

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

IN THE MATTER OF §

JESSICA LYNN SIEGEL § CAUSE NO. 68197

STATE BAR CARD NO. 24013509 §

JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 26th day of April, 2024, the above-styled and numbered compulsory discipline action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Jessica Lynn Siegel, appeared by and through counsel and announced ready. All questions of fact and 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, Jessica Lynn Siegel, State Bar Card Number 24013509 is licensed and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about November 18, 2015, Respondent was charged by Indictment with Misapplication of Fiduciary Property, in Cause No. 1488846, styled *The State of Texas vs. Jessica Siegel, 3131 Yaupon Square, Houston, Tx* 77027, in the 178th Judicial District Court, Harris County, Texas.
- (3) On or about December 7, 2016, the 178th District Court, Harris County, Texas, entered a Judgment of Conviction by Court Waiver of Jury Trial, in Cause No. 148884601010, styled *The State of Texas v. Siegel, Jessica*, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Misapplication Fiduciary Finance 1500-

- 20k, a State Jail Felony. Respondent was sentenced to 322 days in county jail but given 161 days credit toward incarceration, fine, and costs.
- (4) Respondent, Jessica Lynn Siegel, is the same person as the Jessica Siegel who is the subject of the Judgment of Conviction by Court Waiver of Jury Trial described above.

Conclusions of Law. Based on 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. TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 7.08(G).
- (2) Respondent, Jessica Lynn Siegel, has been convicted of an Intentional Crime as defined by Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 1.06(V) and a Serious Crime as defined by Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 1.06(GG).
- (3) The conviction is final.
- (4) Compulsory discipline is warranted in this case. TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 8.04.
- (5) Because Respondent's sentence was not fully probated, the Board does not have discretion to suspend Respondent's license. See *In re Caballero*, 272 S.W.3d 595, 601 (Tex. 2008); *see* TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 8.05, 8.06.
- (6) Respondent, Jessica Lynn Siegel, therefore, must be disbarred. TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 8.05, 8.06.
- (7) If Respondent's criminal conviction is set aside, vacated, reversed, or otherwise modified as a result of Respondent's Application for Writ of Habeas Corpus filed on April 22, 2024, Respondent should notify the Board. *Cf.* TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 8.04 (recognizing that when a conviction is set aside or reversed, immediate action as to the respondent's law license is warranted).

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, and **DECREED** that Respondent, Jessica Lynn Siegel, State Bar Card No. 24013509, be and hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas, and her license to practice law in this state be and hereby is revoked.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent, Jessica Lynn

Siegel, is prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding herself out as an attorney at law,

performing any legal services 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 administrative body, or holding herself out to others or using her name, in any manner,

in conjunction with the words "attorney at law," "attorney," "counselor at law," "esquire," "Esq.,"

or "lawyer."

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Jessica Lynn Siegel, shall immediately notify

each of her current clients, if any, in writing of this disbarment. In addition to such notification,

Respondent is **ORDERED** to return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property, if any,

which belongs to clients and former clients and is in Respondent's possession or control, to the

respective clients or former clients or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request,

within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Jessica Lynn Siegel, shall 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 date of this judgment, 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 should be unable to return any such files, papers, monies, or

other property, Respondent's affidavit shall state with particularity the efforts made by Respondent

with respect to each particular client and the cause of her inability to return to said client any file,

paper, money, or other property.

Judgment of Disbarment Jessica Lynn Siegel It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Jessica Lynn Siegel, shall, on or before thirty

(30) days from the date this judgment, 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, if any, 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 has represented.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Jessica Lynn Siegel, shall 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 date of this judgment, an affidavit

stating that Respondent has sent written notice to each and every justice of the peace, judge,

magistrate, administrative judge or officer, and chief justice in accordance with the terms of this

judgment.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Jessica Lynn Siegel, shall immediately surrender

her 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 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), for transmittal to the Clerk of the

Supreme Court of Texas.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Judgment of Disbarment shall be made a matter of public

record and that notice of this disciplinary action shall be published in the *Texas Bar Journal*.

Signed this 3rd day of May 2024.

CHAIR PRESIDING

Board members Jason Boatright and Jennifer Caughey did not participate in the Board's decision.