



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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF</b>	§	
<b>R. LEONADIS MCKINNEY</b>	§	<b>CAUSE NO. 48984</b>
<b>STATE BAR CARD NO. 13723400</b>	§	

**JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT**

On the 27th day of January 2012, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner Commission for Lawyer Discipline appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, R. Leonadis McKinney, appeared by attorney and announced ready. 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, R. Leonadis McKinney, State Bar Card Number 13723400, is licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas; however, Respondent represented to this Board that he would not practice law until the date of the hearing on the merits in this cause.
- (2) On or about February 7, 2011, Robert L. ("Pete") McKinney was charged by Information with Count 1 - Conspiracy to Commit Bribery in Federally Funded Programs in Case No. 1:11CR059, styled *United States of America v. Robert L. ("Pete") McKinney*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division.
- (3) On or about February 23, 2011, McKinney signed a Plea Agreement in Case

No. 1:11CR059, styled *United States of America v. Robert L. ("Pete") McKinney*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Count 1 of the Information - Conspiracy to Commit Bribery in Federally Funded Programs and to the specific elements of the offenses contained in 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 666(a)(2).

- (4) On or about May 12, 2011, a Judgment in a Criminal Case was entered in Case No. 1:11CR00059-001, styled *United States of America v. Robert L. McKinney*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division, wherein McKinney pled guilty to Count 1 of the Information – Conspiracy to Commit Bribery in Federally Funded Programs in violation of 18 USC §§ 371 & 666. McKinney was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of four (4) months and ordered upon release from imprisonment to be on supervised release for three (3) years, ordered to pay an assessment of \$100.00 and a fine of \$250,000.00.
- (5) Respondent, R. Leonadis McKinney, is the same person as the Robert L. McKinney, who is the subject of the Judgment described above.
- (6) Respondent's criminal sentence is not fully probated.
- (7) Respondent's criminal conviction is final.

**Conclusions of Law.** Based upon the foregoing findings of fact 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(G) ("TRDP").
- (2) Respondent, R. Leonadis McKinney, having been convicted of violating 18 U.S.C. §§ 371 and 666(a)(2) has been convicted for purposes of TRDP 8.04 of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(T). Said crime is also a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(Z).
- (3) Having been convicted of an Intentional and a Serious Crime and sentenced to a term of imprisonment, the conviction being final, Respondent, R. Leonadis McKinney, should be disbarred. TRDP 8.05.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, R. Leonadis

McKinney, State Bar Card No. 13723400, be and he is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and that his license to practice law in this state be, and is hereby, revoked.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, R. Leonadis McKinney, is hereafter permanently prohibited, effective immediately, from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal service for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services not completed prior to the date of this judgment, appearing as counsel in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body, or holding himself out to others or using his name or bar card number, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney," "counselor," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, R. Leonadis McKinney, shall notify in writing, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Judgment, each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent, R. Leonadis McKinney, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his disbarment, of the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and of the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in that court. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail copies of all such notifications to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, R. Leonadis McKinney, shall immediately notify each of his current clients and opposing counsel, if any, in writing, of his disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is ORDERED to return all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties which are in his possession but which belong to current

or former clients, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within thirty (30) days after the date on which this Judgment is signed by the Board. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, within the same thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of his disbarment and that all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties belonging to clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to any client or former client, Respondent's affidavit shall state with particularity the efforts made by Respondent with respect to each particular client and the cause of his inability to return to said client any file, paper, money or other property. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail a copy of all notification letters to clients to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, R. Leonadis McKinney, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Signed this 31<sup>st</sup> day of January 2012.



**CHAIR PRESIDING**