

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

IN THE MATTER OF	§
JOHN S. YOUNG	§ CAUSE NO. 59818
STATE BAR CARD NO. 22197800	§

AGREED INTERLOCUTORY ORDER OF SUSPENSION

On this day, the above-styled and numbered compulsory disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner appeared by attorney and Respondent appeared pro se, as indicated by their respective signatures below and announced that they agree to the findings of fact, conclusions of law and orders set forth below. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals, having reviewed the file and in consideration of the agreement of the parties, 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, John S. Young, whose State Bar Card number is 22197800, is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law and is currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On or about January 26, 2017, Respondent was charged by Indictment with Count 1 – Forgery; Count 2 – Forgery; Count 3 – Theft; and Count 4 – Money Laundering, in Cause No. B-17-0081-SB, styled *State of Texas v. John Stacy Young*, in the 119th District Court of Tom Green County, Texas.
- (3) On or about November 13, 2017, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was entered in Cause No. B-17-0081-SB Count One (1) of Four (4), styled *State of Texas v. John Stacy Young*, in the 119th District Court of Tom Green County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Forgery of a financial instrument, a State Jail Felony, and was sentenced to seven hundred thirty (730) days in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and was ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- (4) On or about November 13, 2017, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was entered in Cause No. B-17-0081-SB Count Two (2) of Four (4), styled *State of Texas v. John Stacy Young*, in the 119th District Court of Tom Green County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Forgery of a

financial instrument, a State Jail Felony, and was sentenced to seven hundred thirty (730) days in the State Jail Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and was ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$10,000.00.

- (5) On or about November 13, 2017, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was entered in Cause No. B-17-0081-SB Count Three (3) of Four (4), styled *State of Texas v. John Stacy Young*, in the 119th District Court of Tom Green County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Theft of property in a value of \$200,000 or more, a 1st Degree Felony, and was sentenced to eleven (11) years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and was ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- (6) On or about November 13, 2017, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was entered in Cause No. B-17-0081-SB Count Four (4) of Four (4), styled *State of Texas v. John Stacy Young*, in the 119th District Court of Tom Green County, Texas, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Money Laundering in a value of \$100,000 or more but less than \$200,000, a 2nd Degree Felony, and was sentenced to eleven (11) years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and was ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$10,000.00.
- (7) Respondent, John S. Young, is the same person as the John Stacy Young who is the subject of the criminal cases described above.
- (8) Respondent has appealed the criminal convictions.

Conclusions of Law. Based upon the foregoing findings of facts the Board of Disciplinary

Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

- (1) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Tex. R. Disciplinary P. ("TRDP") 7.08(G);
- (2) Respondent, John S. Young, having been convicted of two counts of Forgery of a financial instrument; Theft of property in a value of \$200,000 or more; and Money Laundering in a value of \$100,000 or more but less than \$200,000, has been convicted of Intentional Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(T).
- (3) Respondent has also been convicted of Serious Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(AA).
- (4) Having been found guilty and convicted of Intentional and Serious Crimes and having appealed such convictions, Respondent, John S. Young, should

have his license to practice law in Texas suspended during the appeal of his criminal convictions. TRDP 8.04.

- (5) The Board retains jurisdiction to enter a final judgment in this matter when the criminal appeal is final.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent, John S. Young, State Bar Card No. 22197800, is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law in the State of Texas effective immediately upon entry of this order and continuing hereafter until further order of this Board.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, John S. Young, during said suspension is hereby 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 not completed before the date of this order, appearing as counsel 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 that Respondent, John S. Young, shall notify in writing, ~~no later than thirty (30) days from the date of this Order,~~ *AS SOON AS REASONABLY PRACTICABLE* each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent, John S. Young, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his suspension, 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. Respondent is also ORDERED to mail copies of all such notifications to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State

Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, within the same ^{TIME} ~~thirty (30)~~ ^{PERIOD} days, an affidavit stating wither (a) that each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent, John S. Young, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his suspension, has been notified or (b) that Respondent has no legal matters pending in any court.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, John S. Young, shall immediately notify each of his current clients, if any, in writing, of his suspension. 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 with active cases pending, if any, to those respective clients or former clients with active cases pending within

^{As soon as Reasonably Practicable} ~~thirty (30) days after the date of this Order~~. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the

Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O.

Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, within the same ^{TIME PERIOD} ~~thirty (30)~~ days, an affidavit

stating either (a) that all current clients have been notified of his suspension and that all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties belonging to clients and former clients with active cases pending have been returned as ordered herein or (b) that Respondent has no current clients, files, or papers, and that any unearned fees paid in advance or other monies or properties belonging to clients have previously been returned to the appropriate client. If Respondent is unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to any client or former client with active cases pending, 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 a copy of all notification letters to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief

Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, John S. Young, ^{SHALL WITHIN 30 DAYS UPON RELEASE FROM TDCJ} immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

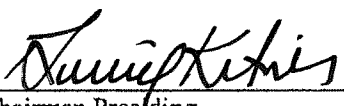
It is further ORDERED that a certified copy of the First Amended Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file herein, along with a copy of this Order, be sent to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that this Order is interlocutory and that the Board retains jurisdiction to enter a final judgment when the appeal of the criminal conviction is final. *In the Matter of Mercier*, 242 SW 3d 46 (Tex. 2007).

It is further ORDERED that Respondent shall promptly notify the Board and the State Bar of Texas Chief Disciplinary Counsel when the appeal of the criminal conviction is final.

It is further ORDERED that the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas shall monitor the status of the appeal of the criminal conviction on at least a quarterly basis and promptly file an appropriate motion for entry of final judgment with the Board if and when the appeal of the criminal conviction is final.

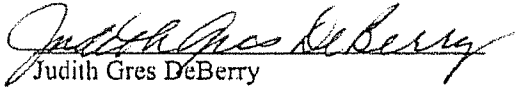
Signed this 24 day of April 2018.



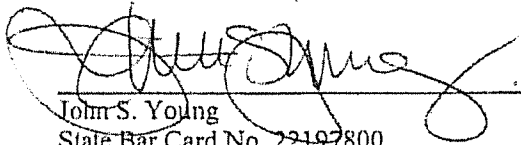
Chairman Presiding
Board of Disciplinary Appeals

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

As Amended



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Respondent