



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

**IN THE MATTER OF** §  
**JAMES N. WALKER** § **CAUSE NO. 59122**  
**STATE BAR CARD NO. 20708600** §

**JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2017, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, James N. Walker, although being duly cited and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly make default. All questions of fact as well as all 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 makes the following findings and orders:

**Findings of Fact.** The Board of Disciplinary Appeals finds that:

- (1) Respondent, James N. Walker, State Bar Card Number 20708600, is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas due to being administratively suspended.
- (2) On or about May 20, 2016, Respondent was charged by Indictment with Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance – Penalty Group 1 F1, namely, heroin, in Cause No. D-1-DC-16-300764, styled *The State of Texas v. James Walker*, in the 331st Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.
- (3) On or about May 11, 2017, Conditions of Community Supervision were entered in Case Number: D-1-DC-16300764 styled *The State of Texas v. James Walker*, in the 299<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas.

- (4) On or about May 16, 2017, an Order of the Court Deferring Further Proceedings was entered in Case Number: D-1-DC-16300764 styled *The State of Texas v. James Walker*, in the 299<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Travis County, Texas, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Possession with Intent to Deliver a Controlled Substance: Heroin Pg 1  $\geq 4g < 200g$ , a felony, and was placed on community supervision for five (5) years, ordered to complete 120 hours of community service, and further ordered not to practice law during the probation term.
- (5) Respondent, James N. Walker, is the same person as the James Walker who is the subject of the Judgment described above.
- (6) Respondent was served with the Petition and hearing notice by a duly authorized process server on July 18, 2017, and the affidavit of service was filed with the Board on September 22, 2017.
- (7) The criminal conviction is final.

**Conclusions of Law.** Based upon 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. Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure Rule 7.08(G) (“TRDP”).
- (2) Respondent, James N. Walker, has been convicted for purposes of TRDP 8.04 of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(T) which is also a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(AA).
- (3) Respondent James N. Walker should be disbarred. TRDP 8.05.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, James N. Walker, State Bar Card No. 20708600, 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, James N. Walker, is prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any administrative

body or holding himself out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney at law," "attorney," "counselor at law," or "lawyer."

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, James N. Walker, shall immediately notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court, if any, in which Respondent, James N. Walker, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his disbarment of the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and of the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in that court.

It is further **ORDERED** Respondent shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Statewide Compliance Monitor, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), not later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, an affidavit stating Respondent has notified in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court 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 in Court.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, James N. Walker, shall immediately notify each of his current clients and opposing counsel, if any, in writing, of his disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is **ORDERED** to return all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties which are in his possession but which belong to current or former clients, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within thirty (30) days after the date on which this Judgment is signed by the Board.

Respondent is further **ORDERED** to file with State Bar of Texas, Statewide Compliance Monitor, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), within thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel have

been notified of his disbarment and that all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties belonging to clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to any client or former client, 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. Respondent is also **ORDERED** to mail copies of all notification letters to clients to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, James N. Walker, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, 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 First Amended Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file herein, along with a copy of this Judgment, be sent to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 18 day of October 2017.

  
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CHAIR PRESIDING