



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

IN THE MATTER OF §
JOHN J. ARBOUR § **CAUSE NO. 46091**
STATE BAR CARD NO. 00786993 §

DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 23rd day of July 2010, 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, John J. Arbour, State Bar Card No. 00786993, although duly cited to appear and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly made default. 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, John J. Arbour, State Bar Card Number 00786993, is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas due to non-payment of dues, non-payment of the Texas Attorney Occupation Tax, and for non-compliance with the Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements.
- (2) On or about October 2, 2009, the Supreme Court of Louisiana signed its Per Curiam Order permanently disbarring Respondent from the practice of law in

the matter styled: *In Re: John Joseph Arbour*, No. 2009-B-1217.

- (3) Respondent, John J. Arbour, is the same person as the John Joseph Arbour who is the subject of the Supreme Court of Louisiana Per Curiam Order described above.
- (4) The Per Curiam Order signed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana is final.
- (5) Respondent was personally served by an authorized private process server with the Order to Show Cause issued by this Board and the Petition for Reciprocal Discipline on June 10, 2010, as shown by the affidavit of service filed with the Board on June 29, 2010.

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. Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 7.08(H) ("TRDP").
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to the extent practical with that imposed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana is warranted in this case and is disbarment.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, John J. Arbour, State Bar Card No. 00786993, be and he is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and his license to practice law in this state be and is hereby revoked.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, John J. Arbour, is hereafter permanently prohibited, effective immediately, 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 not completed prior to the date of this judgment, appearing as counsel 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."

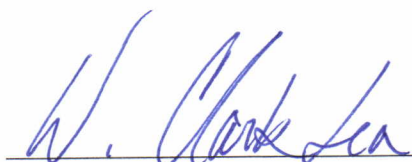
It is further ORDERED that Respondent, John J. Arbour, shall notify in writing, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent, John J. Arbour, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his disbarment, 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 Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, John J. Arbour, shall immediately notify each of his current clients, if any, in writing, of his disbarment. 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 Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the 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 disbarment 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 all notification letters to clients to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, John J. Arbour, immediately 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.

Signed this 26th day of July 2010.



CHAIR PRESIDING