



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

IN THE MATTER OF §
BRYAN TODD ADAMSON, § CAUSE NO. 59098
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24004522 §

DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION

On the 17th day of October 2017, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal 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, although duly cited to appear and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly made default. 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 makes the following findings and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Bryan Todd Adamson, Bar Card No. 24004522, is an attorney licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas due to being on inactive status;
- (2) On or about June 11, 2014, a Complaint was filed in the Fifth Judicial District Court in and for Washington County, State of Utah, in a matter styled, *In the Matter of the Discipline of: Bryan T. Adamson, Respondent.*
- (3) On or about March 28, 2016, the Affidavit of Bryan Adamson in Support of Discipline by Consent and Settlement Agreement was filed in the Fifth Judicial District Court in and for Washington County, State of Utah, in a

matter styled, *In the Matter of the Discipline of: Bryan T. Adamson, #11982, Respondent*, Civil No. 140500324, Judge Jeffrey C. Wilcox.

- (4) On or about March 29, 2016, a Discipline by Consent and Settlement Agreement was filed in a matter styled, *In the Matter of the Discipline of: Bryan T. Adamson, #11982, Respondent*, Civil No. 140500324, Judge Jeffrey C. Wilcox.
- (5) On or about March 29, 2016, an Order of Discipline: Suspension was entered in a matter styled, *In the Matter of the Discipline of: Bryan T. Adamson, #11982, Respondent*, Civil No. 140500324, Judge Paul D. Lyman, that states in pertinent part as follows:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Mr. Adamson shall be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year effective thirty (30) days from the date that the discipline order is signed....

- (6) In the Discipline by Consent and Settlement Agreement Respondent admits that the agreement encompasses four cases and that in those four cases he violated the following Utah Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.1 – a lawyer shall provide competent representation to a client; 1.15(d) – upon receiving funds or other property in which a client or third person has an interest, a lawyer shall promptly notify the client or third person; 1.16(d) – upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client’s interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for employment of other counsel, surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payment of fee or expense that has not been earned or incurred; 1.2(a) – a lawyer shall abide by a client’s decisions concerning the objectives of representation and, as required by Rule 1.4, shall consult with the client as to the means by which they are to be pursued. A lawyer may take such action on behalf of the client as is impliedly authorized to carry out the representation. A lawyer shall abide by a client’s decision whether to settle a matter. In a criminal case, the lawyer shall abide by the client’s decision, after consultation with the lawyer, as to a plea to be entered, whether to waive jury trial and whether the client will testify; 1.4(b) – a lawyer shall explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation; and 1.5(a) – a lawyer shall not make an agreement for, charge or collect an unreasonable fee or an unreasonable amount for expenses.
- (7) Respondent, Bryan Todd Adamson, is the same person as the Bryan T. Adamson who is the subject of the Professional Disciplinary Proceeding entered by the Supreme Court of the Utah.

- (8) The Order of Discipline entered in the Fifth Judicial District Court in and for Washington County, Utah, is final.
- (9) Respondent was served with the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline and Order to Show Cause with hearing notice by a duly authorized process server on September 11, 2017, and the affidavit of service was filed with the Board on September 22, 2017..

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. Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure Rule 7.08(H);
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Fifth Judicial District Court in and for Washington County, State of Utah, is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Bryan Todd Adamson, State Bar Card No. 24004522, is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law in Texas for a period of one year beginning October 18, 2017, and ending October 17, 2018.

It is further **ORDERED** that during the term of active suspension ordered herein, Respondent shall be prohibited 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, 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, Bryan Todd Adamson, shall immediately notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court, if any, in which Respondent, Bryan Todd Adamson, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his 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.

It is further **ORDERED** Respondent shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Statewide Compliance Monitor, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), not later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, an affidavit stating Respondent 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 pending of the terms of this judgment, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in Court.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Bryan Todd Adamson, shall immediately notify each of his current clients and opposing counsel, if any, in writing, of his 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 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, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), within thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of his 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 his inability to return to said client any file, paper, money or other property. Respondent is also **ORDERED** to mail copies of all notification letters to clients

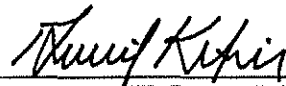
to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas,
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P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Bryan Todd Adamson, immediately surrender his 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 a certified copy of the First Amended Petition for Reciprocal Discipline on file herein, along with a copy of this Judgment, be sent to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 18 day of October, 2017.



CHAIR PRESIDING