



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

**IN THE MATTER OF
ZACHARY SCOTT KESTER,
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24126475**

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CAUSE NO. 72180

**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 a Petition for Reciprocal Discipline against Zachary Scott Kester, Respondent, on December 1, 2025. The Petition states that on September 26, 2025, the Supreme Court of Indiana issued a Published Order Finding Misconduct and Imposing Discipline in the case styled *In the Matter of: Zachary S. Kester*, No. 24S-DI-153, in which the Court found Respondent in violation of Indiana Rules of Professional Conduct 1.5(a) (charging and collecting an unreasonable fee), 3.1 (asserting a position for where there was no non-frivolous basis in law or fact), 8.4(a) (attempting to charge or collect an unreasonable fee), and 8.4(d) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice). The Court ordered Respondent suspended from the practice of law for sixty days. A true and correct copy of the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline, which includes the Supreme Court of the State of Indiana's Order, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as if set forth in full.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that Respondent Zachary Scott Kester 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, January 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Supreme Court of Texas, Austin, Texas.

SIGNED this 4th day of December 2025.



CHAIR PRESIDING