



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

IN THE MATTER OF
IKECHUKWO NWEZE
State Bar of Texas No. 00792725

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CAUSE NO. 58338

ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE, RESETTING HEARING
AND SUSPENDING RESPONDENT FROM
THE PRACTICE OF LAW

On this day the Board of Disciplinary Appeals considered Respondent's [Second] Motion for Continuance Due to the Unavailability of a Necessary and Indispensable Witness to be Present at the Hearing as Currently Scheduled, the Petitioner's Response from the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, and Respondent's reply. Because Respondent Nweze agrees to surrender his law license and be suspended from the practice of law pending a reset of the hearing on the merits until April 28, 2017, the Board finds that the continuance should be granted.

Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that Respondent's Motion for Continuance Due to the Unavailability of a Necessary and Indispensable Witness and to be Present at the Hearing as Currently Scheduled be, and hereby is, **GRANTED**.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent must physically surrender his Texas law license to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, within 7 days of the date of this Order.

It is further **ORDERED** that this case is reset for hearing on the merits before the Board at **9 am Friday, April 28, 2017** in the courtroom of the Supreme Court of Texas, Austin.

It is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Ikechukwu Nweze,

State Bar Card No. 00792725, is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law in the State of Texas effective immediately upon entry of this order and continuing hereafter until further order of this Board.

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that Respondent, Ikechukwu Nweze, 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, 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, Ikechukwu Nweze, shall notify in writing, no later than ten (10) 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, Ikechukwu Nweze, 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. 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 ten (10) days, an affidavit stating wither (a) that each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent, Ikechukwu Nweze, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his suspension, has been notified or (b) that Respondent has no legal matters pending in any court.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Ikechukwu Nweze, shall immediately notify each of his current clients and opposing counsel, 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 with active cases pending, if any, to those respective clients or former clients with active cases pending 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 with active cases pending 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 with active cases pending, 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 the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 24 day of January 2017.



CHAIR PRESIDING