



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

IN THE MATTER OF §
MICHAEL STEPHEN SEPCICH § CAUSE NO. 57696
State Bar of Texas Card No. 24056843 §

DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 29th day of July 2016, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, although duly cited to appear, failed to appear. All matters of fact as well as all matters 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, Michael Stephen Sepcich, State Bar of Texas Card Number 24056843, is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about May 22, 2015, an Order Per Curium, was entered by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana in a matter styled: *In Re: Michael Stephen Sepcich*, Case No. 2015-B-0709, which states in pertinent part as follows:

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Michael S. Sepcich, Louisiana Bar Roll number 24877, be and he hereby is disbarred, retroactive to July 9, 2010, the date of his interim suspension. His name shall be stricken from the roll of attorneys and his license to practice law in the State of Louisiana shall be revoked.

- (3) On or about April 12, 2015, a Joint Motion for Consent Discipline

Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, §20 was filed, which states in pertinent part: Respondent conditionally admits:

The Respondent is currently the subject of formal charges...which allege that Respondent submitted false billing for work not performed in connection with his representation of clients.

The Respondent conditionally admits his violation of Rule 8.4(c) in exchange for a stated form of discipline, to wit: disbarment.

- (4) Respondent, Michael Stephen Sepcich, is the same person as the Michael S. Sepcich who is the subject of the Order described above.

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. TRDP Rule 7.08(H).
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by Supreme Court of Louisiana is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Michael Stephen Sepcich, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24056843, be and he is hereby **DISBARRED** from the practice of law in the State of Texas and his license to practice law in this state be and is hereby revoked.

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that Respondent, Michael Stephen Sepcich, 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 disbarment. 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, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) within 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 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, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) within 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, Michael Stephen Sepcich, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

It is further **ORDERED** that a certified copy of the Petition for Reciprocal 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 1 day of August 2016.



CHAIR PRESIDING