



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

**IN THE MATTER OF
SUZANNE H. WOOTEN
STATE BAR CARD NO. 00794881**

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CAUSE NO. 50489

JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION

On the 22nd day of October 2012, 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, Suzanne H. Wooten, appeared in person and by attorney and announced ready. All questions of fact as well as all 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 is of the opinion that Petitioner is entitled to entry of the following findings:

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

- (1) Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten, State Bar Card Number 00794881, is licensed and currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about July 14, 2011, Suzanne H. Wooten was charged by Grand Jury Indictment (Superseding Indictment) with Count One – Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, a First Degree Felony; Count Two – Bribery, a First Degree Felony; Count Three – Bribery, a Second Degree Felony; Count Four – Bribery, a Second Degree Felony; Count Five – Bribery, a Second Degree Felony; Count Six – Bribery, a Second Degree Felony; Count 7 –

Bribery, a Second Degree Felony; Count Eight – Money Laundering (\$100,000 - \$200,000), a Second Degree Felony; and Count Nine – Tampering with a Governmental Record, a Third Degree Felony, in Case 366-81639-2011, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*, in the 366th Judicial District Court of Collin County, Texas.

- (3) On or about December 6, 2011, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury/Punishment by Court was entered in Case No. 366-81639-2011 Count 1, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*, in the 366th District Court of Collin County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, a Second Degree Felony. Respondent was sentenced to ten (10) years TDCJ – Institutional Division with the sentence of confinement suspended and Respondent placed on community supervision for ten (10) years, ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.00 and court costs of \$236.00, with the sentence to run concurrently on all counts. Respondent was further ordered as a condition to community supervision to perform 120 hours of community service.
- (4) On or about November 28, 2011, an Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Placing Defendant on Community Supervision was entered in Cause No. 366-81639-2011, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*.
- (5) On or about December 6, 2011, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury/Punishment by Court was entered in Case No. 366-81639-2011 Count 2, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*, in the 366th District Court of Collin County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Bribery, a Second Degree Felony. Respondent was sentenced to ten (10) years TDCJ – Institutional Division with the sentence of confinement suspended and Respondent placed on community supervision for ten (10) years and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.00 with the sentence to run concurrently on all counts. Respondent was further ordered as a condition to community supervision to perform 120 hours of community service.
- (6) On or about November 28, 2011, an Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Placing Defendant on Community Supervision was entered in Cause No. 366-81639-2011-CTII, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*.
- (7) On or about December 6, 2011, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury/Punishment by Court was entered in Case No. 366-81639-2011 Count 3, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*, in the 366th District Court of Collin County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Bribery, a

Second Degree Felony. Respondent was sentenced to ten (10) years TDCJ – Institutional Division with the sentence of confinement suspended and Respondent placed on community supervision for ten (10) years and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.00 with the sentence to run concurrently on all counts. Respondent was further ordered as a condition to community supervision to perform 120 hours of community service.

- (8) On or about November 28, 2011, an Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Placing Defendant on Community Supervision was entered in Cause No. 366-81639-2011-CTIII, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*.
- (9) On or about December 6, 2011, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury/Punishment by Court was entered in Case No. 366-81639-2011 Count 4, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*, in the 366th District Court of Collin County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Bribery, a Second Degree Felony. Respondent was sentenced to ten (10) years TDCJ – Institutional Division with the sentence of confinement suspended and Respondent placed on community supervision for ten (10) years and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.00 with the sentence to run concurrently on all counts. Respondent was further ordered as a condition to community supervision to perform 120 hours of community service.
- (10) On or about November 28, 2011, an Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Placing Defendant on Community Supervision was entered in Cause No. 366-81639-2011-CTIV, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*.
- (11) On or about December 6, 2011, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury/Punishment by Court was entered in Case No. 366-81639-2011 Count 5, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*, in the 366th District Court of Collin County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Bribery, a Second Degree Felony. Respondent was sentenced to ten (10) years TDCJ – Institutional Division with the sentence of confinement suspended and Respondent placed on community supervision for ten (10) years and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.00 with the sentence to run concurrently on all counts. Respondent was further ordered as a condition to community supervision to perform 120 hours of community service.
- (12) On or about November 28, 2011, an Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Placing Defendant on Community Supervision was entered in Cause No. 366-81639-2011-CTV, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H.*

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- (13) On or about December 6, 2011, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury/Punishment by Court was entered in Case No. 366-81639-2011 Count 6, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*, in the 366th District Court of Collin County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Bribery, a Second Degree Felony. Respondent was sentenced to ten (10) years TDCJ – Institutional Division with the sentence of confinement suspended and Respondent placed on community supervision for ten (10) years and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.00 with the sentence to run concurrently on all counts. Respondent was further ordered as a condition to community supervision to perform 120 hours of community service.
- (14) On or about November 28, 2011, an Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Placing Defendant on Community Supervision was entered in Cause No. 366-81639-2011-CTVI, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*.
- (15) On or about December 6, 2011, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury/Punishment by Court was entered in Case No. 366-81639-2011 Count 7, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*, in the 366th District Court of Collin County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Bribery, a Second Degree Felony. Respondent was sentenced to ten (10) years TDCJ – Institutional Division with the sentence of confinement suspended and Respondent placed on community supervision for ten (10) years and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.00 with the sentence to run concurrently on all counts. Respondent was further ordered as a condition to community supervision to perform 120 hours of community service.
- (16) On or about November 28, 2011, an Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Placing Defendant on Community Supervision was entered in Cause No. 366-81639-2011-CTVII, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*.
- (17) On or about December 6, 2011, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury/Punishment by Court was entered in Case No. 366-81639-2011 Count 8, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*, in the 366th District Court of Collin County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Money Laundering, a Third Degree Felony. Respondent was sentenced to ten (10) years TDCJ – Institutional Division with the sentence of confinement suspended and Respondent placed on community supervision for ten (10) years and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.00 with the sentence to run

concurrently on all counts. Respondent was further ordered as a condition to community supervision to perform 120 hours of community service.

- (18) On or about November 28, 2011, an Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Placing Defendant on Community Supervision was entered in Cause No. 366-81639-2011-CTVIII, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*.
- (19) On or about December 6, 2011, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury/Punishment by Court was entered in Case No. 366-81639-2011 Count 9, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*, in the 366th District Court of Collin County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Tampering with a Governmental Record to Defraud or Harm, a State Jail Felony. Respondent was sentenced to two (2) years TDCJ – State Jail Facility with the sentence of confinement suspended and Respondent placed on community supervision for five (5) years and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000.00 with the sentence to run concurrently on all counts. Respondent was further ordered as a condition to community supervision to perform 120 hours of community service.
- (20) On or about November 28, 2011, an Order Suspending Imposition of Sentence and Placing Defendant on Community Supervision was entered in Cause No. 366-81639-2011-CTIX, styled *The State of Texas v. Suzanne H. Wooten*.
- (21) Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten is the same person as the Suzanne H. Wooten who is the subject of the Judgments described above.
- (22) Respondent's criminal sentences were fully probated.

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. 7.08(G) ("TRDP").
- (2) Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten, has been convicted for purposes of TRDP 8.04 of Intentional Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(T) which are also Serious Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(Z).

Based on these findings of fact and conclusions of law, a majority of the Board finds that Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten, should be suspended for the term of her criminal probation as originally assessed and further finds that, in the event that the above-described criminal probation of Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten, is revoked, Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten, should be disbarred. TRDP 8.06.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten, State Bar Card No. 00794881, be and she is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and her license to practice law in the State of Texas for a period beginning effective the date of entry of this judgment and ending December 12, 2021.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten, during said suspension is prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal service for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body, or holding herself out to others or using her name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney," "counselor," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten shall notify, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this judgment, in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court, if any, in which Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten, has any legal matter pending, if any, of her suspension, 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, Suzanne H. Wooten, shall immediately notify each of her current clients and opposing counsel, if any, in writing, of her suspension. 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 her 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 this Board, her suspension 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 her 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 and opposing counsel and 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, Suzanne H. Wooten, 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, in the event that the above-described criminal probation of Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten, is revoked, Respondent, Suzanne H. Wooten, shall be DISBARRED pursuant to TRDP 8.06. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel shall file with the Board an appropriate motion supported by certified copies of court documents showing that such criminal probation has been revoked.

Signed this 24th day of October 2012.



CHAIR PRESIDING

BODA members not joining as to sanction only:

W. Clark Lea, Chair
Gary R. Gurwitz
Ramon L. Echevarria II
David N. Kitner