

CAUSE NO. 2020-12065

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE,	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
Petitioner,	§	
	§	
vs.	§	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
CANDICE LEE LEONARD,	§	
Respondent.	§	189th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

AGREED JUDGMENT OF PROBATED SUSPENSION

Parties and Appearance

On this day came to be heard the above-captioned matter. Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, through its attorney of record, E. William Nichols II, and Respondent, Candice Lee Leonard, Bar No. 24005603, announced that a settlement has been reached in the matter.

Jurisdiction and Venue

On the 14th day of February, 2020, pursuant to Rule 3.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the Supreme Court of Texas appointed the Honorable Steve L. Parkhurst 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. Both parties have waived trial by jury.

Professional Misconduct

The Court, having considered the pleadings and the agreement of the parties, finds that Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06CC of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and in violation of Rules 3.02, 3.07(a), and 4.04(b)(1) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

Sanction

It is AGREED and ORDERED that the sanction of a Probated Suspension shall be imposed against Respondent in accordance with the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent be suspended from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year, with the suspension being fully probated pursuant to the terms stated below. The period of probated suspension shall begin on October 1, 2020 and shall end on September 30, 2021.

Terms of Probation

It is further AGREED and ORDERED that during all periods of suspension Respondent shall be under the following terms and conditions:

1. Respondent shall not violate any term of this judgment.
2. Respondent shall not engage in professional misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06CC of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.
3. Respondent shall not violate any state or federal criminal statutes.
4. Respondent shall keep the State Bar of Texas membership department notified of current mailing, residence, and business addresses and telephone numbers.
5. Respondent shall comply with Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements.
6. Respondent shall comply with Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) requirements.
7. 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.
8. Respondent shall pay reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees in the amount of \$250.00
9. Respondent shall make contact with the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP) not later than ten (10) days after receipt of a copy of this judgment to inquire as to services and referrals offered by that program to aid in Respondent's rehabilitation.

Probation Revocation

Upon determination that Respondent has violated any term of this judgment, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel may, in addition to all other remedies available, file a motion to revoke

probation with the Court and serve a photocopy of the motion on Respondent pursuant to Tex.R.Civ.P. 21a.

The Court shall conduct an evidentiary hearing. At the hearing, the Court shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether Respondent has violated any term of this Judgment. If the Court finds grounds for revocation, the Court shall enter an order revoking probation and imposing an active suspension upon Respondent from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year commencing on or after the date of revocation. Respondent shall not be given credit for any term of probation served prior to revocation.

It is further AGREED and 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.

Attorneys' Fees

It is further AGREED and ORDERED that Respondent shall pay reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees in the amount of \$250.00 to the State Bar of Texas. Since Respondent has already paid that amount, no further provisions regarding attorneys' fees are necessary in this judgment.

Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program

Respondent shall make contact with the Texas Lawyers' Assistance Program (TLAP) at its hotline number, 800-343-8527, not later than ten (10) days after receipt of a copy of this judgment to inquire as to services and referrals offered by that program to aid in Respondent's rehabilitation. Respondent shall additionally send verification of contact with TLAP to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel within fifteen (15) days of such contact.

Publication

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

Other Relief

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 copy of this Judgment to the following: (1) Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas, Supreme Court Building, Austin, Texas 78711; (2) The State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P. O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711; and (3) Respondent, 16807 Pinemoor Way, Houston, Texas 77058.

IT IS ORDERED that all costs of court incurred in the prosecution of this lawsuit shall be taxed against Respondent.

All requested relief not expressly granted herein is expressly DENIED.

SIGNED this 8th day of October, 2020.



HON. STEVE L. PARKHURST
Specially Assigned Judge

AGREED AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:



CANDICE LEE LEONARD
State Bar No. 24005603
Respondent



E. WILLIAM NICHOLS II
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Ms. Hernandez,

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Attached hereto please find the signed Agreed Judgment of Probated Suspension in the above case.

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If you need any further information please let me know.

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Thank you,

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Judge Parkhurst:

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Attached in regard to the above-referenced matter, please find a proposed Agreed Judgment of Probated Suspension for your review and signature.

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We offer the services of our office for filing the signed Judgment.?? If your staff will send it to me, we will electronically file it with the Harris County District Clerk and provide proof of filing to yourself and to Ms. Leonard.

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Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

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Maribelle Hernandez

LEGAL ASSISTANT TO E. WILLIAM NICHOLS II



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