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STATE ex rel. OKLAHOMA BAR ASSOCIATION v. JORDAN

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA ex rel. OKLAHOMA BAR ASSOCIATION, Complainant,

V.

COURTNEY RAE JORDAN, Respondent.

ORDER OF IMMEDIATE INTERIM SUSPENSION

¶1 The Oklahoma Bar Association (OBA), in compliance with Rules 7.1 and 7.2 of the Rules Governing Disciplinary Proceedings (RGDP), forwarded to this Court certified copies of the Indictment, Petition to Enter Plea of Guilty and Order Entering Plea, Plea Agreement Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11(c)(1)(C), and Judgment In A Criminal Case in the criminal matter of *United States v. Courtney Rae Jordan,* Case No. 4:22-CR-00255-001-GKF, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Oklahoma. On May 18, 2023, Courtney Rae Jordan entered a plea of guilty to Eluding Police Officers in Indian Country, a misdemeanor and felony crime pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §§ 1151, 1152, 13 and 21 O.S. § 540(A)(a)-(b). The Court sentenced Courtney Rae Jordan to probation for a term of one year.

¶2 Rule 7.2 of the RGDP provides that a certified copy of a plea of guilty, an order deferring judgment and sentence, or information and judgment and sentence of conviction "shall constitute the charge and be conclusive evidence of the commission of the crime upon which the judgment and sentence is based and shall suffice as the basis for discipline in accordance with these rules."

¶3 Rule 7.3 of the RGDP provides: "upon receipt of the certified copies of Judgment and Sentence on a plea of guilty, order deferring judgment and sentence, indictment or information and the judgment and sentence, the Supreme Court may by order immediately suspend the lawyer from the practice of law until further order of the Court."

¶4 Having received certified copies of these papers and orders, this Court orders that Courtney Rae Jordan is immediately suspended from the practice of law. Courtney Rae Jordan is directed to show cause, if any, no later than **July 5, 2023**, why this order of immediate interim suspension from the practice of law should be set aside. See Rule 7.3, RGDP. The OBA has until **July 19, 2023**, to respond.

¶5 Pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the RGDP, Courtney Rae Jordan has until **August 3, 2023**, to show cause in writing why a final order of discipline should not be made. The written return shall be verified and expressly state whether a hearing is desired. The lawyer may, in the interest of explaining the conduct or by way of mitigating the discipline to be imposed, file a brief and/or any evidence tending to mitigate the severity of discipline. The OBA has until **August 17, 2023**, to respond.

¶6 DONE BY ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT this 19th day of June, 2023.

ALL JUSTICES CONCUR.

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