



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

**IN THE MATTER OF** §  
**HEATHER REE SLAY** § **CAUSE NO. 58336**  
**STATE BAR CARD NO. 24027863** §

**DEFAULT JUDGMENT OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On the 27th day of January 2017, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal 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, Heather Ree Slay, although duly cited to appear and having notice of the hearing, failed to answer or appear and wholly made 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 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, Heather Ree Slay, whose State Bar Card number is 24027863, is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law and authorized to practice law in the State of Texas;
- (2) On or about April 8, 2016, an Order/Per Curiam that includes a Joint

Petition for Consent Discipline Pursuant to [Louisiana] Supreme Court Rule XIX, §20, Joint Stipulations of Fact Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, §20, Joint Memorandum in Support of Joint Petition for Consent Discipline and a Waiver of Opportunity to Withdraw, was entered by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana in a matter styled: *In Re: Heather Ree Slay*, No. 2016-B-0437, that states in pertinent part as follows: "IT IS ORDERED that the Petition for Consent Discipline be accepted and that Heather Ree Slay be and she hereby is publicly reprimanded."

- (3) In the Joint Petition for Consent Discipline Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, §20, Respondent admitted violating Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct Rule 5.5(a) and Rule 8.04(d) in exchange for a stipulated form of discipline, to wit: a public reprimand.
- (4) The Joint Petition for Consent Discipline Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, §20, established that by correspondence dated September 4, 2015, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel was notified by two Louisiana attorneys that the Respondent filed a pleading in a pending civil matter within the Fifteenth Judicial District Court for the Parish of Lafayette although she was not licensed to practice law in the State of Louisiana and had not been admitted pro hac vice.
- (5) Respondent, Heather Ree Slay, is the same person as the Heather Ree Slay, who is the subject of the Order/Per Curiam that includes a Joint Petition for Consent Discipline Pursuant to Supreme court Rule XIX, §20, Joint Stipulations of Fact Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, §20, Joint Memorandum in Support of Joint Petition for Consent Discipline and a Waiver of Opportunity to Withdraw entered by the Supreme Court of the State of Louisiana; and
- (6) The Order/Per Curiam that includes a Joint Petition for Consent Discipline Pursuant to Supreme court Rule XIX, §20, Joint Stipulations of Fact Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule XIX, §20, Joint Memorandum in Support of Joint Petition for Consent Discipline and a Waiver of Opportunity to Withdraw entered by the Supreme Court of Louisiana is final.
- (7) On November 20, 2016, this Board issued its Order to Show Cause with hearing notice ordering Respondent to show cause within 30 days of the date of service why imposition by the Board of identical discipline in Texas pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure § 9.02 would be unwarranted.

- (8) Respondent was personally served with the Order to Show Cause with hearing notice and the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on December 15, 2016. The Affidavit of service was filed with the Board on January 6, 2017.
- (9) Respondent has not filed an answer or otherwise appeared in this proceeding.

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. Rule 7.08(H), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure;
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Supreme Court of Louisiana is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Heather Ree Slay, State Bar Card No. 24027863, be and hereby is **PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED** as an attorney at law in the State of Texas.

Signed this 27 day of January 2017.



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CHAIR PRESIDING