



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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
JAMES S. SHARPE,  
STATE BAR CARD NO. 18123000**

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**CAUSE NO. 72181**

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE ON  
PETITION FOR RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE  
AND HEARING NOTICE**

Pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure (TRDP) Part IX, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, Petitioner, filed a Petition for Reciprocal Discipline against James S. Sharpe, Respondent, on December 1, 2025.

The Petition states that Respondent was subject to a series of disciplinary orders in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, including an order dated August 18, 2025, in Case No. 4:20-cv-00776-P, styled *Weslease 2018 Operating, LP v. Innovative Sand Solutions, LLC, et al.*, in which the court ordered Respondent suspended indefinitely from practice before the court.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that Respondent James S. Sharpe shall, within thirty (30) days from the date of service, show cause why the imposition of identical discipline, to the extent practicable, in Texas by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals pursuant to Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 9.02, would be unwarranted. If Respondent is served by mail, Respondent shall show cause within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Order to Show Cause. Respondent should consult Part IX of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure regarding the failure to file an answer. Failure to file a timely answer may waive Respondent's right to raise the defenses set forth in Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 9.04 and limit the scope of the hearing to exclude

presentation of any such defenses. *See* TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 9.01–04; BODA INTERNAL PROCEDURAL RULES R. 7.03.

It is further **ORDERED** that this reciprocal discipline matter is set for hearing before the Board on Friday, January 30, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Supreme Court of Texas, Austin, Texas.

SIGNED this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December 2025.



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**CHAIR PRESIDING**