

3. Following the appeal by Respondent of his criminal conviction in Cause No. 3:17-CR-00359-N(1), on the charges of Conspiracy to Commit Marriage Fraud, an Order dismissing appeal (Exhibit A) was issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, on or about September 20, 2018, in Cause No. No. 18-10996, *United States of America, Plaintiff – Appellee v. Bilal Khaleeq, Defendant – Appellant*, which dismissed Respondent’s appeal of his conviction.

6. A true and correct copy of the Order dismissing Respondent’s appeal issued by the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit, is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes as if the same were copied verbatim herein. Petitioner expects to introduce a certified copy of Exhibit A at the time of hearing of this cause.

7. Petitioner represents to the Board that the Judgment entered against Respondent, Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq, has now become final. Petitioner seeks the entry of a judgment of disbarment. Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the form of the proposed judgment of which Petitioner seeks the entry herein.

PRAYER


WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays, upon notice to Respondent, that the Board enter its order disbarring Respondent and for such other and further relief to which Petitioner may be entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a trial on the merits of the Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment heretofore sent to be filed with the Board of Disciplinary Appeals on this day, will be held in the courtroom of the Supreme Court of Texas, Tom C. Clark Building, 14th and Colorado Streets, Austin, Texas, at **9:00 a.m. on the 12^h day of April 2019.**


Judith Gres DeBerry

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument has been sent for personal service on February 14, 2019, as follows:

Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq # 55894-177
FCI Texarkana
Federal Correctional Institution
4001 Leopard Drive
Texarkana, Texas 75501


Judith Gres DeBerry

IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT

No. 18-10996



UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff - Appellee

v.

BILAL KHALEEQ,

Defendant - Appellant

Certified as a true copy and issued
as the mandate on Feb 13, 2019

Attest:

Lyle W. Cayce
Clerk, U.S. Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit

Appeal from the United States District Court for the
Northern District of Texas

CLERK'S OFFICE:

Under 5TH CIR. R. 42.3, the appeal is dismissed as of
September 20, 2018, for want of prosecution. The appellant failed
to timely order the transcript and make financial arrangements
with the court reporter.

LYLE W. CAYCE
Clerk of the United States Court
of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit

Mary Frances Yeager

By: _____
Mary Frances Yeager, Deputy Clerk

ENTERED AT THE DIRECTION OF THE COURT

Exhibit

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**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 12th day of April 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. The Board finds that:

- (1) It has continuing jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 8.05 (“TRDP”);
- (2) The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit dismissed Respondent, Khaleeq’s, appeal on or about September 20, 2018;
- (3) Petitioner filed its Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment on or about February 14, 2019, and served same on Respondent in accordance with TRDP 8.05;
- (4) Respondent’s conviction for the commission of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(T), 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 appeal;
- (5) 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 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(T).
- (8) Respondent has also been convicted of a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(AA).
- (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

The Board has determined that disbarment of the Respondent is appropriate. 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 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 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 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.

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 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 Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P. O. Box 12487, 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 Compulsory Discipline on file herein along with a copy of 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 _____ day of _____ 2019.

Chair Presiding
BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS