

# Supreme Court of Texas

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Misc. Docket No. 23-9008

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## Order Revoking Probationary License

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The probationary license issued to RAY ANTHONY EVANS II, State Bar Card Number 24086724, is revoked pursuant to the recommendation contained in the attached order of the Board of Law Examiners.

Evans must immediately surrender his State Bar Card and Texas law license to the Clerk of the Supreme Court or file an affidavit with the Court stating why he cannot.

Evans is prohibited from holding himself out as a licensed Texas attorney and is prohibited from performing services that only a licensed Texas attorney is authorized to perform.

Evans must immediately notify each of his clients, in writing, that his probationary license was revoked on the date of this Order; shall return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property in his possession belonging to any client or former client to the client or former client or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request; and, within 30 days after the date of this Order, file with the State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487, an affidavit confirming that he has done so or explaining why he has not.

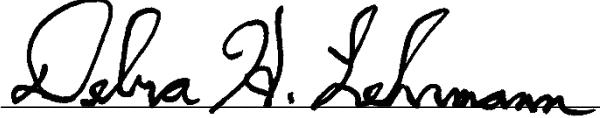
Evans must, within 30 days after the date of this Order, notify in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which Evans has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of each pending matter, and the name, address, and telephone number of each client that Evans is representing in each pending matter, and file with the State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487, an affidavit explaining that he has done so, or listing each matter for which he has not done so and explaining why he has not done so.

This Order is effective immediately.

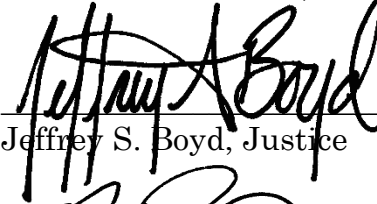
SO ORDERED this 15th day of February, 2023.



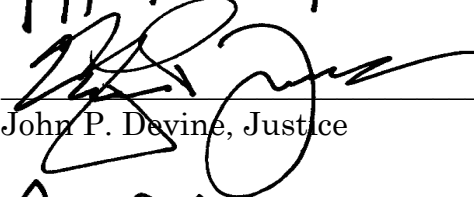
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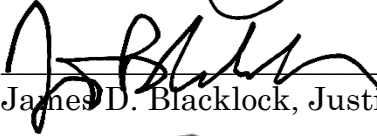
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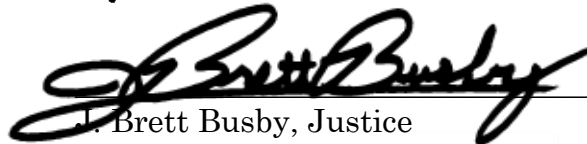
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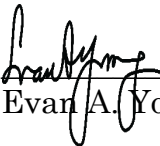
J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice



Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice

# TEXAS BOARD OF LAW EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF

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DOCKET NO. H-01-13-22-4

RAY EVANS

AUSTIN, TEXAS

## Order Recommending Revocation of Probationary License

### Summary

The Board recommends to the Supreme Court of Texas that Evans's Probationary License be revoked. He has repeatedly failed to comply with conditions of the Board's Order Modifying Conditions of Probation. This non-compliance evidences that he lacks the present good moral character and fitness required for continued licensure.

### Findings of Fact

#### *Background Information*

1. On August 20, 2021, after a hearing pursuant to Rule 15 of the Supreme Court of Texas Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas, the Board of Law Examiners issued an Order conditionally approving Ray Evans's present good moral character and fitness required for admission to the practice of law in Texas and recommended a two-year Probationary License. (Ex. 1)
2. On August 26, 2021, the Supreme Court issued Evans a two-year probationary license to practice law in Texas, subject to the Board's Order.

#### *First Non-Compliance Hearing*

3. After Evans's probationary license was issued, Board staff documented numerous instances of his failures to comply with the Board's Order. Board staff notified Evans that a non-compliance hearing had been set for January 13, 2022, to consider whether he had failed to comply with the Order; if so, whether he lacked the present good moral character and fitness required for admission; and if so, whether the Board should recommend that his probationary license be modified, extended, or revoked.
4. On January 13, 2022, Evans appeared before a Panel of the Board to address his

non-compliance with the conditions imposed in the Board's Order.

5. The Panel consisted of Cynthia Orr, presiding; Carlos Soltero, and Barbara Ellis. Ciara Parks, General Counsel, represented the Board. Ray Evans appeared pro se.

6. The Panel found that Evans violated conditions 9, 10, 13-18, and 19 of the Board Order by failing to timely complete required questionnaires, establish a mentoring relationship with a Texas Attorney, obtain a forensic psychological assessment, and inform the Board of his non-compliance with the Board's Order.

7. Based on the Panel's findings, the Panel issued an Order Modifying Conditions of Probation (Modified Order). Per that Modified Order, Evans's probationary license expires on August 26, 2023. (Ex. 2)

#### *Second Non-Compliance Hearing*

8. Evans then violated conditions 7-18 of the Modified Order by failing to timely complete required questionnaires, establish a mentoring relationship with a Texas Attorney, and obtain a forensic psychological assessment.

9. Staff notified Evans that a second non-compliance hearing would be held on December 16, 2022. This notice included:

- a. Hearing Notice uploaded to Atlas on October 31, 2022.
- b. Atlas message sent referring to the December 2022 in person Hearing.
- c. Hearing Exhibits uploaded to Atlas on December 8, 2022.
- d. Voicemail left on December 12, 2022 regarding December 2022.

10. On December 16, 2022, a Second Non-Compliance Hearing was held.

11. The Panel consisted of Soltero, presiding; Giltner and Massey. Ciara Parks, General Counsel, represented the Board.

12. Evans did not appear for the Non-Compliance Hearing after receiving timely and proper notice of the Hearing.

13. The Panel found that Evans violated conditions 7-18 of the Modified Order by

failing to establish a mentoring relationship with a Texas Attorney, timely complete required questionnaires, and obtain a forensic psychological assessment.

### **Conclusions of Law**

14. The Panel has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Texas Government Code sections 82.004, 82.022, 82.028, 82.030, 82.036, and 82.039; and Rules 1, 2, 4, 10, 13, 15, and 20 of the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas as adopted by the Supreme Court of Texas, including all amendments.

15. The evidence outlined above in the Findings of Fact is sufficient to establish that Evans has failed to comply with several conditions of both his initial Order and his Modified Order. Evans failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide testimony or evidence sufficient to meet his burden to show that had not violated any condition of the Modified Order. possesses

16. The evidence outlined above in the Findings of Fact is sufficient to establish that Evans does not have the requisite present good moral character for admission to the practice of law in Texas. Evans failed to appear for the hearing and did not provide testimony or evidence sufficient to meet his burden to show that he possesses present good moral character as defined by the Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas.

17. Evans' repeated failure to comply with the conditions of the Order and Modified Order indicate a lack of trustworthiness in carrying out responsibilities. There is a rational connection between this trait and the likelihood that Evans will harm a client, obstruct the administration of justice, or violate the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, if he were he were allowed to continue to practice law in Texas at this time. Evans' failure to respond to notice of the second non-compliance hearing and his failure to appear at the hearing indicate a lack of trustworthiness in carrying out responsibilities. There is a rational connection between this trait and the likelihood that Evans will harm a client, obstruct the administration of justice, or violate the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, if he were allowed to continue to practice law in Texas at this time.

18. The evidence does not support a finding of Evans' present good moral character required for admission to the practice of law in Texas as required by the Rules.

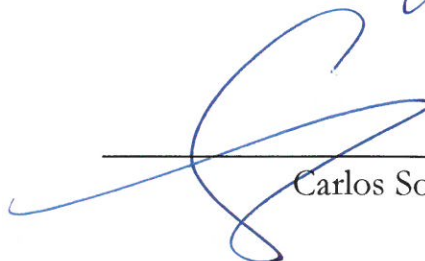
**Order**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, based on the substantial evidence presented at the hearing and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law stated herein, that Evans has violated the conditions of the Modified Order and does not possess the present good moral character required for admission to the practice of law in Texas.

**Recommendation**

The Board recommends that the Supreme Court immediately revoke Evans's Probationary License per rule 15(h)(6) due to his repeated failure to comply with the conditions of the Order and the Modified Order.

SIGNED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 2023

  
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Carlos Soltero, Presiding Chair