

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS**  
**Appointed By**  
**THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

**STEPHEN T. LEAS**

**V.**

**COMMISSION FOR  
LAWYER DISCIPLINE OF THE  
STATE BAR OF TEXAS**

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**CAUSE NO. 26618**

**ORDER REVERSING SANCTION, MODIFYING JUDGMENT  
AND AFFIRMING JUDGMENT AS MODIFIED**

On October 1, 2004, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals heard the appeal by Respondent below, Stephen T. Leas, from the Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension signed by the evidentiary panel of the District 12B Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Texas on December 4, 2003, in Cause No. S2080103329. Appellee Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas was represented by the office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel. Having considered the record, briefs, and argument of counsel, the Board finds that the imposition of a sanction after remand, which increased the period of active probation from that originally imposed, was an abuse of discretion in this case. The Board therefore finds that the sanction imposed after remand should be modified and affirmed as modified.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that the sanction imposed in the judgment dated December 4, 2003, of 60 months of suspension from the practice of law with four (4) months of active suspension and 56 months probated suspension, be **MODIFIED** to conform to the original sanction of 60 months of suspension from the practice of law, with two (2) months of active suspension and 58 months of probated suspension.

It is further **ORDERED** that the attorney's fees of \$4,782.13 awarded after remand be **MODIFIED** to \$4,109.00.

The judgment as **MODIFIED** is hereby **AFFIRMED**.

It is further **ORDERED** that all periods of suspension, including active and probated, already served by Appellant Leas be credited to satisfaction of the judgment as modified.

It is further **ORDERED** that all other terms and conditions of the original judgment completed or satisfied by Appellant Leas be acknowledged and credited in satisfaction of the judgment as modified.

It is further **ORDERED** that the stay of sanction is hereby dissolved.

**SIGNED** this 27th day of October, 2004.

  
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**CHAIRMAN PRESIDING**