

Supreme Court of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 23-9070

In The Matter of Max Franklin Stovall

The Court has reviewed the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law in Lieu of Disciplinary Action of Max Franklin Stovall (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 Max Franklin Stovall 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 Max Franklin Stovall's resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession.

Therefore, the law license of Max Franklin Stovall of Houston, Texas, State Bar Card Number 00789657, is canceled. Max Franklin Stovall ("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.

Max Franklin Stovall is prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas. Max Franklin Stovall 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

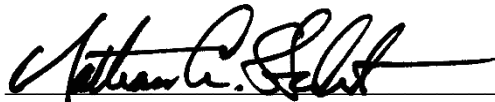
capacity in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body (whether state, county, municipal, or other), or holding himself out to others or using Resignee's name in any manner in conjunction with the word "Attorney at Law," "Counselor at Law," or "Lawyer."

Additionally, Max Franklin Stovall must immediately notify in writing each of Resignee's current clients and opposing counsel of this resignation. Max Franklin Stovall 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. Max Franklin Stovall 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.

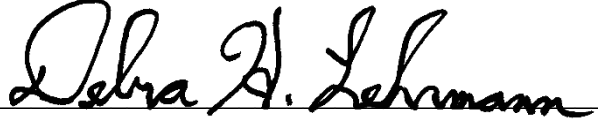
Finally, Max Franklin Stovall must, within thirty days after the date of this Order, notify in writing each justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each court in which Max Franklin Stovall has any matter pending of the terms of this Order, the style and cause number of the pending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

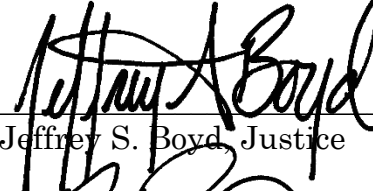
SO ORDERED this 26th day of September, 2023.



Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



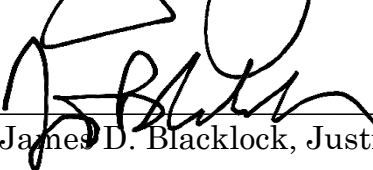
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



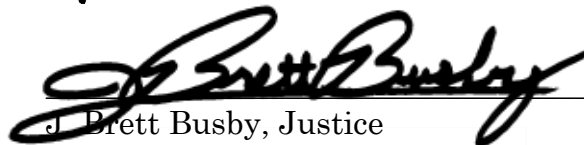
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



James D. Blacklock, Justice



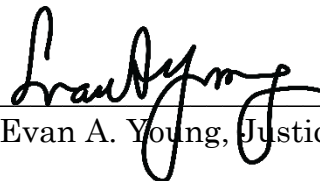
J. Brett Busby, Justice



Jane N. Bland, Justice



Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice