



Jan. 08, 2019

Board of Disciplinary Appeals

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

IN THE MATTER OF §
WILLIAM KEVIN GOODE § CAUSE NO. 61333
STATE BAR CARD NO. 08145550 §

AGREED JUDGMENT OF SUSPENSION

On the 8th day of January 2019, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner appeared by attorney and Respondent appeared pro se, as indicated by their respective signatures below, and announced that they agree to the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and orders set forth below. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals, having reviewed the file and in consideration of the agreement of the parties, 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, William Kevin Goode, whose Bar Card No. is 08145550, is an attorney licensed but not currently authorized by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On or about April 26, 2018, an Opinion and Decision Imposing Sanctions under C.R.C.O. 251.19(c) was entered in the Supreme Court, State of Colorado, Before the Office of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, in a matter styled: *Complainant: The People of the State of Colorado, Respondent: William Kevin Goode, #37063, Case No. 17-PDJ059.*
- (3) On or about May 31, 2018, an Order and Notice of Suspension was entered the Supreme Court, State of Colorado, Before the Office of the Presiding Disciplinary Judge, in a matter styled: *Complainant: The People of the State of Colorado, Respondent: William Kevin Goode, #37063, Case No. 17-PDJ059, that states in pertinent part as follows:*

Pursuant to C.R.C.P. 251.28(a), the Court ORDERS that WILLIAM KEVIN GOODE, attorney registration number 37063, is SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of TWO YEARS, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, and his name shall be stricken from the list of attorneys authorized to practice in the State of Colorado.

- (4) The Opinion and Decision Imposing Sanctions Under C.R.C.P. 251.19(c) states that Goode was convicted of twenty-eight felony counts of cruelty to animals, based on the pain and suffering he inflicted on twenty dogs and eight cats in his care. Under C.R.C.P. 251.20(b), Goode was required to report his conviction to the People no later than March 31, 2015. He failed to report his conviction to disciplinary authorities and the People learned of his conviction independently in late 2016. Through this conduct, Goode violated Colo. RPC 3.4(c) (a lawyer shall not knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal); Colo. RPC 8.4(b) (it is professional misconduct for a lawyer to commit a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects); and C.R.C.P. 251.5(b) (any criminal act reflecting adversely on a lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects is grounds for discipline).
- (5) Respondent, William Kevin Goode, is the same person as the William Kevin Goode, who is the subject of the Order and Notice of Suspension entered in the Supreme Court of Colorado; and
- (6) The Order entered in the Supreme Court of ~~Florida~~ ^{Colorado} is final.

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. Rule 7.08(H), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure;
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of Colorado is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, William Kevin Goode, State Bar Card No. 08145550, is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law in Texas for a period of two (2) years beginning December 27, 2018 and ending December 28, 2020.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, William Kevin Goode, 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, William Kevin Goode, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, 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, William Kevin Goode, 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), within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, 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, William Kevin Goode, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, shall 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 of the date of this judgment if requested.

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), within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, 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. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, money or other property requested by 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.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, William Kevin Goode, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, 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 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Agreed Judgment of Suspension shall be made a matter of public record and be published in the Texas Bar Journal.

Signed this 27 day of December 2018.

Robert A. Board

Chair Presiding
BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]

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William Kevin Goode
State Bar No. 08145550
RESPONDENT

State of Nevada, County of Clark
Subscribed and sworn before me
on this 27th day of December 2018
by William Goode

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