

**IN THE  
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS  
IN THE MATTER OF  
JOSEPHINE PATTERSON**

MISC. DOCKET NO. 97-9180

**ORDER**

On this day, this Court considered the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Josephine Patterson, together with the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel to the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Josephine Patterson. This Court has reviewed the Motion and Response and finds that each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. In conformity with Part X, Section 10.02, of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the Court considers the detailed statement of professional misconduct contained within the Response of Chief Disciplinary Counsel to be deemed conclusively established for all purposes. The Court, after being advised that the acceptance of the resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession, concludes that the following Order is appropriate.

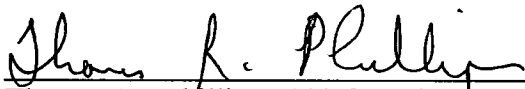
IT IS ORDERED that the law license of Josephine Patterson, of Houston, Texas, State Bar card number 15602500, which was previously issued by this Court, is canceled and her name is dropped and deleted from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Josephine Patterson, is permanently enjoined and prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas, from holding herself out as an attorney at law, from performing any legal services for others, from giving legal advice to others, from accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, from 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), and from holding herself out to others or using her name in any manner in conjunction with the words "Attorney at Law," "Counselor at Law," or "Lawyer."


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Josephine Patterson, within thirty days after the date on which this Order is signed by the Court, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every Texas court in which Josephine Patterson may have any client matter pending, advising each court of her resignation, of the style and cause number of any matter pending in that court, and of the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) she is representing in that court. Josephine Patterson is ORDERED to send copies of all these notifications to the Office of the General Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711.


By the Court, en banc, in chambers, on this the 17<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1997.


  
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice


  
Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

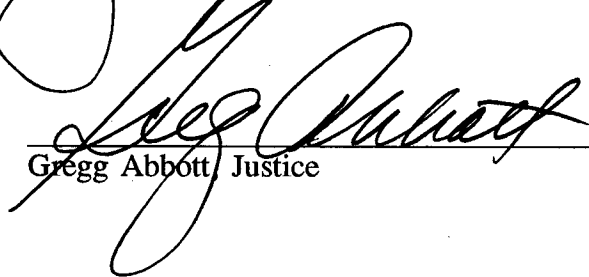
  
John Cornyn, Justice

  
Craig T. Enoch, Justice

  
Rose Spector, Justice

  
Priscilla R. Owen, Justice

  
James A. Baker, Justice

  
Gregg Abbott, Justice

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF TEXAS**  
**RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION AS**  
**ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW**

**OF**

**Josephine Patterson**

**TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:**

Pursuant to Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, Steven W. Young, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, hereby files this response on behalf of the State Bar of Texas, acting by and through the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, to the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation in Lieu of Discipline filed by Josephine Patterson, and would show as follows:

**I.**

The acceptance by the Court of the resignation of Josephine Patterson is in the best interest of the public and the profession. A disciplinary proceeding is presently pending against Josephine Patterson regarding the following grievance file: Wanda F. Ward, file no. H0129614321.

**II.**

In disciplinary proceeding No. H0129614321, the District 04E Grievance Committee determined that Josephine Patterson misrepresented to Southern Farm Bureau Insurance Company (hereinafter called "SFBIC") that she was hired by Pei Rong Yang (hereinafter called "Yang") in a personal injury matter. Thereafter, Patterson submitted a medical bill from Lake Forest Medical Clinic on behalf of Yang, for medical treatment Yang never

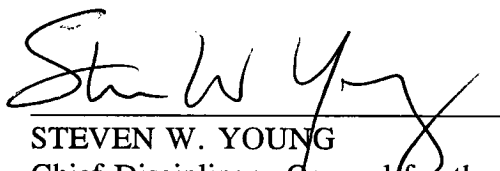
received. On or about April 21, 1993, Josephine Patterson settled Yang's claim with SFBIC for Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$5,500.00).

In addition, Patterson frequently requested that her employee, Kimberly Luu, notarize documents that had already been executed and the signatories were not present.

Respondent's conduct, as set forth in disciplinary proceeding No. H0129614321, violated Rules 8.04(a)(2) and 8.04(a)(3) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

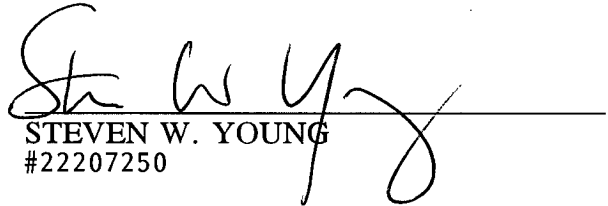
### III.

In view of Josephine Patterson's execution on or about August 15, 1997, of her resignation as an attorney and counselor at law, and in anticipation of the Court's acceptance of her resignation, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel does not anticipate going forward with the pending disciplinary proceeding upon entry of an Order by the Supreme Court of Texas deleting Josephine Patterson from the list of persons licensed to practice law in the State of Texas.

  
STEVEN W. YOUNG  
Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the  
State Bar of Texas  
22207250

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 6<sup>TH</sup> day of October, 1997, a true and correct copy of the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel to the Resignation of Josephine Patterson was delivered to Michael A. Lamson, Respondent's attorney of record, at 3120 S.W. Freeway, Suite 406, Houston, Texas 77098, by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid.

  
STEVEN W. YOUNG  
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MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION AS  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW**

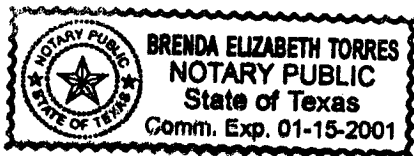
**OF**

**Josephine Patterson**

NOW COMES your Applicant, JOSEPHINE PATTERSON, and hereby resigns as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in the State of Texas; and hereby submits to the Court her resignation as an Attorney and Counselor at Law; and prays that the Court accept said resignation.

Attached hereto is the permanent State Bar card and license to practice law issued by this Court to the Applicant, JOSEPHINE PATTERSON, as an Attorney and Counselor at Law on October 30, 1981. Said State Bar card and license are hereby surrendered by the Applicant.

Your Applicant is voluntarily resigning and withdrawing from the practice of law; Applicant does so in lieu of discipline for professional misconduct; and Applicant prays that his name be dropped and deleted from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas; and that his resignation be accepted.



  
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JOSEPHINE PATTERSON  
15602500

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the said JOSEPHINE PATTERSON, this the 15th day of August, 1997.

  
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Notary Public in and for the State of  
Texas

# STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

September 25, 1997

John Adams, Clerk  
Supreme Court of Texas  
P.O. Box 12248  
Austin, Texas 78711

**Re: Josephine M. Patterson**

Dear Mr. Adams:

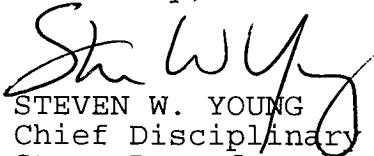
Pursuant to Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, please find enclosed herewith the following:

- (1) Original executed Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law for the above referenced attorney;
- (2) Original and two (2) copies of the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel to Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law for the above referenced attorney;
- (3) Permanent State Bar Card and law license (or affidavit stating whereabouts of either item) for the above referenced attorney; and
- (4) Original Order of Resignation for the Court's signature.

Pursuant to Rule 10.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the required ten (10) day timeframe has passed and the above-referenced attorney has made no attempt to withdraw the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation. Therefore, the detailed statement of professional misconduct is deemed to have been conclusively established for all purposes.

I will appreciate your bringing this to the Court's attention. Please return a fully executed copy of the Order to our office at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

  
STEVEN W. YOUNG  
Chief Disciplinary Counsel  
State Bar of Texas

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Enclosure