



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

IN THE MATTER OF §
CHRISTOPHER ROBERTS KELLY, § **CAUSE NO. 69923**
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24047505 §

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE ON PETITION FOR RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE
AND HEARING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure (“TRDP”) Part IX, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, Petitioner, filed its Petition for Reciprocal Discipline against Christopher Roberts Kelly, Respondent, on August 23, 2024. The Petition states that on April 1, 2024, an Order Approving Resignation Pending Disciplinary Proceedings was entered by the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma in a matter styled, *State of Oklahoma ex rel. Oklahoma Bar Association, v. Christopher Roberts Kelly*, 2024 OK 22, SCBD No. 7628, in which the Court accepted Respondent’s resignation from the practice of law pending discipline. The court found that the pending allegations against Respondent, if proven, would amount to a violation of Rules 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.15 1.16(d), 8.1(b), and 8.4(b) of the Oklahoma Rules of Professional Conduct as well as Rules 1.3 and 5.2 of the Oklahoma Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings, and his oath as an attorney. A true and correct copy of the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline, which includes the Order Approving Resignation Pending Disciplinary Proceedings entered by the Supreme Court of the State of Oklahoma, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as if set forth in full.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that Respondent Christopher Roberts Kelly shall, within thirty (30) days from the date of service, show cause why the imposition of identical discipline, to the

extent practicable, in Texas by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals pursuant to Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 9.02, would be unwarranted. If Respondent is served by mail, Respondent shall show cause within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Order to Show Cause. Respondent should consult Part IX of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure regarding the failure to file an answer. Failure to file a timely answer may waive Respondent's right to raise the defenses set forth in Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 9.04 and limit the scope of the hearing to exclude presentation of any such defenses. *See* TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 9.01–04; BODA INTERNAL PROCEDURAL RULES R. 7.03.

It is further **ORDERED** that this reciprocal discipline matter is set for hearing before the Board on Friday, October 25, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Supreme Court of Texas, Austin, Texas.

SIGNED this 29th day of August 2024.

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

CHAIR PRESIDING