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BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT
PANEL A

IN RE: **CLAUDENE T. ARRINGTON,**
Respondent Attorney
Arkansas Bar ID#2002033
CPC Docket No. 2010-035

ORDER OF SUSPENSION ON RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE ACTION

On July 16, 2010, Panel A considered the Complaint & Notice of Reciprocal Discipline Action filed against Respondent Claudene T. Arrington, AR Bar #2002033, of Hope, Arkansas, and finds:

1. By letter dated April 26, 2010, and received and filed with the Committee on April 28, 2010, Ms. Arrington self-reported to the Committee that she had been disciplined by settlement of a disciplinary case in Texas, where she is licensed with Texas Bar Card No. 24031824.

2. By letter dated May 4, 2010, and received and filed May 6, 2010, Ms. Arrington provided a copy of the Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension in Case No. 09-C-1712, Commission for Lawyer Discipline vs. Claudene T. Arrington, in the District Court of Cass County, Texas, filed April 26, 2010.

3. By the Texas settlement order, Ms. Arrington agreed to a suspension of her Texas law license for sixty (60) months, with six (6) months to be active suspension and fifty-four (54) months of probated suspension on conditions. The active suspension was to commence on June 1, 2010.

4. This Complaint was filed May 7, 2010.

5. The Complaint was served on Ms. Arrington on May 16, 2010, as shown by the Affidavit of Service she executed and filed with the Committee.

6. The due date for a timely response was twenty (20) days later, or June 7, 2010.

7. Ms. Arrington failed to file a timely Response or obtain an extension of time within which to file.

8. The file reflects that on June 14, 2010, the Office of Professional Conduct received and filed a Response from Ms. Arrington which was marked as shipped by USPS priority mail from Hope, Arkansas, on June 11, 2010. The Response was executed by Ms. Arrington on June 6, 2010, and had a transmittal letter with it dated June 7, 2010. The Response was untimely filed. Ms. Arrington was notified by e-mail on June 17 that her Response was received but was untimely filed.

9. Panel A finds that the requirements in Section 14 of the Arkansas Procedures for imposing a reciprocal sanction to that imposed by Texas are met.

10. An "active" suspension of Ms. Arrington's Arkansas law license for six (6) months shall be imposed, to commence with the date this order becomes final and is filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arkansas.

11. Upon the commencement of her Arkansas suspension, Ms. Arrington shall comply with the requirements of Sections 21 and 22 of the Arkansas Procedures regarding "former," or suspended, attorneys.

IT IS ORDERED by Panel A that the Arkansas law license of Respondent Claudene T. Arrington, AR Bar #2002033, be, and it hereby is, suspended for a period of six (6) months from the date this Order is filed with the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Arkansas, and that after

serving her suspension, Ms. Arrington may petition the Committee for reinstatement to good standing as provided in Section 23 of the Arkansas Procedures.

T. Benton Smith, Jr., Panel A Chair

Date July 20, 2010

[Prepared by Stark Ligon, ArkBar #75077]