

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET No. 03- 9138

IN THE MATTER OF CARLA F.T. MULLER

The Court has reviewed the *Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Carla F.T. Muller* 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 Carla F.T. Muller to withdraw her *Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action*, the Court deems the professional misconduct detailed in the *Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission for Lawyer Discipline* conclusively established for all purposes. The Court further concludes that acceptance of Carla F.T. Muller's resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of Carla F.T. Muller of Harris County, Texas, State Bar Number 00791318, is canceled. Carla F.T. Muller must immediately surrender her State Bar Card and law license to the SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS or file an affidavit stating why she cannot.

Carla F.T. Muller is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. This includes holding herself out as 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 herself out to others or using her name in any manner in conjunction with the "Attorney at Law," "Counselor at Law," or "Lawyer."

Carla F.T. Muller must immediately notify in writing each of her current clients of this resignation. Carla F.T. Muller shall also return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property in her possession and belonging to any client, to the respective client or to another attorney at the client's request. Carla F.T. Muller shall file with the **STATE BAR OF TEXAS, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, 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 her resignation and that all files, papers, monies, and other property belonging to all clients have been returned.

Additionally, Carla F.T. Muller shall, within thirty (30) days of this *Order*, notify in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which she 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) she is representing in that court. Carla F.T. Muller shall file with the **STATE BAR OF TEXAS, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487**, within thirty (30) days of the date of this *Order*, an affidavit stating that she has notified in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which she 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) she is representing in that court.

Carla F.T. Muller shall pay restitution to the following Complainants **as an absolute condition precedent to reinstatement**:

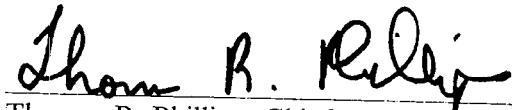
1. Antonio Vargas, Jr., in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$2,500.00);

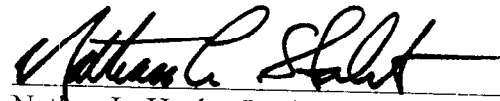
2. Luis F. Arango in the amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$2,700.00);
3. Ethel Marie Leeman in the amount of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Five and No/100 Dollars (\$2,725.00);
4. Julie Ann Lyons in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty and No/100 Dollars (\$250.00);
5. Eloise A. Gonzales in the amount of One Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$100.00); and
6. Geraldene McLean in the amount of Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$500.00).

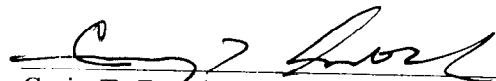
In the event that the STATE BAR OF TEXAS CLIENT SECURITY FUND shall have made any payment to said Complainants, then Respondent shall pay to the STATE BAR OF TEXAS the amount paid. If the amount paid by the CLIENT SECURITY FUND is less than the full amount of restitution owed, then any amount remaining shall be paid to Complainants, as set forth above. All payments shall be made by certified or cashier's check and delivered to the **STATE BAR OF TEXAS, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487.**

Also as an absolute condition precedent to reinstatement, Carla F. T. Muller shall provide proof to the **STATE BAR OF TEXAS, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487,** that all clients from 2000 to 2003, who are owed money, regardless of when or whether they filed a grievance have been properly reimbursed.

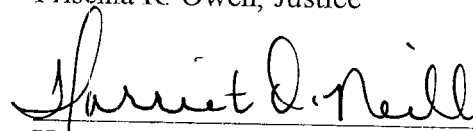
IT IS ORDERED the 23rd day of September, 2003.

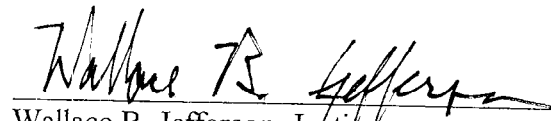

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

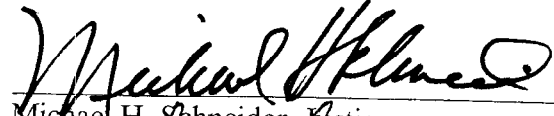

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

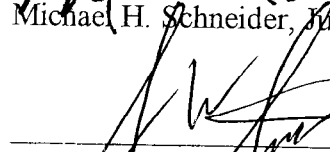

Craig T. Enoch, Justice

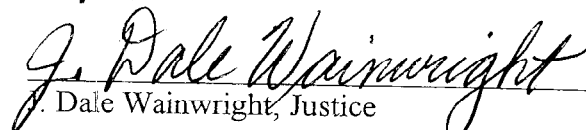

Priscilla R. Owen, Justice


Harriet O'Neill, Justice


Wallace B. Jefferson, Justice


Michael H. Schneider, Justice


Steven W. Smith, Justice


J. Dale Wainwright, Justice