

# Supreme Court of Texas

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Misc. Docket No. 22-9021

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## In The Matter of Charles J. Paternostro

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The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Charles J. Paternostro (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 finds that Charles J. Paternostro has waived the 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 Charles J. Paternostro's resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of Charles J. Paternostro of Boca Raton, Florida, State Bar Card Number 15569000, is canceled. Charles J. Paternostro ("Resignee") must immediately surrender Resignee's State Bar Card and Texas law license to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas or file with the Court an affidavit stating why Resignee cannot.

Charles J. Paternostro is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. Charles J. Paternostro is prohibited from holding themselves 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

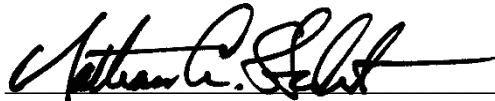
body (whether state, county, municipal, or other), or holding themselves out to others or using Resignee's name in any manner in conjunction with the word "Attorney at Law," "Counselor at Law," or "Lawyer."

Additionally, Charles J. Paternostro must immediately notify in writing each of Resignee's current clients and opposing counsel of this resignation. Charles J. Paternostro must also return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property in Resignee's 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. Charles J. Paternostro must 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 this resignation and that all files, papers, monies, and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned.

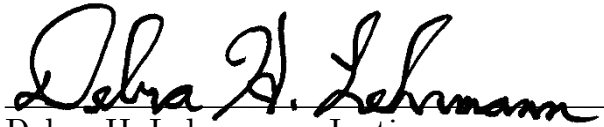
Finally, Charles J. Paternostro must, within thirty days after the date of this Order, notify in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which Charles J. Paternostro has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) that Charles J. Paternostro is representing in court. Charles J. Paternostro must 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 Resignee has notified in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which Resignee 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) Charles J. Paternostro is representing in Court.

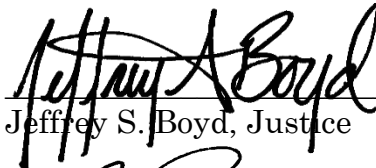
SO ORDERED this 29th day of March, 2022.



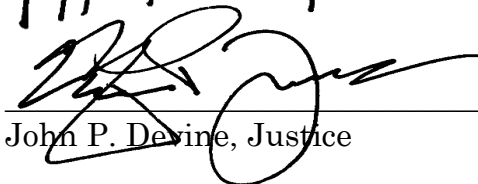
Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



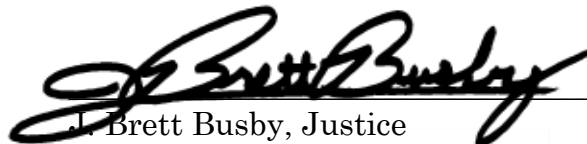
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



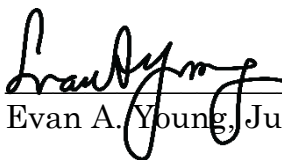
J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice



Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice