

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

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

V.

**BOOKER T. MORRIS III
State Bar Card No. 14507500**

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CAUSE NO. 40934

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO REVOKE PROBATION AND ACTIVELY
SUSPENDING RESPONDENT FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

On January 18, 2008, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals considered the Motion to Revoke Probation against Respondent Booker T. Morris III filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 2.23. Movant Commission appeared through Assistant Disciplinary Counsel and announced ready. Respondent Morris, having previously answered and having been notified of the hearing date, failed to appear. On January 17, 2007, Respondent filed his statement with the Board that he did not oppose the Motion to Revoke Probation.

The Commission for Lawyer Discipline seeks to revoke Respondent's probation of an active suspension from the practice of law imposed under the Agreed Judgment of Fully Probated Suspension ("Agreed Judgment") in case numbers H0040022911, H0019919983, and H0030022640. The evidentiary panel of the District 4I grievance committee of the State Bar of Texas signed the Agreed Judgment January 20, 2006. Respondent agreed to certain terms and conditions of probation and that he would be actively suspended from the practice of law for a period of 24 months, without credit for any probationary period already served, in the event that he

failed to comply with those terms and conditions. The period of probation imposed by the agreed judgment began February 1, 2006 and ends January 31, 2008.

All issues of facts and questions of law were submitted to the Board. Having reviewed the pleadings, considered evidence and heard the argument of counsel, the Board finds that Respondent has materially violated the terms and conditions of probation and should be suspended for the full term of the probation as originally assessed without credit for any probationary period served.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that the Motion to Revoke Probation be **GRANTED**, and that Respondent Booker T. Morris, III, State Bar Card No. 14507500, be, and hereby is, actively **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law in the State of Texas for a period of 24 months effective immediately on the date this judgment is signed.

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that Respondent, Booker T. Morris III, during said suspension is hereby 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 before the date of this order, 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, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney," "counselor," or "lawyer."

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Booker T. Morris III, shall notify in writing, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent, Booker T. Morris III, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his suspension, 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, Booker T. Morris III, shall immediately notify each of his current clients, if any, in writing, of his suspension. 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 of this Order. 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 either (a) that all current clients have been notified of his suspension 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 or (b) that Respondent has no current clients, files, or papers, and that any unearned fees paid in advance or other monies or properties belonging to clients have previously been returned to the appropriate client. If Respondent is 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 copies 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, Booker T. Morris III, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor,

Office of the Chief Disciplinary, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin,
Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

All relief not expressly granted is **DENIED**.

SIGNED this 23rd day of January, 2008.

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CHAIRMAN PRESIDING