

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

IN THE MATTER OF THOMAS MATTHEW COREA STATE BAR CARD NO. 24037906

§ CAUSE NO. 47269

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## JUDGMENT OF NO DISCIPLINE

On the 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 2011, the above-styled and numbered Petition for Reciprocal Discipline 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, Thomas Matthew Corea, appeared in person and by attorney and announced ready. All issues of fact as well as all questions 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 makes the following findings, conclusions, and orders:

<u>Findings of Fact</u>. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals finds that:

- (1) Respondent, Thomas Matthew Corea, Bar Card No. 24037906, is an attorney who is currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas;
- On October 13, 2009, the Hearing Officer in Case No. 08-1267 styled *State Bar of Arizona v. Thomas M. Corea, Bar No. 016431*, filed a report finding that Respondent Corea acted negligently in attaching the wrong exhibit to a motion for continuance (para. 49).

- (3) The Hearing Officer in Case No. 08-1267 further found that Respondent negligently failed to immediately transfer all client matters to successor counsel and withdraw from the cases (para. 50).
- (4) On November 19, 2009, an Order Upon Decision and Disciplinary Commission Report was entered by the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona in a matter styled: No. 08-1267, In the Matter of a Member of the State Bar of Arizona, Thomas M. Corea, Bar No. 016431, Respondent, censuring Respondent.
- (5) Respondent, Thomas Matthew Corea is the same person as the Thomas M. Corea who is the subject of the Disciplinary Commission Report and the Order Upon Decision signed November 19, 2009 by the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona.
- (6) The Order Upon Decision from the Disciplinary Commission of the Supreme Court of Arizona is final.

<u>Conclusions of Law</u>. 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. Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 7.08(H) ("TRDP").
- (2) Respondent has proven by clear and convincing evidence pursuant to TRDP 9.04(E) that the misconduct for which the attorney was disciplined in Arizona does not constitute Professional Misconduct in this state.
- (3) No discipline is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that no discipline be imposed.

Signed this 2n day of February 2011.

CHAIR PRESIDING