

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

IN THE MATTER OF §
ALEX JAMES WASHINGTON, JR., § **CAUSE NO. 64776**
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24107554 §

AGREED JUDGMENT OF 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, Alex James Washington, Jr., Bar Card No. is 24107554, is an attorney who is licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On or about July 2, 2020, an Attorney Disciplinary Proceeding opinion was entered by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana in a case styled: In Re: Alex Washington, Jr. Attorney Disciplinary Proceeding, in Case No. 2020-B-0577, which states in pertinent part:

The Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") commenced an investigation into allegations that respondent mishandled his client trust account and failed to supervise a non-lawyer employee. Prior to the filing of formal charges, respondent and the ODC submitted a joint petition for consent discipline in which respondent admitted that his conduct violated Rules 1.15(a)(f) and 5.3 of the Rules of Professional Conduct. Having reviewed the petition,

IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Alex Washington, Jr., Louisiana Bar Roll number 26545, be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year and one day. This

suspension shall be deferred in its entirety, subject to respondent's successful completion of a two-year period of probation governed by the conditions set forth in the petition for consent discipline. The probationary period shall commence from the date respondent and the ODC execute a formal probation plan. Any failure of respondent to comply with the conditions of probation, or any misconduct during the probationary period, may be grounds for making the deferred suspension executory, or imposing additional discipline, as appropriate.

- (3) Respondent, Alex James Washington, Jr., is the same person as the Alex Washington, Jr., who is the subject of the Attorney Disciplinary Proceeding entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana; and
- (8) The Order filed with the Supreme Court of Louisiana 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. Tex. R. Disciplinary P. 7.08(H) ("TRDP"):
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical, to the extent practicable, to that imposed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana is warranted in this case. TRDP 9.03.
- (3) Respondent should be suspended from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years with the suspension being fully probated.
- (4) This Board retains jurisdiction during the full term of probation imposed by this judgment to hear a motion to revoke probation.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Alex James Washington, Jr., State Bar Card No. 24107554, is hereby suspended from the practice of law for a period of two (2) years with the suspension being fully probated beginning 10/2/2020, and ending 10/1/2022, under the following terms and conditions:

- (1) Respondent shall not violate any of the provisions of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct or any provision of the State Bar Rules.
- (2) Respondent shall not be found guilty of, or plead no contest to, any felony involving moral turpitude or any misdemeanor involving theft, embezzlement, or fraudulent misappropriation of money or other property.

- (3) Respondent must notify both the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel and the Membership Department of the State Bar of Texas of any change in Respondent's address within thirty (30) days of the change of address.
- (4) Respondent shall not violate any of the terms or conditions of probation imposed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana on July 2, 2020, in the matter styled: *In Re: Alex Washington, Jr. Attorney Disciplinary Proceeding*, Case No. 2020-B-0577.
- (5) Respondent shall timely comply with all requirements of the Probated Agreement entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana *In Re: Alex Washington, Jr. Attorney Disciplinary Proceeding*, Case No. 2020-B-0577

Probation Revocation

Upon determination that Respondent has violated any term or condition of this judgment or of the disciplinary order or judgment entered in the Supreme Court of Louisiana, 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 on 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 the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

It is, FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Alex James Washington, Jr., State Bar Card No. 24107554, is hereby SUSPENDED with the suspension being fully probated.

Signed this 2nd day of October 2020.

Tom G'lez

CHAIR PRESIDING
BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

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