



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

IN THE MATTER OF	§	
DARRELL KEITH HICKMAN	§	CAUSE NO. 55412
STATE BAR CARD NO. 09572980	§	

JUDGMENT OF FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION

On the 30th day of January 2015, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Darrell Keith Hickman, although duly cited to appear and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly made default. All questions of fact as well as 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 is of the opinion that Petitioner is entitled to entry of the following findings and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Darrell Keith Hickman, Bar Card No. is 09572980, is an attorney who is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas due to failure to comply with Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements;
- (2) On or about May 16, 2014, the Supreme Court of Louisiana entered its per curiam Order in a matter styled: *In Re: Darrell K. Hickman*, No. 2014-B-0817, that states in pertinent part as follows:

[I]t is ordered that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Darrell K. Hickman, Louisiana Bar Roll number 22797, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year. It is further ordered that this suspension shall be deferred in its entirety

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- (3) In the Joint Petition for Consent Discipline attached to the Order/Per Curiam, the Respondent acknowledged that he violated La. Rules of Prof. Conduct Rule 1.4(a) (failed to properly communicate with a client regarding the true status of her case); Rule 8.4(c) (engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit or misrepresentation); and Rule 8.4(a) (violated or attempted to violate the Rules of Professional Conduct).
- (4) Respondent, Darrell Keith Hickman, is the same person as the Darrell K. Hickman who is the subject of the Order/Per Curiam entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana.
- (5) The Order/Per Curiam of the Supreme Court of Louisiana is final.
- (6) Respondent was served with the Board's Order to Show Cause with hearing notice and the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline by a Rapides County, Louisiana, Deputy Sheriff on December 16, 2014, and the affidavit of service was filed with BODA on January 9, 2015.

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) ("TRDP");
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Darrell Keith Hickman, State Bar Card No. 09572980, is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law in Texas for a period of one year with the suspension being deferred and Respondent being placed on **PROBATION** for a period of one year beginning the date of this judgment.

We note, however, that Respondent is currently actively suspended from the practice of law in Texas for failure to comply with Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements.

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This reciprocal judgment is separate from and in addition to Respondent's administrative suspension and does not supersede, waive, or otherwise relieve Respondent from that suspension or from the obligation to comply with all State Bar of Texas and other licensing requirements.

Terms and Conditions

It is further **ORDERED** that, during the full term of probation under this Judgment, Respondent must comply with the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent must not violate any term of this judgment.
2. Respondent must not engage in Professional Misconduct as defined by TRDP 1.06(V).
3. Respondent must not be found guilty of, or plead no contest to, any state or federal criminal statutes.
4. Respondent must keep the State Bar of Texas membership department notified of current mailing, residence, and business addresses, and telephone numbers.
5. Respondent must comply with all Interest on Lawyers' Trust Account (IOLTA) requirements.
6. Respondent must promptly respond to any request for information from the Chief Disciplinary Counsel in connection with any investigation of any allegations of professional misconduct.
7. Respondent must immediately report his disciplinary judgments in Louisiana and Texas to all jurisdictions, agencies, or other entities to which he is required to report and provide proof of reporting to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.
8. Respondent must immediately update his membership records and profiles in Louisiana and Texas to reflect both disciplinary judgments and provide proof to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

This Board retains jurisdiction of this matter during the full term of probation ordered in this Judgment. If Respondent fails to comply with any term or condition of this Judgment, the

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Chief Disciplinary Counsel may file an action with this Board to revoke Respondent's probation or initiate a new disciplinary proceeding based thereon. In the event that BODA determines that Respondent has violated any term or condition of probation, it may suspend him for the full term of the suspension as originally imposed without credit for any probationary time served.

Signed this _____ day of February 2015.

CHAIR PRESIDING