



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

IN THE MATTER OF §  
JUAN R. RODRIGUEZ § CAUSE NO. 61642  
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24055914 §

**JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION**

On the 12th day of April 2019, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent Juan R. Rodriguez appeared by attorney and announced ready. All questions of fact as well as 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 and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Juan R. Rodriguez, State Bar Card Number 24055914, is licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about May 29, 2018, Respondent was charged by Information/Complaint with Theft of Property  $\geq \$100 < \$750$ , in Cause No. 234991M, styled *The State of Texas v. Juan Rodriguez*, in the County Court at Law No. 1 of Brazoria County, Texas.
- (3) On or about November 28, 2018, an order Deferring Adjudication was entered in Cause No. 234991, styled *The State of Texas v. Juan Rodriguez*,

in the County Court at Law No. 1 of Brazoria County, Texas, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Theft of Property > = \$100 < \$750, and was placed on Community Supervision for a term of twelve (12) months. Respondent was further ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$682.23 and a fine of \$400.00.

- (4) On or about November 28, 2018, a Plea Packet was entered in Cause No. 234991, styled *The State of Texas v. Juan Rodriguez*, in the County Court at Law No. 1 of Brazoria County, Texas.
- (5) Respondent, Juan R. Rodriguez, is the same person as the Juan Rodriguez who is the subject of the criminal case and Order described above.
- (6) Respondent's criminal sentence is fully probated.

**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) ("TRDP").
- (2) Respondent, Juan R. Rodriguez, has been convicted for purposes of TRDP 8.04 of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(V) and a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(GG).
- (3) The conviction is final.
- (4) Respondent, Juan R. Rodriguez, should be suspended for the term of his criminal sentence. TRDP 8.06.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Juan R. Rodriguez, State Bar Card No. 24055914, be and he is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and his license to practice law in this state be and is hereby revoked, effective the date of this judgment and continuing until November 27, 2019.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, Juan R. Rodriguez, 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 Respondent shall immediately notify each of his current clients in writing of this suspension. 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 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, Statewide Compliance Monitor, 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.

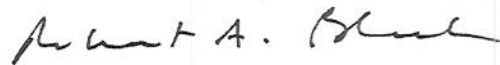
It is further ORDERED Respondent shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the signing of this judgment by the Board, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer and chief justice of each and every court or tribunal in which Respondent has 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, Statewide Compliance Monitor, 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, Juan R. Rodriguez, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, 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 the suspension is conditioned on Respondent successfully completing the deferred adjudication. The Board retains jurisdiction of this case during the period of deferred adjudication pursuant to TRDP 8.06. If Respondent fails to complete the deferred adjudication in his criminal case and the court adjudicates guilt, Petitioner may move the Board to enter sanction pursuant to Part VIII TRDP.

It is further ORDERED that a certified copy of the 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.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2019.



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CHAIR PRESIDING