

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

## IN THE MATTER OF§GEOFFREY C. MOUSSEAU§STATE BAR CARD NO. 14606300§

## JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 29th day of April, 2022, 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, Geoffrey C. Mousseau, although duly cited to appear, failed to appear and wholly made default. All questions of fact and all 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, conclusions, and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Geoffrey C. Mousseau, State Bar Card Number 14606300, is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about December 13, 2006, a Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order was entered in Cause No. 2:04-CR-01697-GAF, styled *United States* of America v. Geoffrey C. Mousseau, in the United States District Court Central District of California, wherein Respondent was found guilty of the following offenses:

Count 8, Conspiracy to Commit Bankruptcy Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371

Counts 9 and 10, Fraudulent Concealment of Property in Bankruptcy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(1)

Count 24, False Statement in Bankruptcy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(3)

Count 25, False Oath in Bankruptcy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(2)

Count 26, Withholding Records in Bankruptcy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 152(9)

Respondent was ordered to be committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons for a term of twenty-one (21) months with the term consisting of 21 months on Counts 9, 10, 24, 25, and 26, to be served concurrent to each other, but consecutively to Count 8, a term of 21 months. Upon release from imprisonment, Respondent was ordered to be on supervised release for a term of 3 years, which consists of three years on each of Counts 8, 9, 10, 24, 25, and 26, all such terms to run concurrently. Respondent was further ordered to pay a special assessment in the amount of \$600. The Court further ordered that Respondent shall cease to engage in the practice of law, shall notify the California State Bar, the Texas State Bar, and any other licensing body in any place in which he intends to work, of his conviction, and shall not practice law in either California or Texas or engage in any licensed profession until given permission by the respective licensing authority.

(3) On or about February 7, 2007, an Amended Judgment and Probation/Commitment Order was entered in Cause No. 2:04-CR-01697-GAF, styled United States of America v. Geoffrey C. Mousseau, in the United States District Court Central District of California, wherein Respondent was found guilty of the same offenses listed above.

Respondent was ordered to be committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons for a term of twenty-one (21) months with the term consisting of 21 months on Counts 8, 9, 10, 24, 25, and 26, to be served concurrent to each other. Upon release from imprisonment, Respondent was ordered to be on supervised release for a term of 3 years, which consists of three years on each of Counts 8, 9, 10, 24, 25, and 26, all such terms to run concurrently. Respondent was further ordered to pay a special assessment in the amount of \$600. The Court further ordered that Respondent shall cease to engage in the practice of law, shall notify the California State Bar, the Texas State Bar, and any other licensing body in any place in which he intends to work, of his conviction, and shall not practice law in either California or Texas or engage in any licensed profession until given permission by the respective licensing authority.

(4) Respondent, Geoffrey C. Mousseau, is the same person as the Geoffrey C. Mousseau who is the subject of the Amended Judgment 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. R. DISCIPLINARY P. 7.08(G).
- (2) Respondent, Geoffrey C. Mousseau, having been found guilty of the offenses listed in finding (2) above, and having been convicted as described in finding (3) above, has been convicted of an Intentional Crime as defined by Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure (TRDP) 1.06(V).
- (3) Respondent has also been convicted of Serious Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(GG).
- (4) The convictions are final.
- (5) Respondent, Geoffrey C. Mousseau, therefore, should be disbarred. TEX. R. DISCIPLINARY P. 8.05.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent, Geoffrey

C. Mousseau, State Bar Card No. 14606300, 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, Geoffrey C. Mousseau, 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** that Respondent 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 belonging to clients and former clients in the 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. Respondent is further **ORDERED** to 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.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent 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. Respondent is further **ORDERED** to 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 each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer, and chief justice has received written notice of the terms of this judgment.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Geoffrey C. Mousseau, 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.

It is further **ORDERED** that a certified copy of the First Amended Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file herein, along with a copy of this Judgment, be sent to 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 Disbarment shall be made a matter of public record and be published in the *Texas Bar Journal*.

Signed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

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**CHAIR PRESIDING** 

Board members Jason Boatright and Cindy Tisdale did not participate in this decision.

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