



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

IN THE MATTER OF §
CHRISTOPHER A. JIONGO § **CAUSE NO. 60830**
State Bar of Texas Card No. 10667800 §

DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 9th day of October 2018, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Christopher A. Jiongo, although duly cited to appear, failed to appear and wholly made default. Respondent was personally served the Petition for Compulsory Discipline and Notice of Hearing on August 30, 2018. All matters of fact as well as all matters 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, Christopher A. Jiongo, State Bar of Texas Card Number 10667800, is licensed but is not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about September 7, 2016, Respondent was charged by Indictment with Count One – Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 (18 U.S.C. § 1343); Counts Two through Four – Wire Fraud and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 2; and Counts Five through Ten – Mail Fraud and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 and 2; in Cause No. 3-16CR-406-N, styled *United States of America v. Craig Allen Otteson (01), Jay Bruce Heimburger (02), Christopher Arnold Jiongo (03)*, in the United States

District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.

- (3) On or about April 26, 2017, a Plea Agreement was entered in Cause No. 3-16-CR-406-N, styled *United States of America v. Christopher Arnold Jiongo (03)*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.
- (4) On or about June 6, 2017, Respondent was charged by Superseding Indictment with Count One – Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 (18 U.S.C. § 1343); Counts Two through Four – Wire Fraud and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 2; and Counts Five through Nine – Mail Fraud and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1341 and 2; in Cause No. 3-16-CR-406-N, styled *United States of America v. Craig A. Otteson (01)*, *Jay Bruce Heimburger (02)*, *Christopher Arnold Jiongo (03)*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.
- (5) On or about November 21, 2017, a Judgment in a Criminal Case was entered in Cause No. 3:16-CR-00406-D(3), styled *United States of America v. Christopher Arnold Jiongo*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division wherein Respondent pled guilty to Count Two of the Indictment filed on September 7, 2016 – Wire Fraud and Aiding and Abetting, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 1343 and 2, and was committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a total term of forty-six (46) months. Upon release from imprisonment, Respondent shall be on supervised release for two (2) years. Respondent was further ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,786,565.26.
- (6) Respondent, Christopher A. Jiongo, is the same person as the Christopher Arnold Jiongo who is the subject of the Judgment described above.

Conclusions of Law. Based upon the foregoing findings of fact the Board of Disciplinary

Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

- (1) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Tex. R. Disciplinary P. 7.08(G).
- (2) Respondent, Christopher A. Jiongo, has been convicted for purposes of TRDP 8.04 of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(T). Such crime is as well a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(AA).
- (3) The conviction is final. Respondent, Christopher A. Jiongo, therefore, should be disbarred. TRDP 8.05.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Christopher A. Jiongo, State Bar of Texas Card No. 10667800, be and he is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and his license to practice law in this state be and is hereby revoked.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, Christopher A. Jiongo, is prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services 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 administrative body or holding himself out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney at law," "attorney," "counselor at law," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall immediately notify each of his current clients in writing of this disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is ORDERED to return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to clients and former clients in the Respondent's possession to the respective clients or former clients or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 within thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment by the Board, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of Respondent's disbarment and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein.

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the signing

of this judgment by the Board, notify in writing 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 has any matter pending of the terms of this judgment, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 within thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment by the Board, an affidavit stating that each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer and chief justice has received written notice of the terms of this judgment.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Christopher A. Jiongo, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar of Texas Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

It is further ORDERED that a certified copy of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file herein, along with a copy of this Judgment, be sent to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 9 day of October 2018.



CHAIR PRESIDING