

**ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

MISC. DOCKET NO. 13-9142

**IN THE MATTER OF JOHN-BAPTIST A. SEKUMADE**

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of John-Baptist A. Sekumade (the Motion) and the Response of the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the Commission for Lawyer Discipline (the Response). The Court concludes each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The Court notes that John-Baptist A. Sekumade has waived his right to withdraw the Motion. Therefore, the Court deems the professional misconduct detailed in the Response conclusively established for all purposes. The Court further concludes that acceptance of the resignation of John-Baptist A. Sekumade is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of John-Baptist A. Sekumade of Lagos, Nigeria, State Bar Card Number 24051589 is canceled. John-Baptist A. Sekumade must immediately surrender his State Bar Card and Texas law license to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas or file with the court an affidavit or unsworn declaration stating why he cannot.

Consequently, John-Baptist A. Sekumade is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. He is prohibited from 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,” or “Lawyer.”

Additionally, John-Baptist A. Sekumade must immediately notify in writing each of his current clients and opposing counsel 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. John-Baptist A. Sekumade shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within thirty days of the date of this Order an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel 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, John-Baptist A. Sekumade shall, within thirty 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 John-Baptist A. Sekumade 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) John-Baptist A. Sekumade is representing in court. John-Baptist A. Sekumade shall file with the Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within thirty 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.

## **CONDITIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT**

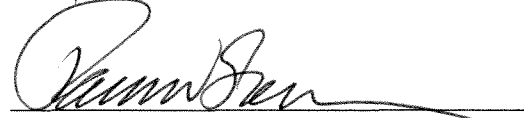
As absolute conditions precedent for John-Baptist A. Sekumade's reinstatement to the practice of law, he shall pay restitution in the following amounts:

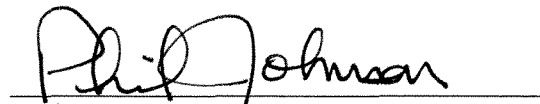
1. \$3,500.00 to Rebecca Kern.
2. \$1,500.00 to Robert Cardini.
3. \$750.00 to Theresa Toledo.
4. \$4,000.00 to Hangwen Li.
5. \$1,250.00 to Julie Tesch.
6. \$10,000.00 to Frank and Taska Ventura.
7. \$1,000.00 to Vincent Hobbs.
8. \$2,500.00 to Lou Hughes.
9. \$1,500.00 to Janell Kahclamat.
10. \$1,900.00 to Marvin Carter.
11. \$3,500.00 to Reginald Avery.
12. \$4,336.00 to David Quintana.
13. \$3,500.00 to Rosa D. Howard.
14. \$2,500.00 to Glenda F. Wallace.

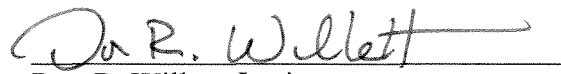
John-Baptist A. Sekumade's payments of restitution should be made by certified or cashier's checks or money orders, payable to the individuals listed above, and delivered to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado Street, Austin, Texas 78701).

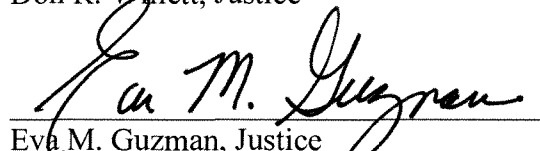
SO ORDERED this 14 day of OCTOBER 2013.


  
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice


  
Paul W. Green, Justice

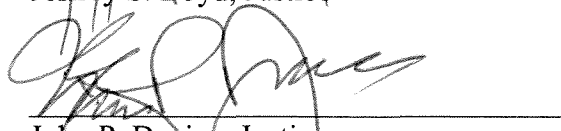
  
Phil Johnson, Justice

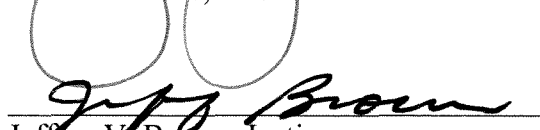
  
Don R. Willett, Justice

  
Eva M. Guzman, Justice

  
Debra H. Lehmann, Justice

  
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice

  
John P. Devine, Justice

  
Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice