

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

IN THE MATTER OF
PEGGY J. LEE
\$ CAUSE NO. 48981
STATE BAR CARD NO. 12130500

JUDGMENT OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On the 27th day of January 2012, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Peggy J. Lee, although duly cited to appear, and having entered an appearance and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear at the hearing and wholly made default. All issues of fact as well as all questions 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, Peggy J. Lee, is an attorney who is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas due to being on inactive status, and whose Bar Card No. is 12130500;
- On or about August 3, 2005, a Petition for Discipline was filed in Disciplinary District IX of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee in a matter styled: IN RE: PEGGY J. LEE, BPR

- #009013, Respondent, an Attorney Licensed to Practice law in Tennessee (Shelby County), Docket No. 2005-1531-9-LC.
- On or about May 26, 2009, an Order of the Hearing Panel was filed in Disciplinary District IX of the Board of Professional Responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee in a matter styled; IN RE: PEGGY J. LEE, an Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee (Shelby County), BPR No. 009013, Docket No. 2005-1531-9-LC. The Order held that Respondent accepted money from a private client and was subsequently unable to account for those funds, in violation of Tennessee Supreme Court Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15 failure to maintain adequate trust account records.
- On or about February 16, 2011, an Order of Enforcement was entered in the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee at Nashville in a matter styled: *PEGGY J. LEE, BPR #009013 An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee (Shelby County)*, No. M2011-00331SC-BPO-BP, BOPR No. 2005-1531-9-LC, issuing a public censure to Respondent.
- (5) Respondent, Peggy J. Lee is the same person as the Peggy J. Lee who is the subject of the Order of Enforcement issued by the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee.
- (6) The Order of Enforcement issued by the Supreme Court of the State of Tennessee is final.
- (7) Respondent was personally served on December 14, 2011 with an Order to Show Cause issued by this Board and Petition for Reciprocal Discipline, and the affidavit of service has been on file since January 4, 2012.
- (8) Respondent failed to respond to the Order to Show Cause or otherwise answer or deny the allegations in the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline.

<u>Conclusions of Law</u>. 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. R. DISCIPLINARY P. 7.08(H) ("TRDP");
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Disciplinary Commission of the State of Tennessee is warranted in this case.

(3) Respondent should be publicly reprimanded.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, **AND DECREED** that Respondent, Peggy J. Lee, State Bar Card No. 12130500, is hereby **PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED** as an attorney at law in the State of Texas.

It is further **ORDERED** that the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel shall publish and report this sanction is accordance with the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and all other applicable statutes and rules.

Signed this _____ day of February 2012.

CHAIR PRESIDING