



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

IN THE MATTER OF §
JULIE ANN CASTILLO § **CAUSE NO. 61643**
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24092232 §

JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION

On the 12th day of April 2019, 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, Julie Ann Castillo, appeared 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 and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Julie Ann Castillo, State Bar Card Number 24092232, is licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about April 6, 2016, Respondent was charged by Indictment with Count One – Conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371; Count Twelve – Preparing False Federal Income Tax Returns, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(2); and Counts Sixteen and Seventeen – Preparing False Federal Income Tax Returns, in violation of 26 U.S.C. § 7206(2), in Cause No. SA16CR0239XR, styled *United States of America v. Diana Patterson Lopez and Julie Ann Lopez*, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division.

- (3) On or about February 27, 2018, a Judgment in a Criminal Case was entered in Cause No. 5:16-CR-00239-FB(2), styled *United States of America v. Julie Ann Lopez, Aliases: Lopez, Julie; Lopez, Julie A.; Castillo, Julie A.*, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Count One of the Indictment –Conspiracy to Prepare False Federal Income Tax Returns, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, and was placed on probation for a term of five (5) years. Respondent was further ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$91,220.00 and an assessment of \$100.00.
- (4) Respondent, Julie Ann Castillo, is the same person as the Julie Ann Lopez who is the subject of the Judgment described above.
- (5) Respondent’s criminal sentence is 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, Julie Ann Castillo, has been convicted for purposes of TRDP 8.04 of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(V) and also a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(GG).
- (3) The conviction is final.
- (4) Respondent Julie Ann Castillo should be suspended for the term of her criminal probation. TRDP 8.06.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Julie Ann Castillo, State Bar Card No. 24092232, be and she is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and her license to practice law in this state be and is hereby revoked effective the date of this judgment and continuing until February 26, 2023.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, Julie Ann Castillo, is prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding herself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal

services not completed before the date of this judgment, appearing as counsel in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any administrative body or holding herself out to others or using her name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney at law," "attorney," "counselor at law," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall immediately notify each of her current clients in writing of this disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is ORDERED to return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to clients and former clients in the Respondent's possession to the respective clients or former clients or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, Statewide Compliance Monitor, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), within thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment by the Board, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of Respondent's disbarment and that all files, papers, monies and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein.

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the signing of this judgment by the Board, 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. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, Statewide Compliance Monitor, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), within thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment by the Board, an affidavit stating that each and every justice of the

peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer and chief justice has received written notice of the terms of this judgment.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Julie Ann Castillo, immediately surrender her Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

It is further ORDERED that the Board retains jurisdiction of this case during the full period of the criminal probation. In the event that Respondent's criminal probation is revoked resulting in a term of incarceration, she shall be disbarred pursuant to TRDP 8.06. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel shall file with the Board a motion supported by certified copies of court documents showing that the criminal probation was revoked and serve same on the respondent as required in the TRDP.

It is further ORDERED that a certified copy of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file herein, along with a copy of this Judgment, be sent to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 16 day of April 2019.



CHAIR PRESIDING