

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS APPOINTED BY THE CUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

IN THE MATTER OF \$ TARA EDEN LATUS \$ CAUSE NO. 69924 STATE BAR CARD NO. 24062825 \$

UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR REMOTE APPEARANCE FOR RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE HEARING AND TO CONTINUE THE RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE HEARING TO A LATER DATE

Respondent, Tara Eden Latus, respectfully submits this "Unopposed Motion For Remote Appearance for Reciprocal Discipline Hearing And To Continue The Reciprocal Discipline Hearing To A Later Date" under BODA IPR 109(a), 104(c) and 502, respectively, to show good cause for a remote appearance and continuance of the hearing to a future hearing date, as follows:

- 1. <u>Inadequate Coverage For Absence from Work</u>. Ms. Latus has taken a position as a high school Precalculus and Algebra II teacher in an underserved area as her only possible employment since the 3-year suspension of her law license by Colorado. In working in an underserved school district, the school has already lost two teachers since school started, and it is difficult for the school to find substitute teachers to cover teacher absences.
- 2. <u>Financial Hardship for Taking off From Work and Paying Trip Expenses.</u> In addition to not being able to have teachers cover her absence, Ms. Latus has also not accrued sufficient time off to be absent from work to attend the hearing in Texas without doing so without pay. With Ms. Latus's significant reduction in income since having her law license suspended, it would cause her a serious financial hardship to be able to cover her children's basic living expenses and arrange for child care while she is out of state if she took time off without pay to attend the hearing in person, much less to be able to cover the expenses for a multiple-day trip to Texas from Colorado to attend the hearing in person.
- 3. No Resolution of COARC Complaint. Finally, Ms. Latus has been waiting to receive a response to her complaint to the Colorado Office Attorney Regulation Counsel (COARC) for the inappropriate actions of the COARC attorney who materially mismanaged her proceeding on this matter with Colorado, as further detailed in Ms. Latus's recent "Response To Show Cause Order" filed with this Court. COARC has refused at this point to even investigate or decide upon Ms. Latus's complaint after many months, which has further delayed Ms. Latus's ability to prepare a proper defense in this reciprocal discipline proceeding in Texas on the same matter.

Ms. Latus has decided that she must not further delay this Texas proceeding without this pertinent resolution by Colorado, and she now needs additional time to prepare to prove this material misconduct by the COARC attorney as it relates to whether reciprocal discipline is warranted or not under Texas law.

4. <u>Meet and Conferral Certification</u>. Respondent certifies that she conferred with Petitioner's Counsel, Mr. Huntpalmer, in advance of filing this motion, and Petitioner's Counsel, does not oppose this Motion.

Respectfully submitted on October 21, 2024 by:

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Tara Eden Latus, pro se

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Tara Latus, certify that I have sent a copy of this *Unopposed Motion For Remote Appearance for Reciprocal Discipline Hearing And To Continue The Reciprocal Discipline Hearing To A Later Date* to Petitioner's Counsel, Mr. Huntpalmer via email at Richard.Huntpalmer@texasbar.com.

Tara Eden Latus, pro se