

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	§	
<b>ROBERT CHAMLESS LANE,</b>	§	<b>CAUSE NO. 71212</b>
<b>STATE BAR CARD NO. 24046263</b>	§	

**AGREED JUDGMENT OF PROBATED SUSPENSION**

On this day the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. The Commission appeared by attorney and Respondent appeared in person and through attorney of record as indicated by their respective signatures below and announced that they agree to the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and orders set forth below solely for the purposes of this proceeding which has not been fully adjudicated. Respondent waives any and all defenses that could be asserted under Rule 9.04 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals, having reviewed the file and in consideration of the agreement of the parties, is of the opinion that the Commission is entitled to entry of the following findings, conclusions, and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Robert Chamless Lane, Bar Card No. 24046263, is an attorney licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about May 7, 2025, an Amended Order for Sanctions was entered in Case No. 4:24-MC-01424, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division, which sets forth in pertinent part:

On February 4, 2025, the Court ordered the parties to file their objections, if any, to the Court adopting the facts and analysis laid out in the Special Prosecutor's Report, the revised recommendations for sanctions in the Special Prosecutor's Reply, and the Special Prosecutor's Proposed Order by February 10, 2025. (Dkt. 24.) The Special

Prosecutor, Jennifer Hardy, filed a Statement of No Objection on February 5, 2025. (Dkt. 25.) Attorneys Robert Lane and [REDACTED] did not file any objections by the deadline.

After careful review and hearing no objection from the parties, the Court now adopts the facts, analysis, and recommendations set forth in the Special Prosecutor's Report, as amended in the Reply. (Dkts. 21, 23.) The Court issues this Order in accordance with the Agreed Order Regarding the Special Prosecutor's Report and Recommendations Regarding the Conduct of Robert Lane and [REDACTED]. (Dkt. 23, Attach. 1.)

**WHEREAS**, on September 4, 2024, the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas entered that certain *Memorandum Order* [Bankr. Docket No. 87] in the matter of *In re Red Door Management*, Case No. 24-31750 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2024), (i) finding that Mr. Lane and [REDACTED] intentionally made a false statement of material fact and law to the Bankruptcy Court; (ii) requiring disgorgement of fees; (iii) referring Mr. Lane and [REDACTED] to the Chief Judge of the Southern District of Texas for further discipline; and (iv) recommending a suspension of practice from the Southern District of Texas for a period of 90 to 180 days.

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**WHEREAS**, on November 30, 2024, the Special Prosecutor filed the *Special Prosecutor's Report and Recommendations Regarding the Conduct of Robert Lane and [REDACTED]* ("the Report") detailing the findings of her investigation and recommending certain additional sanctions as requirements for Mr. Lane's and [REDACTED] continued admittance to practice in the Southern District of Texas.

**WHEREAS**, on December 16, 2024, Mr. Lane and [REDACTED], through counsel, filed *Robert Lane's and [REDACTED] Response to the Special Prosecutor's Report* (the "Response") accepting the recommendations in the Report except those recommendations imposing additional terms of suspension of practice.

**WHEREAS**, on January 10, 2025, the Special Prosecutor filed the *Reply in Support of the Special Prosecutor's Report and Recommendations "Regarding the conduct of Robert Lane and [REDACTED]"* (the "Reply") recommending that fifty percent of the days spent suspended from appearing before Judge Norman be credited against the Special Prosecutor's recommended Southern District of Texas suspension.

**WHEREAS**, on February 11, 2025, this Court approved its original Order for Sanctions (Dkt. 26) and the parties subsequently requested that the Court approve this Amended Order for Sanctions to clarify the probated nature of the suspensions set forth in the Order for Sanctions.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED, FOUND, ADJUDGED, DECREED AND ORDERED THAT:**

1. The foregoing recitals are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The Court has reviewed the Report, including the related exhibits, the Response and the Reply.
3. The Court finds and determines that the recommendations for sanctions set forth in the Reply are reasonable and appropriate under the circumstances and adopts them to the extent set forth herein.
4. With respect to Mr. Robert Lane, it is hereby ordered that:
  - i. Mr. Lane will complete five (5) total ethics CLE credits each year for the years 2025-2027;
  - ii. Mr. Lane will cause the Lane Law Firm to make the policy changes set forth on Exhibit A;
  - iii. Mr. Lane will cause the Lane Law Firm to independently organize and sponsor a CLE on either the Bankruptcy Rules or ethical issues in Subchapter V cases once per year for the years 2025-2027 (which may be on a standalone basis or in conjunction with a conference or restructuring organization);

- iv. Mr. Lane will ensure that any filing for which his signature is affixed complies with the reasonable inquiry requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 9011; and
  - v. Mr. Lane is hereby suspended from practice in the Southern District of Texas for sixty (60) days with the suspension being fully probated. Such probated suspension is deemed to be fully satisfied and completed as of February 11, 2025.
- (3) Respondent, Robert Chamless Lane, is the same person as the Robert Lane, who is the subject of the Amended Order for Sanctions entered by the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division.
  - (4) The Amended Order for Sanctions entered by the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division, is final.
  - (5) Mr. Lane's conduct that led to the Amended Order for Sanctions entered by the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas occurred on August 20-21, 2024.
  - (6) Mr. Lane was disciplined under the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas's original Order for Sanctions of February 11, 2025. Mr. Lane notified the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the federal court's discipline on February 13, 2025.
  - (7) The underlying matter, *In re Red Door Management*, Case No. 24-31750 (Bankr. S.D. Tex. 2024), was filed with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, on or about April 19, 2024.

**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).
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical, to the extent practicable, to that imposed by the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division, is warranted in this case.
- (3) Respondent should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of sixty (60) days with the suspension being fully probated.
- (4) This Board retains jurisdiction during the full term of probation imposed

by this judgment to hear a motion to revoke probation. TEX. RULES  
DISCIPLINARY P.R. 2.22.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Robert Chamless Lane, State Bar Card No. 24046263, is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of sixty (60) days with the suspension being fully probated, beginning June 26, 2025, and extending through August 25, 2025, under the following terms and conditions.

- (1) Respondent shall not violate any of the provisions of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct or any provision of the State Bar Rules.
- (2) Respondent shall not be found guilty of, or plead no contest to, any felony involving moral turpitude or any misdemeanor involving theft, embezzlement, or fraudulent misappropriation of money or other property.
- (3) Respondent must notify both the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel and the Membership Department of the State Bar of Texas of any change in Respondent's address within thirty (30) days of the change of address.
- (4) Respondent shall not violate any of the terms or conditions of the Amended Order for Sanctions entered by the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division, on May 7, 2025.

#### **Probation Revocation**

Upon determination that Respondent has violated any term or condition of this judgment, or of the Amended Order for Sanctions entered in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Laredo Division, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel may, in addition to all other remedies available, file a motion to revoke probation pursuant to Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 2.22 with this Board and serve a copy of the motion on Respondent pursuant to Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 21a.

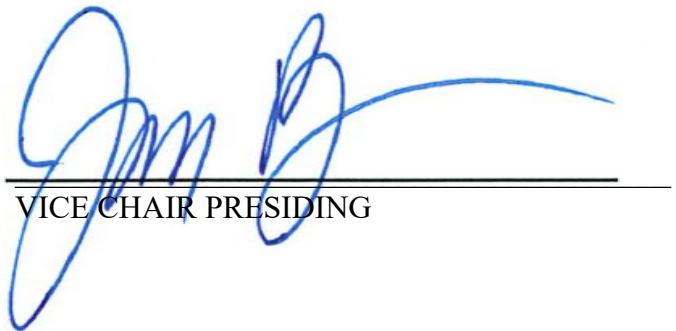
Should a motion to revoke probation be filed, this Board will conduct an evidentiary hearing to determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether Respondent has violated any

term or condition or requirement of any applicable disciplinary judgment. If this Board finds grounds for revocation, it will enter an order revoking probation and placing Respondent on active suspension from the date of such revocation order without credit for any term of probation served prior to revocation.

It is further **ORDERED** that any conduct on the part of Respondent which serves as the basis for a motion to revoke probation may also be brought as independent grounds for discipline as allowed under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Judgment of Probated Suspension shall be made a matter of public record and be published in the *Texas Bar Journal*.

Signed this 26th day of June 2025.



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VICE CHAIR PRESIDING

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:



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Respondent



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