



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

IN THE MATTER OF §
ROBERT GLEN VERNON, JR., § **CAUSE NO. 56271**
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24010756 §

DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 24th day of July 2015, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Robert Glen Vernon, Jr., although duly cited to answer and appear and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly made default. All issues of fact as well as all questions 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, Robert Glen Vernon, Jr., State Bar Card Number 24010756, is licensed to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas but not currently authorized to practice due to being administratively suspended.
- (2) On or about November 13, 2013, Respondent, was charged by Indictment with Insurance Fraud \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000 in violation of Texas Penal Code § 35.02, Case No. 2-13-574, styled *The State of Texas v. Robert Glenn Vernon*, by the Grand Jury for the 439th Judicial District Court of Rockwall County, Texas.

- (3) On or about April 6, 2015, a Plea Bargain Agreement was entered in Case No. 2-13-574, styled *The State of Texas v. Robert Vernon*, in the 439th Judicial District Court in and for Rockwall County, Texas, wherein Respondent pled guilty to the charges.
- (4) On or about April 6, 2015, an Order of Deferred Adjudication was entered in Case No. 2-13-574, styled *The State of Texas v. Robert Glenn Vernon*, in the 439th Judicial District Court in and for Rockwall County, Texas, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Insurance Fraud $\geq \$20K < \$100K$ in violation of Texas Penal Code § 35.02, a Third Degree Felony, and was placed on Community Supervision for 7 years and ordered to pay a \$2000 fine and \$239 in court costs.
- (5) Respondent, Robert Glen Vernon, Jr., is the same person as the Robert Glenn [sic] Vernon who is the subject of the Order of Deferred Adjudication described above.
- (6) Respondent was served with a copy of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline and Hearing Notice on June 11, 2015 by a duly authorized private process server, and the return of service has been on file with the Board of Disciplinary Appeals since July 1, 2015.
- (7) The criminal conviction is final.

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. Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 7.08(G) (“TRDP”).
- (2) Respondent, Robert Glen Vernon, Jr., has been convicted for purposes of TRDP 8.04 of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(T), as well as a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(Z).
- (3) Respondent, Robert Glen Vernon, Jr. should be disbarred. TRDP 8.05.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Robert Glen Vernon, Jr., State Bar Card No. 24010756 , 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 **DECREEED** that Respondent 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 not completed before the date of this judgment, appearing as counsel 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** that Respondent, Robert Glen Vernon, Jr., 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 thirty (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** that Respondent, Robert Glen Vernon, Jr., shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the date 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. 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 thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, 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, Robert Glen Vernon, Jr., immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

SIGNED this 28 day of July 2015.



VICE CHAIR PRESIDING