



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

IN THE MATTER OF	§	
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JEFFREY EARL CREWS	§	CAUSE NO. 60610
	§	
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24012475	§	

**DEFAULT JUDGMENT REVOKING PROBATION AND ACTIVELY
SUSPENDING RESPONDENT FROM THE PRACTICE OF LAW**

On July 27, 2018, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals heard the Petition for Revocation of Probation filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas against Respondent, Jeffrey Earl Crews, State Bar No. 24012475. Petitioner appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Jeffrey Earl Crews, although duly cited to appear, failed to answer or appear and wholly made default.

All issues of fact and questions of law were submitted to the Board. Having considered the pleadings, and having heard the evidence and the argument of counsel, the Board finds as follows:

- (1) Respondent, Jeffrey Earl Crews, whose State Bar Card number is 24012475, is licensed but not currently authorized by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law.
- (2) Respondent was personally served with the Petition for Revocation of Probation and hearing notice in this cause by a duly authorized process server on July 2, 2018, in accordance with the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure Rule 2.23 (“TRDP”). The affidavit of service was filed with the Board on July 12, 2018.
- (3) On November 28, 2017, in a case styled, *Commission for Lawyer*

Discipline, Petitioner, v. Jeffrey Earl Crews, Case No. 201602417, an Evidentiary Panel of the State Bar of Texas District 4 Grievance Committee found that Respondent had committed violations of Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d) and 8.04(a)(8). A true and correct certified copy of the Judgment of Probated Suspension in this matter is attached as Exhibit 1. Respondent received a sanction of a twelve-month probated suspension beginning January 1, 2018, and ending December 31, 2018.

- (4) Respondent was ordered not to violate any term of the judgment.
- (5) Respondent was ordered to pay restitution to Arthur C. Mays in the amount of \$2,300.00 in monthly installments. Respondent was ordered make a \$1,000.00 payment within 30 days from the signing of the judgment and \$325.00 payments on January 31, 2018, February 28, 2018, March 31, 2018, and April 30, 2018. Respondent was ordered to pay the restitution by certified or cashier's check or money order, made payable to Arthur C. Mays, and delivered 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).
- (6) Respondent violated the terms of this judgment by failing to timely pay restitution and by failing to pay any of the total amount ordered as detailed below.
- (7) Respondent failed to timely make restitution payments as required by the judgment. Specifically, Respondent failed to make payments as follows:

Payment Due	Payment Received
December 28, 2017	No payment received
January 31, 2018	No payment received
February 28, 2018	No payment received
March 31, 2018	No payment received
April 30, 2018	No payment received
- (8) The Judgment stipulates that any amount not paid shall accrue interest at the maximum legal amount per annum until paid. As of the date of the filing of the Petition for Revocation of Probation, Respondent owes a total of \$2,338.54 in restitution.
- (9) Respondent, Jeffrey Earl Crews, is the same person as the Jeffrey Earl Crews, who is the subject of the Evidentiary Judgment described above.

Based on these undisputed facts, the Board concludes that:

- (1) This Board has exclusive jurisdiction to hear a petition to revoke a

probated suspension from the practice of law imposed by an evidentiary panel of the State Bar of Texas grievance committee during the full term of suspension, including any probationary period. TRDP 2.23; *In re State Bar of Texas*, 113 S.W.3d 730,733 (Tex.2003).

- (2) Respondent has materially violated the terms and conditions of the Judgment of Probated Suspension signed on November 28, 2017, in *Commission for Lawyer Discipline, Petitioner, v. Jeffrey Earl Crews*, Case No. 201602417.
- (3) Respondent should be actively suspended from practicing law for the full term of the suspension as originally imposed by the Judgment of Probated Suspension without credit for any probationary time served. TRDP 2.23.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Jeffrey Earl Crews, State Bar No. 24012475, be, and hereby is, actively **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law in the State of Texas for a period of twelve months effective August 1, 2018 (the date this judgment is signed), and ending on July 31, 2019.

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** that Respondent, Jeffrey Earl Crews, during said suspension is 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 or in any representative capacity 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, Jeffrey Earl Crews, not later than thirty (30) days shall 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, Jeffrey Earl Crews, 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. Respondent is also **ORDERED** to mail copies of all such notifications to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Jeffrey Earl Crews, 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, Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, within the same thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients 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 a copy of said affidavit and copies of all notification letters to clients, to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

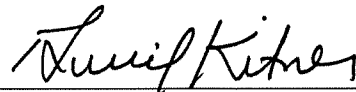
It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Jeffrey Earl Crews, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of

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 Petition for Revocation of Probation on file herein, along with a copy of this Judgment, be sent to the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Judgment Revoking Probation and Actively Suspending Respondent from the Practice of Law shall be made a matter of public record and be published in the *Texas Bar Journal* pursuant to TRDP 6.07.

Signed this 1 day of August 2018.



CHAIR PRESIDING