

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

**IN THE MATTER OF §
DAVID ROBERT STEINMAN §
STATE BAR CARD NO. 00791727 §**

CAUSE NO. 65234

AGREED JUDGMENT OF PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION

On this day, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner appeared by attorney and Respondent appeared in person as indicated by their respective signatures below and announced that they agree to the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and orders set forth below solely for the purposes of this proceeding which has not been fully adjudicated. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals, having reviewed the file and in consideration of the agreement of the parties, 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, David Robert Steinman, Bar Card No. is 00791727, is an attorney who is licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On or about June 11, 2018, a Complaint was entered in the Supreme Court, State of Colorado, Original Proceeding in Discipline Before the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, in a matter styled: *Complainant: The People of the State of Colorado, Respondent: David R. Steinman, #39853*, in Cause No. 18PDJ038.
- (3) On or about January 11, 2019, an Opinion and Decision Imposing Sanctions Under C.R.C.P. 251.19(b), was entered in the Supreme Court, State of Colorado, Original Proceeding in Discipline Before the Office of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, in a matter styled: *Complainant: The People of the State of Colorado, Respondent: David R. Steinman, #39853*, Case No. 18PDJ038, that states in pertinent part as follows:

. . . The Hearing Board therefore ORDERS:

David R. Steinman, attorney registration number 39853, will be SUSPENDED FOR SIX MONTHS, WITH THREE MONTHS TO BE SERVED AND THREE MONTHS TO BE STAYED upon completion of a ONE-YEAR PERIOD OF PROBATION. The suspension will take effect upon issuance of an “Order and Notice of Suspension.”

Respondent SHALL promptly comply with C.R.C.P. 251.28(a)-(c), concerning winding up of affairs, notice to parties in pending matters, and notice to parties in litigation.

- (4) The Opinion and Decision Imposing Sanctions Under C.R.C.P. 251.19(b), issued by the Hearing Board, states in pertinent part:

As a deputy district attorney, Respondent made knowing misrepresentations to his supervisors and to another lawyer on multiple occasions. He violated his duty to exercise honesty and candor, undermining the integrity of the legal profession and the district attorney’s office. His misconduct warrants a six-month suspension, with three-months to be served and three months to be stayed upon successful completion of a one-year period of probation, with conditions.

- (5) Respondent was suspended from the practice of law for a period of six months, with three months to be served and three months to be stayed upon completion of a one-year period of probation. Through his conduct, Steinman violated Colo. RPC 8.4 (c) (dishonesty).
- (6) Respondent, David Robert Steinman, is the same person as the David R. Steinman, who is the subject of the Opinion and Decision Imposing Sanctions Under C.R.C.P. 251.19(b) entered in the Supreme Court, State of Colorado; and
- (7) The Opinion and Decision Imposing Sanctions Under C.R.C.P. 251.19(b) filed before Supreme Court, State of Colorado is final.

Conclusions of Law. Based upon the foregoing findings of facts the Board of

Disciplinary Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

- (1) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Rule 7.08(H), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure;
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court, State of Colorado, is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent, David Robert Steinman, State Bar Card No. 00791727, is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of three (3) months beginning March 10, 2021, and ending June 9, 2021, followed by a twelve (12) month period of probated suspension beginning on June 10, 2021, and ending on June 9, 2022.

Terms of Active Suspension

It is further ORDERED that during the term of active suspension ordered herein, or that may be imposed upon Respondent by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals as a result of a probation revocation proceeding, Respondent shall be 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 or Federal 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 that, within thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment, Respondent shall notify each of Respondent's current clients and opposing counsel in writing of this suspension.

In addition to such notification, it is further ORDERED Respondent shall return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to current clients in Respondent's possession to the respective clients or to another attorney at the client's request.

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall 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 thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment, an affidavit stating all

current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of Respondent's suspension and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all current clients have been returned as ordered herein.

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall, within thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment, 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.

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall 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 thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment, an affidavit stating Respondent has notified 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 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 in Court.

It is further ORDERED that, within thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment, Respondent shall surrender his law license and permanent State 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), to be forwarded to the Supreme Court of Texas.

Terms of Probation

It is further ORDERED that during all periods of suspension, Respondent shall be under the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent shall not violate any term of this judgment.

2. Respondent shall not engage in professional misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06(W) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.
3. Respondent shall not violate any state or federal criminal statutes.
4. Respondent shall keep State Bar of Texas membership department notified of current mailing, residence and business addresses and telephone numbers.
5. Respondent shall comply with Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements.
6. Respondent shall comply with Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) requirements.
7. Respondent shall promptly respond to any request for information from the Chief Disciplinary Counsel in connection with any investigation of any allegations of professional misconduct.

Probation Revocation

Upon determination that Respondent has violated any term or condition of this judgment or of the disciplinary order or judgment entered in Colorado, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel may, in addition to all other remedies available, file a motion to revoke probation pursuant to TRDP 2.23 with this Board and serve a copy of the motion on Respondent pursuant to Tex.R.Civ.P. 21a.

This Board will conduct an evidentiary hearing to determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether Respondent has materially violated any term or condition or requirement of any applicable disciplinary judgment. If this Board finds grounds for revocation, it will enter an order revoking probation and placing Respondent an active suspension from the date of such revocation order without credit for any term of probation served prior to revocation.

It is further ORDERED that any conduct on the part of Respondent which serves as the basis for a motion to revoke probation may also be brought as independent grounds for discipline as allowed under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

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 Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

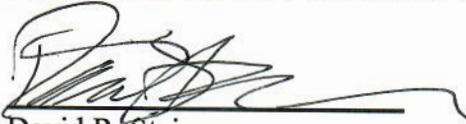
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Judgment of Suspension shall be made a matter of public record and be published in the Texas Bar Journal.

Signed this 10th day of March 2021.

Tom G'363

CHAIR PRESIDING
BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:



David R. Steinman
State Bar Card No. 00791727
Respondent



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