



BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

Appointed By

THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

ROBERT AARON MARKLE

State Bar of Texas Card No. 24098037

v.

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

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CAUSE Nos. 63671, 63672, 63673, 63674

ORDER REINSTATING APPEALS

On this day came to be heard the Board of Disciplinary Appeals' own motion to withdraw its order issued June 4, 2020, and reinstate the above-referenced appeals filed by Robert Aaron Markle, Appellant. As recited in that order, the Appellant filed notices of appeal with the Board on October 31, 2019, but failed to timely file reporter's records or briefs. The Appellant did not request an extension of time to file either the reporter's records or briefs. An order to show cause was issued on March 4, 2020, giving the Appellant thirty (30) days to show cause why the appeal should not be dismissed for want of prosecution. In the following ninety (90) days, the Appellant did not respond.

On June 4, 2020, the Board ordered issued an order dismissing the appeals for want of prosecution, with prejudice to refile. The Appellant filed a notice of appeal on June 19, 2020, in the Supreme Court of Texas.

In its Seventeenth Emergency Order Regarding the COVID-19 State of Disaster, the Supreme Court of Texas ordered that in attorney professional disciplinary proceedings, "[a]ll deadlines, whether prescribed by statute, rule, or order, that expired or would have expired between March 13, 2020, and July 1, 2020, are extended until August 15, 2020."

In accordance with the Seventeenth Emergency Order, and in light of the notice of appeal filed in the Supreme Court of Texas on June 19, 2020, the Board concludes, on its own motion, that the June 4, 2020 order dismissing the Appellant's appeals for want of prosecution should be withdrawn.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the June 4, 2020 order dismissing the above-referenced appeals is hereby **WITHDRAWN**, the appeals are reinstated on the Board of Disciplinary Appeals' active docket, and the Appellant's deadline to show cause why the appeals should not be dismissed for want of prosecution is extended to August 15, 2020.

SIGNED this 1st day of July 2020.

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CHAIR PRESIDING