Procedural Rule 4.05(a) that Appellant's brief (due March 21, 2024) was now due to be within 30 days of that letter, being on or about this date, June 13, 2024.
- 6. Appellant requests a sixty-day extension for the filing of her Brief; no extensions have been requested prior to the filing of this motion.
- 7. Good cause exists to grant this extension as Ms. Harris recently retained the undersigned firm and additional time is required after proceeding pro-se before the Panel and BODA for the entire year of suspension. Ms. Harris was only now capable of retaining counsel upon finally obtaining a new position of employment, after the termination of her position of employment from the surprise suspension from the practice of law was entered against her by the Evidentiary Panel 14-2.

#### **PRAYER**

Wherefore, premises considered, Appellant Lauren Ashley Harris requests that the Board of Disciplinary Appeals extend the deadline, at least by sixty-days, to file her Brief of Appellant and grant her such other and further relief to which she may show herself to be justly entitled at law and in equity.

Respectfully,

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF CONFERENCE**

As required by Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 10.1(a)(5), James Metcalf personally conferred with Michael G. Graham, Counsel for Appellee, Commission for Lawyer Discipline. Mr. Graham has indicated he does not oppose this motion, if the extension is requested within sixty days.

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#### Chris Snyder

#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

As required by Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 6.3 and 9.5(b),(d),(e), I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served on all other parties via the method indicated below on June 12, 2024:

Michael G. Graham Counsel for Appellee, Commission for Lawyer Discipline via email to michael.graham@texasbar.com

Christopher Snyder