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THE BOARD of DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
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CAUSE NO. 65569

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

IN THE MATTER OF
DEANNA JEFFERSON-SMITH
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24046152

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RESPONDENT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER
AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

TO THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS:

NOW COMES Respondent, Deanna Jefferson Smith, named Respondent in the above-entitled and numbered cause, and files this Original Answer, and shows the Court:

PARTY IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

The last three numbers of Respondent's social security number are 597.

GENERAL DENIAL

Respondent denies each and every allegation of Commissioner for Lawyer Discipline, and demands strict proof thereof as required by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION

Respondent would like to request an extension at this time due to mental health challenges that Respondent is experiencing from traumatic losses.

AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

Respondent has already been punished by the State Bar for the underlying allegation of the Misdemeanor Count One Theft in Connection with Health Care which Respondent is currently on probation through the Federal Court's Program. Respondent was publicly reprimanded instead of privately reprimanded and the State Bar of Texas had knowledge and used the same offense during her 1 yr probation with the SBOT on same said state bar number. Moreover, the complainant that the SBOT used in the grievance process in 2016-2017 was the co conspirator in the Federal Indictment and plead guilty to Felony Fraud of Health Insurance. All of her punishments arose from the same cause of action that the SBOT knew or should've known about in 2016 and used the Health Insurance issue to execute a public reprimand and now requesting a disbar for the exact same cause of action.

PRAYER

Respondent prays the Court, after notice and hearing or trial, enters judgment in favor of Respondent, awards Respondent the costs of court, attorney's fees, and such other and further relief as Respondent may be entitled to in law or in equity.

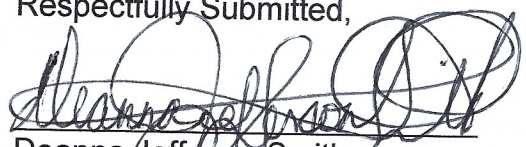
Respondent prays for the affirmative defense be applied and granted.

Respondent prays for an extension in the matter.

Respondent prays that Petitioner's relief is denied.

Respondent prays for further relief to which Respondent may be entitled to receive.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deanna Jefferson Smith", written over a horizontal line.

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