

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

In the matter of
KENNETH G. TORRENCE
State Bar Card No.: 20142400

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Docket No. 00763

FINAL JUDGEMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 27th day of February, 1993, the above styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals sitting en banc. Petitioner appeared and announced ready. Respondent appeared in person and through counsel and announced ready. 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 by majority vote of a quorum of its members, is of the opinion that Petitioner is entitled to judgement.

Findings of Fact. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals makes the following Findings of Facts: that (1) Respondent, KENNETH G. TORRENCE, is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and a member of the State Bar of Texas whose permanent State Bar Card number is 20142400; (2) On or about July 10, 1992, the 262nd District Court of Harris County, Texas, entered its judgement in cause number 624328, placing Respondent, KENNETH G. TORRENCE, on probation for the offense of engaging in organized criminal activity - theft, a first degree felony; (3) As a part of the judgement in the judgement described above, Respondent, KENNETH G. TORRENCE was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years

without adjudication of guilt and ordered to pay a fine of \$500.00, restitution to Allstate Insurance Company in the amount of \$5,500.00, and court cost of \$44.50; (4) Respondent, KENNETH G. TORRENCE, is the same person who is subject to the judgement described above; (5) No appeal has been taken from the judgement.

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. Rule 7.08 (G), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. (2) Respondent has been placed on probation for an intentional crime as defined by Rule 1.06 (O), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, (3) Respondent should be disbarred.

It is, accordingly ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the Respondent, KENNETH G. TORRENCE (State Bar Card No. 20142400), 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 is hereby revoked.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Respondent, KENNETH G. TORRENCE, is hereafter permanently 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 Texas administrative body, or holding himself out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney", "attorney at law", "counselor at law", or "lawyer".

It is FURTHER ORDERED that the Respondent immediately notify each of his current clients in writing of this disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is ORDERED

to return all files, papers, monies, including unearned fees, and other property belonging to clients and former clients in the Respondent's possession to the respective clients or former clients in the Respondent's possession to the respective clients or former clients or another attorney at the client's for former client's request. Said Respondent is **ORDERED** to file with this Board on or before the expiration of thirty days from the date of this Judgement, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of the Respondent's disbarment and that all files, papers, monies, including unearned fees, and other property belonging to clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED**, that on or before the expiration of thirty days from the date of this Judgement, Respondent shall notify in writing each and every court in which the Respondent has any matter pending of the terms of this Judgement, the style and cause number of the pending matters in which the Respondent appears as an attorney, together with the name, address and telephone number of the client the Respondent is representing that court.

It is **FURTHER ORDERED** that a certified copy of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file herein, along with a copy of this judgement be forwarded to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas, Supreme Court Building, Austin, Texas 78711, and to the General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 18th day of March, 1993.



THOMAS H. WATKINS, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

