



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

**IN THE MATTER OF** §  
**BILAL AHMED KHALEEQ** § **CAUSE NO. 60812**  
**STATE BAR CARD NO. 24091271** §

**JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT**

On the 26th day of July 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals considered the Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment filed in the above case by Petitioner, Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas, against Respondent, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq. Respondent appeared pro se. The Commission appeared through the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas. The Board finds that:

- (1) It has continuing jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure Rule 8.05 (“TRDP”);
- (2) The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit dismissed Khaleeq’s appeal of his criminal conviction for want of prosecution on or about September 20, 2018, Case No. 18-10996;
- (3) Petitioner filed its Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment on or about February 14, 2019, and personally served same on Respondent on February 22, 2018 in accordance with TRDP 8.05;
- (4) Respondent’s conviction for the commission of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(V) and for a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(GG), for which he was sentenced in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, has become final and is not subject to further direct appeal;
- (5) Respondent’s criminal sentence is not fully probated;

- (6) Petitioner's Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment should be granted.

### **Interlocutory Suspension**

On the 9th day of October 2018, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered an Agreed Interlocutory Order of Suspension, which included the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- (1) Respondent, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq, whose State Bar Card number is 24091271, is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law and is authorized to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On or about July 12, 2017, Respondent was charged by Indictment with Count One – Conspiracy to Commit Marriage Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (8 U.S.C. § 1325(c)), in Cause No. 3-17CR-359-N, styled *United States of America v. Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq (1) Amna Cheema (2)*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division.
- (3) On or about July 20, 2018, a Judgment in a Criminal Case was entered in Cause No. 3:17-CR-00359-N(1), styled *United States of America v. Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq*, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Marriage Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371 (8 U.S.C. § 1325(c)), and was committed to the custody of the Bureau of Prisons for a total term of six (6) months. Upon release from imprisonment, Respondent shall be on supervised release for one (1) year. Respondent was further ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- (4) Respondent, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq, is the same person as the Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq who is the subject of the criminal case described above.
- (5) Respondent has appealed the criminal conviction.
- (6) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Tex. R. Disciplinary P. ("TRDP") 7.08(G);
- (7) Respondent, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq, having been convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Marriage Fraud, has been convicted of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(V).

- (8) Respondent has also been convicted of a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(GG).
- (9) Having been found guilty and convicted of an Intentional and Serious Crime and having appealed such conviction, Respondent, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq should have his license to practice law in Texas suspended during the appeal of his criminal conviction. TRDP 8.04.
- (10) The Board retains jurisdiction to enter a final judgment in this matter when the criminal appeal is final.

### **Disbarment**

It is, therefore, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq, State Bar No. 24091271, 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, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq, 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, 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** Respondent, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq, shall immediately notify each of his 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 Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, 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. If Respondent is unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to any client or former client with active cases pending, 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.

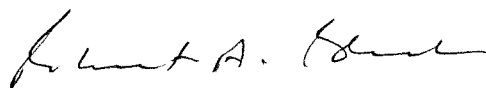
It is further ORDERED Respondent, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq, shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the signing of this judgment by the Board, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer and chief justice of each and every court or tribunal in 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 Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, 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, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq, if he has not already done so, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.

O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

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

Signed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July 2019.



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**CHAIR PRESIDING**