

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
BOBBY RAY MANNING  
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24063266**

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**CAUSE NO. 68196**

**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. Petitioner appeared by attorney and Respondent appeared in person 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 Petitioner is entitled to entry of the following findings, conclusions, and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Bobby Ray Manning, Bar Card No. is 24063266, is an attorney who is licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On or about June 21, 2023, an Order Per Curium was entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana styled Supreme Court of Louisiana, No. 2023-B-00616, *In Re: Bobby R. Manning*, Attorney Disciplinary Proceeding, which states in pertinent part:

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel (“ODC”) commenced an investigation into allegations that respondent mismanaged his client trust account, which resulted in the negligent commingling and conversion of funds. Prior to the filing of formal charges, respondent and the ODC submitted a joint petition for consent discipline. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Bobby R. Manning, Louisiana Bar Roll number 25452, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months. This suspension shall be deferred in its entirety, subject to a one-year period of supervised probation governed by the conditions set forth in the petition for consent discipline. The probationary period shall commence from the date respondent, the probation monitor, and the ODC execute a formal probation plan. Any failure of respondent to comply with the conditions of probation, or any misconduct during the probationary period, may be grounds for making the deferred suspension executory, or imposing additional discipline, as appropriate.

- (3) Respondent, Bobby Ray Manning, is the same person as the Bobby R. Manning, who is the subject of Order Per Curium entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana; and
- (4) The Order entered in the Supreme Court of Louisiana is final.

**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 Supreme Court of Louisiana is warranted in this case.
- (3) Respondent should be suspended for a period of one (1) year, all 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, Bobby Ray Manning, State Bar Card No. 24063266, is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year with the suspension being fully probated for one (1) year beginning August 25, 2023, and extending through August 24, 2024, 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 probation of the Order Per Curium entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana on June 21, 2023, styled Supreme Court of Louisiana, No. 2023-B-00616, *In Re: Bobby R. Manning*, Attorney Disciplinary Proceeding.

### **Probation Revocation**

Upon determination that Respondent has violated any term or condition of this judgment, or if Respondent is adjudged by a tribunal in Louisiana to have violated the terms of the disciplinary order or judgment entered in Louisiana, 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 a certified copy of the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline on file herein, along with a copy of this Judgment, be sent to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

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 25th day of August 2023.



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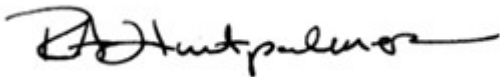
CHAIR PRESIDING

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:



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Bobby Ray Manning  
State Bar Card No. 24063266  
Respondent



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