

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
RICHARD D. SCHELL**
TEXAS BAR NO. 17736780

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CAUSE NO. 69300

AGREED JUDGMENT OF INDEFINITE DISABILITY SUSPENSION

The Chief Disciplinary Counsel, upon investigation of a disciplinary complaint, reasonably believes that RICHARD D. SCHELL ("Respondent"), Texas Bar Number 17736780, is suffering from a Disability and has been authorized by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline to enter into this Agreed Judgment of Disability Suspension.

Respondent has agreed and entered into this Agreed Judgment of Disability Suspension, as evidenced by his signature hereto and the signature of his counsel, and has further executed a Stipulation and Waiver which affirms that he is suffering from a Disability as defined by Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 1.06(I) and affirmatively waives his rights to the appointment of a District Disability Committee and his right to a hearing before that Committee.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, pursuant to TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE Part XII, that Respondent RICHARD D. SCHELL is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law in the State of Texas immediately as of the date of this judgment and continuing thereafter until reinstated by this Board or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that during said suspension, Respondent RICHARD D. SCHELL is hereby prohibited 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 not completed before the date of this

judgment, appearing as counsel or in any representative capacity 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, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that within forty-five (45) days from the date of this Judgment, Respondent RICHARD D. SCHELL shall 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 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 FURTHER 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall immediately notify in writing each of his current clients, if any, of his suspension. In addition to such notification, Respondent is FURTHER 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, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within forty-five (45) days after the date on which this Judgment is signed by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent, RICHARD D. SCHELL, shall 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 forty-five (45) days, an affidavit stating 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 have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to any client or former client, 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 FURTHER ORDERED to mail copies of all notification letters to clients to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.


Signed this 22nd day of July, 2024.



KELLI HINSON, Chair

AGREED AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

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Texas Bar No. 17736780
RESPONDENT


STEPHANIE STROLLE
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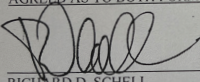
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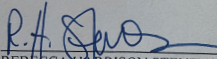
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