

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

IN THE MATTER OF AARON PAUL MOLLERE, STATE BAR CARD NO. 24098122

CAUSE NO. 70216

JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

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On the 31st day of January, 2025, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Aaron Paul Mollere, although properly served with Petitioner's First Amended Petition for Reciprocal Discipline and the Board's order to show cause, failed to file an answer and failed to appear. All questions of fact and issues 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, Aaron Paul Mollere, State Bar Card Number 24098122, is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about April 9, 2024, the Supreme Court of Louisiana entered an Order Per Curium in the matter styled *In Re: Aaron P. Mollere*, No. 2024-B-00160, which states in pertinent part:

After considering the ODC's deemed admitted submission, the hearing committee adopted the deemed admitted facts as its factual

findings. Based on these facts, the committee determined respondent violated the [Louisiana] Rules of Professional Conduct as follows:

- 1. In Count I, respondent engaged in serious criminal conduct, converted substantial funds from his parents to fuel his drug use, and failed to cooperate with the ODC's investigation, in violation of Rules 8.1(b), 8.1(c), 8.4(a), and 8.4(b);
- 2. In Count II, respondent failed to provide competent representation to Mr. Johnson, neglected Mr. Johnson's legal matter, failed to reasonably communicate with Mr. Johnson, failed to refund Mr. Johnson's unearned fees or otherwise deposit into his trust account any amount reasonably in dispute, failed to protect Mr. Johnson's interests after being terminated as his counsel, and failed to cooperate with the ODC's investigation, in violation of Rules 1.1(a), 1.3, 1.4, 1.5(f)(5), 1.16(d), 3.2, 8.1(b), 8.1(c), 8.4(a), and 8.4(d); and
- 3. In Count III, respondent converted funds due to Ms. Becnel and to RPC from the settlement of Ms. Holder's matter and failed to cooperate with the ODC's investigation, in violation of Rules 1.15(a), 1.15(d), 8.1(b), 8.1(c), 8.4(a), 8.4(b), 8.4(c), and 8.4(d).

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Upon review of the findings and recommendation of the hearing committee, and considering the record, it is ordered that Aaron P. Mollere, Louisiana Bar Roll number 37232, be and he hereby is disbarred, retroactive to December 7, 2021, the date of his interim suspension. His name shall be stricken from the roll of attorneys and his license to practice law in the State of Louisiana shall be revoked.

(3) Respondent, Aaron Paul Mollere, is the same person as Aaron P. Mollere, also referred to as Autumn Hope Mollere in the Louisiana disciplinary proceedings, who is the subject of the Order described above.

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. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 7.08(H).
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical, to the extent practicable, to that imposed by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana, is warranted in this case. TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 9.03.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, and **DECREED** that Respondent, Aaron Paul Mollere, State Bar Card No. 24098122, be and hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and his license to practice law in this state be and hereby is revoked.

It is further **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, and **DECREED** that Respondent, Aaron Paul Mollere, is prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel or in any representative capacity in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any administrative body or holding himself out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney at law," "attorney," "counselor at law," or "lawyer."

It is further **ORDERED** Respondent, Aaron Paul Mollere, shall immediately notify each of his current clients in writing of this disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is **ORDERED** to return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property, which belongs to clients and former clients and is in Respondent's possession or control, to the respective clients or former clients or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Aaron Paul Mollere, shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) within thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment by the

Board, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of Respondent's disbarment and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, monies, or other property requested by 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.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Aaron Paul Mollere, shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the signing of this judgment by the Board, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer and chief justice of each and every court or tribunal in which Respondent has any matter pending of the terms of this judgment, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing.

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It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Aaron Paul Mollere, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas. It is further **ORDERED** that this Judgment of Disbarment shall be made a matter of public record and be published in the *Texas Bar Journal*.

Signed this 5th day of February 2025.

CHAIR PRESIDING

Board members Scott Fredricks, David Iglesias, and Courtney Schmitz did not participate in this decision.