

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS
MISC. DOCKET NO. 06-9134

IN THE MATTER OF JOSEPH A. CHEFFO

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Joseph A. Cheffo and the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission for Lawyer Discipline. The Court concludes each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. In the absence of a request by Joseph A. Cheffo to withdraw his motion, the Court deems the professional misconduct detailed in the Response of Chief Disciplinary Counsel conclusively established for all purposes. The Court further concludes that acceptance of Joseph A. Cheffo' resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of Joseph A. Cheffo of Corpus Christi, Texas, State Bar Card Number 24012418, is canceled. The Court finds that Joseph A. Cheffo has surrendered his State Bar Card to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas, but represented to the Court that he had lost his Texas law license and therefore shall file with the court an affidavit stating that he is unable to locate his Texas law license and will surrender it to the court should he find it.

Consequently, Joseph A. Cheffo is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. This includes holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing legal services for others, giving legal advice to 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 Texas administrative body (whether state, county, municipal, or other), or holding himself out to others or using his name in any manner in conjunction with the words "Attorney at Law," "Counselor at Law," "Lawyer," or "Attorney."

Additionally, Joseph A. Cheffo must immediately notify in writing each of his current clients

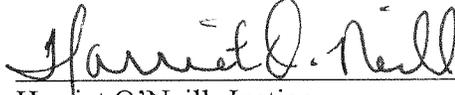
of his resignation. He shall also return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property in his possession belonging to any client or former client to the respective client or former client or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request. Joseph A. Cheffo shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, 126 East Nueva Street, Suite 200, San Antonio, Texas 78204, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of his resignation and that all files, papers, monies, and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

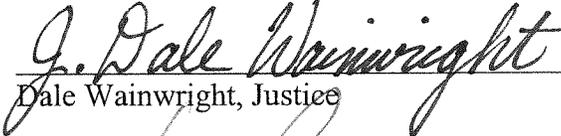
Finally, Joseph A. Cheffo shall, within thirty (30) days after the date of this Order, notify in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which Joseph A. Cheffo has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) Joseph A. Cheffo is representing in court. Joseph A. Cheffo shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Post Office Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order an affidavit stating that he has notified in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which he has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) he is representing in Court.

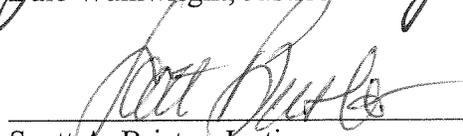
IT IS ORDERED the 22nd ^{SEPTEMBER} day of 2006.

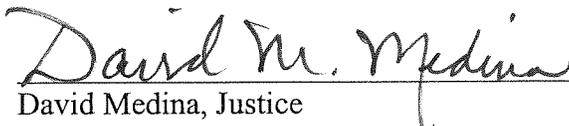

Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice


Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

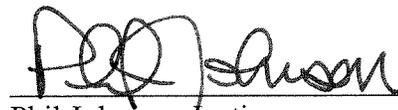

Harriet O'Neill, Justice

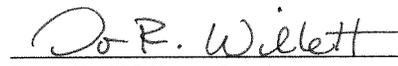

Dale Wainwright, Justice


Scott A. Brister, Justice


David Medina, Justice


Paul W. Green, Justice


Phil Johnson, Justice


Don R. Willett, Justice