

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

IN THE MATTER OF \$ SHERRI LEN WASHINGTON \$ CAUSE NO. 70708 STATE BAR CARD NO. 24049862 \$

## JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 25th day of April, 2025, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. The Commission for Lawyer Discipline, Petitioner, appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Sherri Len Washington, although duly noticed, failed to appear. All questions of fact and issues 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 makes the following findings, conclusions, and orders:

## Findings of Fact. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals finds that:

- (1) Respondent, Sherri Len Washington, Bar Card Number 24049862, is licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- On June 22, 2022, the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia entered an Order Per Curium in the matter styled *S22Y0803*, *In the Matter of Sherri Len Washington*. In that order, the court concluded that Respondent violated Rules 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 1.16, 3.2, 8.4(a)(4), and 9.3 of the Georgia Rules of Professional Conduct and imposed the sanction of disbarment, stating:

Having considered the entire record, we agree that

disbarment is the appropriate sanction in this matter and is consistent with the discipline imposed in similar circumstances. (internal citations omitted.) Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that the name Sherri Len Washington be removed from the rolls of persons authorized to practice law in the State of Georgia. Washington is reminded of her duties pursuant to Bar Rule 4-219(b).

- (3) On or about October 31, 2024, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals issued an Order Per Curium in, Case No. 24-BG-0783, DDN: 2024-D058, styled *In re Sherri L. Washington*, imposing disbarment as reciprocal discipline, with reinstatement conditioned upon her reinstatement in Georgia.
- (4) Respondent failed to file an answer, respond to the Board's order to show cause, or raise defenses under Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 9.04.
- (5) Respondent, Sherri Len Washington, is the same person as Sherri Len Washington who is the subject of the orders described above.

**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. TEX. R. DISCIPLINARY P. R. 7.08(H).
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical, to the extent practicable, to that imposed by the Supreme Court of the State of Georgia, shall be ordered in this case. Tex. R. Disciplinary P. R. 9.03 ("If the attorney fails to file . . . her answer with the Board . . . within the thirty-day period provided by Rule 9.02, the Board . . . shall enter a judgment imposing discipline identical, to the extent practicable, with that imposed in the other jurisdiction.").

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, and **DECREED** that Respondent, Sherri Len Washington, State Bar Card No. 24049862, be and he is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and her license to practice law in this state be and is hereby revoked.

It is further **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, and **DECREED** that Respondent, Sherri Len Washington, is prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding herself 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 administrative body or holding herself out to others or using her name, in any manner,

in conjunction with the words "attorney at law," "attorney," "counselor at law," or "lawyer."

It is further **ORDERED** Respondent, Sherri Len Washington, shall immediately notify

each of her current clients, if any, in writing of this disbarment. In addition to such notification,

Respondent is **ORDERED** to return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property, which

belongs to clients and former clients and is in Respondent's possession or control, to the respective

clients or former clients or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request within thirty

(30) days of the date of this judgment.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Sherri Len Washington, 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 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. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers,

monies, or other property requested by any client or former client, Respondent's affidavit shall

state with particularity the efforts made by Respondent with respect to each particular client and

the cause of her inability to return to said client any file, paper, money, or other property.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Sherri Len Washington, shall on or before thirty

(30) days from the signing of this judgment by the Board, 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, if any, of the terms of this judgment,

Judgment of Disbarment Sherri Len Washington 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** that Respondent, Sherri Len Washington, shall file with the State

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Board, 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, Sherri Len Washington, shall immediately

surrender her Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance

Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol

Station, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Judgment of Disbarment shall be made a matter of public

record and be published in the *Texas Bar Journal*.

Signed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2025.

**CHAIR PRESIDING** 

Board member Andrew Graham did not participate in this decision.

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