

CAUSE NO. DC-17-15478

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER
DISCIPLINE

v.

SIMEON OLUMIDE COKER
File No. 201701449

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

191ST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

JUDGMENT OF ACTIVE SUSPENSION

Parties and Appearance

On the 13th day of July, 2018, the Court considered and granted Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline’s, Motion for Partial Summary Judgment determining that Respondent, Simeon Olumide Coker, has engaged in professional misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

On the 20th day of August, 2018, a sanctions hearing was called by the Court with the Honorable Eddie Northcutt 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, by and through its attorney of record, Kristin Brady, appeared in person and announced ready. Respondent, **SIMEON OLUMIDE COKER** (Respondent), Texas Bar Number **24049013**, appeared in person and announced ready.

Jurisdiction and Venue

On October 27, 2017, pursuant to Rule 3.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the Supreme Court of Texas appointed the Honorable Eddie Northcutt, to preside over this disciplinary action. The Court finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action, and that venue is proper in the District Court of Dallas County, Texas.

Professional Misconduct

The Court previously granted a partial summary judgment, finding that the acts, omissions and conduct on the part of Respondent, Simeon Olumide Coker, constitute a violation of Rules 1.01(b)(1), 3.02, and 3.04(d) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

As to each such violation the Court finds that Respondent, Simeon Olumide Coker, has committed professional misconduct as defined by Rule ~~1.06(W)~~^{1.06(CC)(1)} of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Sanction

As to such acts of misconduct, the Court finds that the appropriate discipline is an Active Suspension and shall be imposed against Respondent in accordance with the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The sanction imposed against Respondent is the appropriate sanction for the violations set forth in this judgment.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREEED** that Respondent be actively suspended from the practice of law for a period of thirty-six (36) months, beginning ~~October 1, 2018~~^{September 30, 2021} and ending ~~September 1, 2018~~^{August 31, 2021}.

Terms of Active Suspension

It is further **ORDERED** that during the term of active suspension ordered herein, or that may be imposed upon Respondent by the Court as a result of a probation revocation proceeding, Respondent 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."

It is further **ORDERED** that, on or before September 1, 2018, Respondent shall notify each of Respondent's current clients and opposing counsel in writing of this suspension.

In addition to such notification, it is further **ORDERED** Respondent shall return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to current clients in Respondent's possession to the respective clients or to another attorney at the client's request.

It is further **ORDERED** Respondent 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), on or before September 1, 2018, an affidavit stating all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of Respondent's suspension and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all current clients have been returned as ordered herein.

It is further **ORDERED** Respondent shall, on or before September 1, 2018, 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 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.

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Austin, TX 78701), on or before September 1, 2018, 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, on or before September 1, 2018, Respondent shall surrender his law license and permanent State Bar Card to the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), to be forwarded to the Supreme Court of Texas. In the event Respondent's law license or State Bar Card cannot be located, Respondent shall, on or before September 1, 2018, file an affidavit 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), stating that his law license and/or State Bar Card cannot be located.

Attorney's Fees and Expenses

Attorney's fees = \$4,567.50
Costs = \$44.81

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It is further **ORDERED** Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and direct expenses to the State Bar of Texas in the amount of ~~Four Thousand Seven Hundred Twelve and 31/100 Dollars (\$4,712.31)~~ ^{Five Thousand Twelve and 31/100 Dollars (\$5,012.31)}. The payment shall be

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due and payable on or before August 31, 2019, and shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order. Respondent shall forward the funds, made payable to the State Bar of Texas, to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701).

Payable at the rate of \$145.00 per month, beginning 11/1/2016, and continuing monthly until paid in full.

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It is further **ORDERED** that all amounts ordered herein are due to the misconduct of Respondent, are assessed as a part of the sanction in accordance with Rule 1.06(Z) 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.

Publication

This suspension shall be made a matter of record and appropriately published in accordance with the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

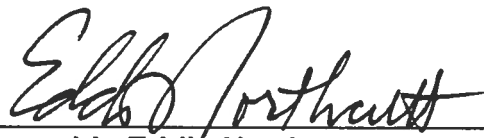
Order to District Clerk

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall forward a certified copy of the current *Disciplinary Petition* on file in this case, along with a certified copy of this *Judgment of Active Suspension*, to the following: (1) Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas, Supreme Court Building, Post Office Box 12248, Austin, Texas 78711; (2) Heather White, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P. O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711; and (3) Kristin V. Brady, Assistant Disciplinary Counsel, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, The Princeton, 14651 Dallas Parkway, Suite 925, Dallas, Texas 75254.

Other Relief

All requested relief not expressly granted herein is expressly DENIED.

SIGNED this 20th day of August, 2018.



**Honorable Eddie Northcutt
Judge Presiding by Appointment**