IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 11- 9228

IN THE MATTER OF STEVEN A. BEARMAN

ORDER ACCEPTING RESIGNATION IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of **STEVEN A. BEARMAN**, **State Bar No. 90000546**, 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 finding the absence of any request by **STEVEN A. BEARMAN** 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 the resignation of **STEVEN A. BEARMAN** is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of **STEVEN A. BEARMAN** of Houston, Texas, State Bar Card Number 90000546 is canceled. The Court finds that **STEVEN A. BEARMAN** has previously surrendered his Texas law license and State Bar Card.

Consequently, **STEVEN A. BEARMAN** 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."

STEVEN A. BEARMAN, is presently incarcerated and suspended from the practice of law, but in the event he has any remaining clients, he shall immediately notify in writing any remaining 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. **STEVEN A. BEARMAN** shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487, 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.

STEVEN A. BEARMAN shall immediately notify in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which **STEVEN A. BEARMAN** has any matter remaining 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) **STEVEN A. BEARMAN** is representing in court. **STEVEN A. BEARMAN** shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, 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.

STEVEN A. BEARMAN shall pay restitution to Kristy A. Garcia Varisco in the amount of \$18,931.93 (Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty One and 93/100). Payment of the foregoing restitution is to be made by certified check, money order or other method of guaranteed payment made payable to Kristy A. Garcia Varisco and delivered to State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P. O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701).

STEVEN A. BEARMAN shall pay The State Bar of Texas reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and expenses of litigation in the amount of \$2,750.00. All costs of court are adjudged against the Respondent and awarded to Petitioner. Payment of the foregoing fees and costs is to be made by certified check, money order or other method of guaranteed payment made payable to the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P. O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701).

Payment of all fees and restitution shall be a condition precedent to any application for reinstatement to the practice of law by Respondent.

IT IS ORDERED the <u>13</u> day of <u>December</u>, 2011.

Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justige

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