

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

IN THE MATTER OF §
WESLEY S. SPEARS, § CAUSE NO. 68987
STATE BAR CARD NO. 18898400 §

## ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE ON FIRST AMENDED PETITION FOR RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE AND HEARING NOTICE

Pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure ("TRDP") Part IX, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, Petitioner, filed its First Amended Petition for Reciprocal Discipline against Wesley S. Spears, Respondent, on April 9, 2024. The First Amended Petition states that on September 25, 2023, a Memorandum of Decision was entered by the Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, State of Connecticut in a matter styled *Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel v. Wesley S. Spears*, Docket No. CV- 22-6160733-S, in which Respondent was suspended from the practice of law for two years. The court found that Respondent violated Rules 3.1, 3.3, 8.2, 8.4(3), and 8.4(4) of the Connecticut Rules of Professional Conduct. A true and correct copy of the First Amended Petition for Reciprocal Discipline, which includes the Memorandum and Decision entered by the Superior Court, Judicial District of Hartford, is attached hereto and incorporated herein for all purposes as if set forth in full.

It is, therefore, **ORDERED** that Respondent Wesley S. Spears shall, within thirty (30) days from the date of service, show cause why the imposition of identical discipline, to the extent practicable, in Texas by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals pursuant to Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 9.02, would be unwarranted. If Respondent is served by mail, Respondent shall show cause within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing of this Order to Show Cause. Respondent

should consult Part IX of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure regarding the failure to file an answer. Failure to file a timely answer may waive Respondent's right to raise the defenses set forth in Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 9.04 and limit the scope of the hearing to exclude presentation of any such defenses. *See* TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 9.01–04; BODA INTERNAL PROCEDURAL RULES R. 7.03.

It is further **ORDERED** that this reciprocal discipline matter is set for hearing before the Board on Friday, July 26, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the courtroom of the Supreme Court of Texas, Austin, Texas.

SIGNED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

**CHAIR PRESIDING**