

CAUSE NO. 423-4410

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
	§	
V.	§	BASTROP COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
CRAIG A. WASHINGTON, SR.	§	423rd JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JUDGMENT OF PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION

Parties and Appearance

On June 24 and 25, 2019, the above-entitled and numbered case was called by the Court with the Honorable Casey L. Blair presiding pursuant to his appointment by the Supreme Court of Texas as set forth in Rule 3.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline ("Petitioner"), appeared through counsel, Judith Gres DeBerry, and announced ready. Respondent, Craig A. Washington, Sr. ("Respondent"), Texas Bar Number 20901000, appeared by and through his attorney of record, Brad Beers, and announced ready.

Jurisdiction and Venue

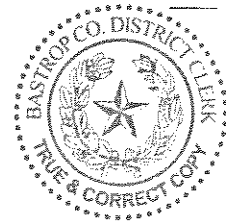
The Court finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action and that venue is proper in Bastrop County, Texas.

Professional Misconduct

Having considered the pleadings, evidence, and arguments of the parties, the Court finds Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06(V) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure by violating Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d).

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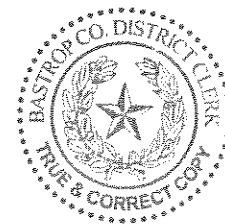
Judgment of Suspension

The Court finds that the appropriate discipline is a suspension from the practice of law in the State of Texas for a period of five (5) years, with eighteen (18) months of said suspension to be an active suspension, and forty-two (42) months of said suspension to be probated, upon the terms and conditions set forth below.

IT IS, ACCORDINGLY, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, that Respondent, Craig A. Washington, Sr., State Bar No. 20901000, be and is hereby suspended from the practice of law in Texas, for a period of five (5) years, with eighteen (18) months of said suspension to be an active suspension, and forty-two (42) months of said suspension to be probated, upon the terms and conditions more fully set forth below. Respondent's active suspension shall begin on July 1, 2019, and end on June 30, 2024. If Respondent complies with all of the following terms and conditions timely, the forty-two (42) month period of probated suspension shall begin on December 31, 2020, and end on June 30, 2024, during which time Respondent shall be entitled to practice law in the State of Texas, subject to the following terms and conditions.

Terms and Conditions

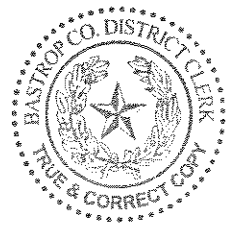
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, that during the term of active suspension herein ordered, Respondent, Craig A. Washington, Sr., shall be prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel or in any representative capacity in any proceeding in any Texas or Federal 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." This



includes the prohibition against Respondent advertising in any form, including but not limited to the internet, as an "attorney," "attorney at law," "counselor at law," or "lawyer."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED, that Respondent, Craig A. Washington, Sr., on or before July 15, 2019, shall notify each of his current clients and opposing counsel in writing of this suspension. In addition to such notification, Respondent is ORDERED to return any files, papers, unearned money, and other property belonging to clients in the Respondent's possession to the respective clients or to another attorney at the client's request. Respondent is ORDERED to file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, Texas 78701), on or before July 15, 2019, an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of the Respondent's suspension and that all files, papers, money and other property belonging to all clients have been returned as ordered herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent shall, on or before July 15, 2019, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court 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(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of the client(s) Respondent is representing in Court. Respondent is ORDERED to file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, Texas 78701), on or before July 15, 2019, an affidavit stating that he has notified in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent has any matter(s) pending of the terms of this Judgment, the style and cause number(s) of the pending

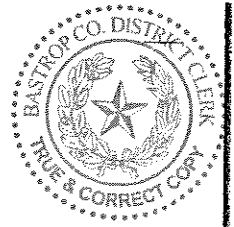


matter(s), and the name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of the client(s) Respondent is representing in Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Craig A. Washington, Sr., shall, on or before July 1, 2019, surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas. In the event Respondent's law license or State Bar Card cannot be located, Respondent, Craig A. Washington, Sr., shall, on or before July 15, 2019, file an affidavit with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, stating that his law license and/or State Bar Card cannot be located.

It is FURTHER, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED Respondent shall pay restitution to Edward H. McGregor in the amount of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000). The payment of restitution shall be made in monthly installments of \$833.33 beginning August 1, 2019. Each installment is due on the 1st day of the month, beginning August 1, 2019, and continuing each month thereafter with the final installment in the amount of \$833.37 due on July 1, 2020. The restitution shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order and made payable to Edward H. McGregor. The payment shall be submitted to the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, Texas 78701).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that all amounts ordered herein are due to the misconduct of Respondent, and are assessed as a part of the sanction in accordance with Rule 1.06(W) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Any amount not paid shall accrue interest at the maximum legal rate per annum until paid, and the State Bar of

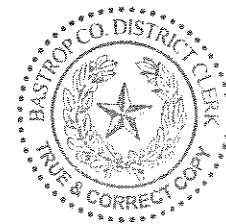


Texas shall have all writs and other post-judgment remedies against Respondent in order to collect all unpaid amounts.

Should Respondent fail to comply with all of the above terms and conditions timely, Respondent shall remain actively suspended until the date of compliance or until June 30, 2024, whichever occurs first.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that during all periods of suspension, active or probated, Respondent shall be under the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent shall not violate any term of this Judgment.
2. Respondent shall not be found guilty of, or plead "no contest" to, any intentional or serious crime, barratry, or any crime involving moral turpitude or any misdemeanor or felony involving theft, embezzlement, or fraudulent misappropriation of money or property, nor violate the laws of the United States or any other State other than minor traffic violations.
3. Respondent shall not violate any of the provisions of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.
4. Respondent will maintain a current status regarding occupation tax and membership fees in accordance with Article III of the State Bar Rules.
5. Respondent shall comply with Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirements in accordance with Article III of the State Bar Rules.
6. Respondent shall comply with Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) requirements in accordance with Article III of the State Bar Rules.
7. Respondent shall keep the State Bar of Texas Membership Department and the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel notified of his current business and home addresses, and telephone numbers, and shall send notice, within ten (10) days of any change in address or telephone number.
8. Respondent shall promptly respond to any request for information from the Chief Disciplinary Counsel in connection with any investigation of any allegations of professional misconduct.
9. Respondent shall cooperate fully with the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office of the State Bar of Texas in its efforts to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of this Judgment.



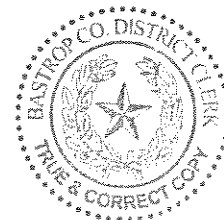
Motion to Revoke Probation

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that if evidence arises that Respondent has committed professional misconduct or has violated any term of this judgment, the State Bar of Texas may, in addition to all other remedies available, file a motion to revoke probation with the District Court in the County of Respondent's residence or place of practice and serve a photocopy of the Motion on Respondent pursuant to Tex.R.Civ.P. 21a.

The Court shall, without the aid of a jury and within thirty (30) days of service of the motion upon Respondent, conduct an evidentiary hearing. At the hearing, the Court shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether Respondent has violated any term or condition of probation of this Judgment. If the Court finds that Respondent has committed acts of professional misconduct during the period of probated suspension or violated any term of this probation or this Judgment, the Court shall enter an Order revoking probation and placing Respondent on active suspension from the date of such revocation order. Upon revocation, Respondent shall be actively suspended for the full four-year term of suspension and shall not be given credit for any term of probation served prior to the revocation. An order revoking probation may not be superseded or stayed.

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 Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and/or the State Bar Rules.

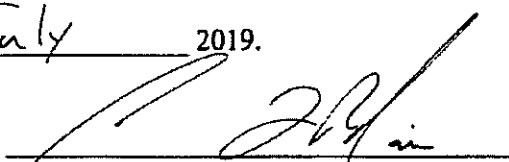
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this suspension shall be made a matter of public record and shall be published in the Texas Bar Journal.



IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this court shall forward a certified copy of Petitioner's First Amended Disciplinary Petition on file herein, along with a certified copy of this Judgment, to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas, Supreme Court Building, P.O. Box 12248, Austin, Texas 78711, and to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

All requested relief not expressly granted herein is expressly denied.

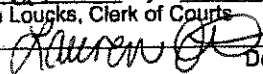
SIGNED this 3rd day of July 2019.


 HONORABLE CASEY L. BLAIR
 JUDGE PRESIDING

APPROVED AS TO FORM & SUBSTANCE

 Brad Beers
 Attorney for Respondent

 Judith Gres DeBerry
 Attorney for Petitioner

I, the undersigned Clerk of District and County Court at Law Courts for Bastrop County, Texas, do certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original document now on file and record in my office.
 WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 21 day of Oct 2019
 Sarah Loucks, Clerk of Courts
 By  Deputy

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