

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 98-9138

IN THE MATTER OF JOHN C. RIDDLE

ORDER

On this day, the Court considered the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of John C. Riddle, together with the Response of Chief Disciplinary Counsel to the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of John C. Riddle. The Court has reviewed said 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 finds that John C. Riddle is resigning in lieu of discipline. The Court, being advised that the acceptance of the resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession, hereby concludes that the following Order is appropriate.

IT IS ORDERED that the law license of John C. Riddle of Houston, Texas, State Bar Card Number 16889800, heretofore issued by the Court, be canceled and his name be dropped and deleted from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that John C. Riddle 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 stating the cause of his inability to do so.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that John C. Riddle be, and he is hereby permanently enjoined and prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas, 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".


It is further **ORDERED** that John C. Riddle shall immediately notify each of his current clients in writing of this resignation. In addition to such notification, John C. Riddle is **ORDERED** to return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to clients and former clients in his possession to the respective clients or former clients or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request. John C. Riddle is **ORDERED** to file with the State Bar of Texas, Office of General Counsel, P. O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, 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 as ordered herein.


It is further **ORDERED** that John C. Riddle shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the date of this Order, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which John C. Riddle 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 C. Riddle is representing in Court. John C. Riddle is **ORDERED** to file with the State Bar of Texas, Office of General Counsel, P.O. 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2487, within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order an affidavit stating that he has notified in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which he has any matter pending of the terms of this

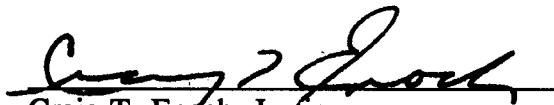
Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address and telephone number of the client(s) he is representing in Court.


By the Court, en banc, in chambers, this the 20th day of August,
1998.


Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice


Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice



Nathan L. Hecht, Justice



Craig T. Enoch, Justice


Rose Spector, Justice


Priscilla R. Owen, Justice


James A. Baker, Justice


Greg Abbott, Justice


Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice

STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

July 28, 1998

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

Re: Resignation of John C. Riddle, Bar Card No. 16889800

Dear Mr. Adams:

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

- (1) Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of John C. Riddle, dated February 3, 1998.
- (2) Response of Chief Disciplinary Counsel to Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of John C. Riddle; and,
- (3) Original and one (1) copy of proposed Order for review and entry by the Court accepting the resignation of John C. Riddle as Attorney and Counselor at Law.

Upon entry of the Order by the Court, please transmit a true and correct copy of the same to the undersigned in order that this office may properly give notice to all parties of the Court's disposition of such motion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian Plotts", is written over a horizontal line.

Brian Plotts
Assistant General Counsel

cc: Mr. John C. Riddle, 550 Post Oak Boulevard, Suite 500, Houston, Texas 77027, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

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

OF

JOHN C. RIDDLE

John C. Riddle, Applicant, hereby resigns as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in the State of Texas and submits his resignation as an Attorney and Counselor at Law to the Court.

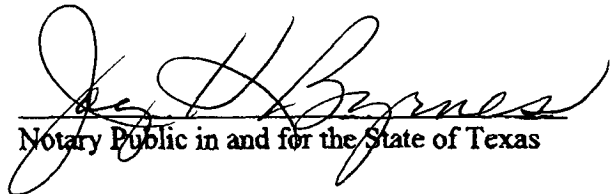
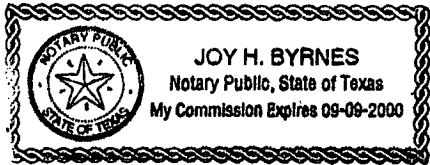
Applicant has not been able to locate his law license or his bar card issued by this Court. If located, Applicant will promptly return such law license and bar card to the Court. Applicant acknowledges that these items are property of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Accordingly, Applicant requests that his name be dropped from the list of persons licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and that his resignation be accepted.



John C. Riddle
State Bar Card No. 16889800
550 Post Oak Blvd., Suite 500
Houston, Texas 77027

Subscribed and Sworn to me by John C. Riddle on this the 5th day of February, 1998.



Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

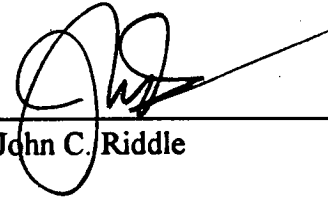
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"I, John C. Riddle am unable to locate my Law License and Bar Card issued to me by the Supreme Court of Texas."

"I have searched and not found these documents, and understand that if they are discovered, I will promptly return them to the Court."

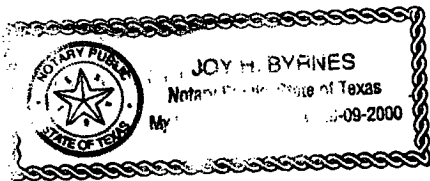
"I understand these items are the property of the Supreme Court of Texas."


Signed this 3 day of February, 1998.



John C. Riddle

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the said John C. Riddle this 3RD day of February, 1998.





Notary Public in and for the
State of Texas
09-09-2000

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

**RESPONSE OF THE CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL OF
THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS
TO MOTION FOR RESIGNATION IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE
OF JOHN C. RIDDLE**

TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:

COMES NOW, Steven W. Young, Chief Disciplinary Counsel for the State Bar of Texas, and in accordance with Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, would show unto the Court as follows:

I. RESIGNATION OF MOVANT

Movant, John C. Riddle, State Bar No. 16889800, has filed his Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counsel at Law, dated February 5, 1998. Such Motion for Acceptance of Resignation is in lieu of disciplinary action being filed against him.

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION IS IN THE
BEST INTERESTS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PROFESSION**

The Commission for Lawyer Discipline believes that the acceptance of Movant's Motion for Acceptance of Resignation is in the best interests of the public and the profession.

III. DISCIPLINARY CHARGES

The Commission for Lawyer Discipline has information regarding the following Professional Misconduct:

A. Summary of Facts

1. On July 22, 1997, in Criminal No. H-93-242; *United States of America v. John C. Riddle*; In The United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division,

Respondent, John C. Riddle, entered a Plea Agreement wherein Respondent pleaded guilty to False Entries, Aiding and Abetting in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1005 & 2. As a result of his Plea Agreement, Respondent stands convicted of intentional and serious crimes as defined by Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 1.06(O) and 1.06(U). As a condition of such Plea Agreement, Respondent further agreed to surrender to the State Bar of Texas his license to practice law in the Texas of Texas.

2. In view of Respondent's Plea Agreement signed and executed on July 22, 1997, as well as the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of John C. Riddle dated February 5, 1998, and in anticipation of the Court's acceptance of same, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel does not anticipate going forward with compulsory disciplinary action against Respondent, John C. Riddle.

IV. PRAYER

The Commission for Lawyer Discipline prays that this Honorable Court accept the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of John C. Riddle, State Bar Card No. 16889800, and that such motion to resign is in lieu of discipline of John C. Riddle, State Bar Card No. 16889800, pursuant to Part X and any other applicable provisions of the Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct.



Steven W. Young
Chief Disciplinary Counsel
State Bar of Texas