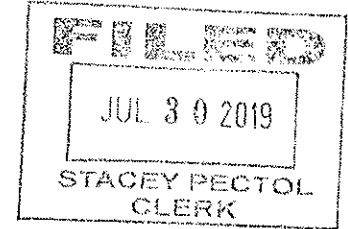


BEFORE THE ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT
COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL A



IN RE: MELYNDA GIBSON PEARSON
Arkansas Bar ID #95076
CPC Docket No. 2019-022

ORDER OF RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE

Melynda Gibson Pearson, an attorney practicing primarily in Texarkana, Texas, and licensed in 1995 to practice law in the State of Arkansas, is assigned Arkansas Bar Number 95076. Pearson was licensed as an attorney in the state of Texas on November 5, 1993 and assigned Texas Bar Number 00787534. On April 3, 2019, two cases, Case No. 201705845 and Case No. 201706900, involving Pearson came before the District I Grievance Committee Evidentiary Panel 1-3 of The State Bar of Texas. In both Texas matters, Pearson entered in to an Agreed Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension which states the terms of her suspension and probation.

In Case No. 201705845, the Panel found that Pearson violated Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct Rule 8.04(a)(8). The Panel ordered, adjudged and decreed that Pearson be suspended from the practice of law for a period of twenty-four (24) months, beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2021 with conditions imposed. Pearson is actively suspended for three months from May 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019 with the remaining twenty-one (21) month period as probated suspension from August 1, 2019 – April 30, 2021.

In Case No. 201706900, the Panel found that Pearson violated Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). The Panel ordered, adjudged and decreed that Pearson be suspended from the practice of law for a period of twenty-four (24) months, beginning May 1, 2019, and ending April 30, 2021 with conditions imposed. Pearson is actively suspended from May 1, 2019 – July 31, 2019 with the remaining twenty-one (21) month period as probated suspension from August 1, 2019 – April 30, 2021.


Section 14 of the Procedures of the Arkansas Supreme Court Regulating Professional Conduct of Attorneys at Law ("Procedures") provides the procedure for licenses of attorneys who have been disbarred, suspended, or transferred to disability inactive status by another state or federal court or a corresponding disciplinary authority of another jurisdiction.

§14.F of the Procedures states that the Panel shall impose the identical disbarment, suspension, or transfer to disability inactive status, unless the Panel finds certain elements are present. The Panel found that none of the elements listed in §14.F of the Procedures were present and, therefore, imposes an identical twenty-four month suspension of Ms. Pearson's Arkansas law license with the first three months as active suspension and the following twenty-one months as probated suspension.

WHEREFORE, it is the decision and order of the Arkansas Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, acting through its authorized Panel A, that Melynda Gibson Pearson, Arkansas Bar ID# 95076, be, and hereby is, SUSPENDED from the practice of law for a period of TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS WITH THREE MONTHS ACTIVE SUSPENSION AND TWENTY-ONE MONTHS PROBATED SUSPENSION for her conduct which led to a twenty-four month suspension, with three months active suspension and twenty-one months probated suspension, of her Texas law license. The three month active suspension shall become effective on the date of the filing of this Order.

It is so ordered.

ARKANSAS SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON
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T. Benton Smith, Jr., Chair, Panel A

Date: 7/27/19