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

IN THE MATTER OF	§	
WARREN REID WILLIAMSON	§	<b>CAUSE NO. 44291</b>
STATE BAR CARD NO. 21628400	§	

## JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 12th day of June 2009, the above-styled and numbered compulsory disciplinary action pursuant to Part VIII of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure ("TRDP") 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, Warren Reid Williamson, although duly cited to 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, Warren Reid Williamson, State Bar Card Number 21628400, is licensed but subject to a prior disciplinary suspension dated July 31, 2008, and therefore is not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On June 25, 2008, Respondent was charged by Criminal Indictment with 9 counts involving Attempted Receipt of Child Pornography, Receipt of Child Pornography, Possession of Child Pornography and Destruction of Records, in Criminal No. H-08-425, styled United States of America v. Warren Reid Williamson, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.
- (3) On November 14, 2008, a Plea Agreement was signed in Criminal No. H-08-425, styled *United States of America v. Warren Reid Williamson*, wherein Respondent

pled guilty to Count Eight of the Indictment which charged Williamson with Possession of Child Pornography, in violation of 18 U. S. C. §§ 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2).

- (4) On March 18, 2009, a Judgment in a Criminal Case was signed in Case Number: 4:08CR00425-001, styled United States of America v. Warren Reid Williamson, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, wherein Respondent pled guilty to one count of Possession of Child Pornography, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2), was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of seventy-eight (78) months, placed on supervised release for life following release from imprisonment, and further ordered to pay an assessment of \$100.00.
- (5) Respondent, Warren Reid Williamson, is the same person as the Warren Reid Williamson who is the subject of the Judgment in a Criminal Case described above.
- (6) Respondent was personally served with the Petition for Compulsory Discipline and hearing notice on April 29, 2009
- (7) The affidavit of service was filed with the Board on May 6, 2009.
- (8) The criminal sentence is not fully probated.
- (9) 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. TRDP 7.08(G).
- (2) Respondent, Warren Reid Williamson, has been convicted for purposes of TRDP 8.04 of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(T) that is also a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(Z).
- (3) Having been convicted of an Intentional Crime with the criminal sentence not fully probated, Respondent Warren Reid Williamson should be disbarred. TRDP 8.05.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Warren Reid

Williamson, State Bar Card No. 21628400, 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 DECREED that Respondent, Warren Reid Williamson, is

hereafter permanently prohibited, effective immediately, from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal service for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services not completed prior to the date of this Judgment, appearing as counsel 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," "counselor," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Warren Reid Williamson, shall notify in writing, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Judgment, each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent, Warren Reid Williamson, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his disbarment, of the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and of the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in that court. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail copies of all such notifications to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Warren Reid Williamson, shall immediately notify each of his current clients, if any, in writing, of his disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is ORDERED to return all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties which are in his possession but which belong to current or former clients, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within thirty (30) days after the date on which this Judgment is signed by the Board. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, within the same thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of his disbarment and that all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties belonging to clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to 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 his inability to return to said client any file, paper, money or other property. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail a copy of said affidavit and copies of all notification letters to clients, to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Warren Reid Williamson, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, 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.

It is further ORDERED that a certified copy of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file herein, along with a copy of this Judgment, be sent to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009

Thomas E. Potte

CHAIRMAN PRESIDING