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

IN THE MATTER OF

GINA DAWN PATTERSON

STATE BAR CARD NO. 24013301

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CAUSE NO. 50977

AGREED ORDER OF INDEFINITE DISABILITY SUSPENSION

The Chief Disciplinary Counsel (hereinafter referred to as "CDC"), upon investigation of case number H0121134295, reasonably believes that GINA DAWN PATTERSON (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent") is suffering from a Disability and has been authorized by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline to enter into this Agreed Order of Indefinite Disability Suspension.

There is currently one disciplinary complaint pending against the Respondent. The allegations are summarized as follows:

Case No. H0121134295 - Daniel J. Schacht

Gina Dawn Patterson ("Respondent") was hired in July of 2011 to represent Daniel J. Schacht ("Complainant") in the probate of his father's estate. Complainant paid Respondent \$2,000.00 for the representation.

In October 2011, Complainant states that Respondent informed him by telephone that she was in a hospital after suffering seizures, but she would contact him in a week or so when she returned home. This was their last conversation; Complainant thereafter was unable to communicate with Respondent. Telephone calls and emails to Respondent went unanswered.

The foregoing facts allege violations of Rule 1.03(a) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

Respondent has submitted an Affidavit (attached hereto as Exhibit "A") in which she specifically waives the following rights: (1) the right to be separately noticed of a

hearing before a District Disability Committee; (2) the right to any disability hearing resulting therefrom; (3) the right to have the Board of Disciplinary Appeals review the record of the CDC; and (4) the right to have a District Disability Committee appointed as provided in Rule 12.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and the right to have counsel appointed. Respondent also stipulated that she suffers from a Disability as defined in Rule 1.06(l) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and requested that the Board of Disciplinary Appeals enter an order of indefinite disability suspension from the practice of law.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Respondent Gina Dawn Patterson be indefinitely suspended from the practice of law.

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that Respondent Gina Dawn Patterson, during said suspension, is hereby enjoined from practicing law in Texas, holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services, appearing as counsel in any representative capacity in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body, or holding herself out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney at law," "counselor at law," or "lawyer."

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent Gina Dawn Patterson shall immediately notify each of her current clients in writing of this suspension. In addition to such notification, the Respondent is **ORDERED** to return all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to her current clients (or to another attorney at the client's request) within thirty (30) days of the signing of this Order. Respondent Gina Dawn Patterson is **ORDERED** to file within the same thirty (30) days 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) an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of the Respondent's suspension, and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to each current client have been returned as ordered herein, and showing in the case where it was not possible to notify clients or return their property that due diligence was used to do so.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent Gina Dawn Patterson shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent has any matter pending of the terms of this suspension, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and 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 State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this Order.

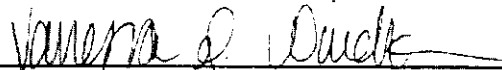
The Board of Disciplinary Appeals notes that Respondent has provided an affidavit stating that she cannot locate her Texas law license or her Texas bar card. Respondent shall immediately surrender her Texas law license and Texas bar card to the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) should she locate them in the future.

Signed this 28th day of August, 2012.



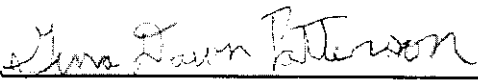
CHAIR PRESIDING

AGREED AS TO BOTH FORM
AND SUBSTANCE:



VANESSA G. WINDHAM
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel
State Bar No. 24050651

DATE: August 20, 2012



GINA DAWN PATTERSON
Respondent Pro Se
State Bar No. 24013301

DATE: _____

AFFIDAVIT OF GINA DAWN PATTERSON

On this 16th day of August, 2012, personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Gina Dawn Patterson, who after being duly sworn, did state upon her oath:

"I, Gina Dawn Patterson, am over the age of eighteen years and am competent to make this Affidavit in all respects, and am personally acquainted with the facts herein stated:

It is my understanding that the Chief Disciplinary Counsel is willing to stipulate that I am suffering from a Disability as defined in Rule 1.06(I) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. I hereby stipulate to same.

I hereby waive the right to be separately noticed of a disability complaint by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, and I waive the right to any hearing resulting therefrom. I further waive the right to have the Board of Disciplinary Appeals review the record of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel regarding the disability from which I suffer, and waive the right to the appointment of a District Disability Committee as provided in Rule 12.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. I further waive the right to have counsel appointed to represent me in this matter.

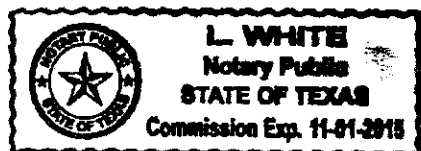
I swear or affirm that I am suffering from a Disability as defined in Rule 1.06(I) of the Texas Rules of Disability Procedure and request that the Board of Disciplinary Appeals enter an Order of indefinite disability suspension from the practice of law.

I swear or affirm that I currently am handling no pending cases, so there is no need for the State Bar of Texas to file a Motion for the Assumption of Jurisdiction of my files.

I acknowledge the above to be true and correct."

Gina Dawn Patterson
Gina Dawn Patterson, Affiant

16th SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this day of August, 2012.



L. White
Notary Public for and in the State of Texas

