

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ON  
ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE

SEPTEMBER 2012

**Disciplinary Sanctions**  
**June 1, 2012, through August 31, 2012**

DISBARMENTS	DISTRICT	Number of Complaints Resolved
Frost, Stephen James	9	1
Gutierrez, Joe L.	4	1
Mooney, Tiffany R.	4	2
Neel, James J.	7	1
Ross, Lisa C.	4	1
Stang, Joseph Aaron	4	1
Trahan, Thomas E.	14	1
Turton, Eric R.	10	1
Velasco, Manuel A.	4	3
<b>Board of Disciplinary Appeals Actions:</b>		
Handy, Dawn Darice	BODA	1
Mayfield, Helen	BODA	1
Thomas, Kenneth Alan	BODA	1
Total		15

RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU of DISCIPLINE	DISTRICT	Number of Complaints Resolved
Flores, Anthony J.	9	1
Saffary-Khozani, Behzad	4	7
Valle, Joe	12	1
Total		9

SUSPENSIONS	DISTRICT	Number of Complaints Resolved
Abraham, C. Bruce	1	1
Armstrong, J. Gaylord	9	1
Becker, Don D.	4	1
Becker, Don D.	4	1
Burwell, Edward Chamberlain	4	1
Clark, Jr., Douglas	14	1
Derkunt, Mustafa Engin	9	1
Evetts, Mark	3	1
Fisher, Billy L.	14	1
Getz, David Norman	6	1
Goins, Blaine	3	3
Jarvis, Jr., Don L.	6	1
Jones, Charles P.	10	1
Lamb, Kip Kevin	4	1
Lynch, H. Keith	4	1
Machado, Michael	10	2
Machado, Michael	10	1
Machado, Michael	10	1
Mata, Mario A.	6	1
Mitchell, Lawrence B.	6	1
Moore, Jim	6	1
Rippy, Felix O'Neill	8	1
Rocha, Jaime E.	5	2
Rushing, Steven L.	2	1
Saldana, III, Humberto	10	1
Schueller, T.W.	14	1
Schueller, T.W.	14	1
Septowski, Charles D.	8	1
Shields, Bradley W.	12	1
Wade, William V.	4	3
Wagner, III, Richard A.	10	1
Wilkerson, Lyle	6	1
<b>Board of Disciplinary Appeals Actions:</b>		
Gammon, III, William George	BODA	1
Gooding, Alan Edward	BODA	1
Harrison, William	BODA	1
Kleinkauf, William J.	BODA	1
Total	36	42

PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	DISTRICT	Number of Complaints Resolved
Frost, Stephen J.	1	1
Fuller, Holly E.	7	1
Herrera, Jesse Aranda	17	1
Mock, Steven P.	4	1
Morris, Bryan Mac	1	1
Nellis, William Gary	1	1
Paris, Jr., Jack L.	1	1
Rodriguez, Rogelio Cesar	17	1
Williams, Gregory Lance	6	1
Wyatt, Dereck Lynn	17	1
Total	10	10

PRIVATE REPRIMANDS		Number of Complaints Resolved
GRIEVANCE COMM.		
3	1	1
4	1	1
5	1	1
6	2	2
7	1	1
8	2	2
9	2	2
10	2	2
11	2	2
12	5	5
17	2	2
Total	21	21
Total	82	97
Grievance Referral Program	11	11
GRAND TOTAL:	93	108

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS - CURRENT BAR YEAR**

BAR YEARS		Total Sanctions		Total Complaints Resolved	
2012-2013*	DISBARMENTS	12		15	
	RESIGNATIONS	3		9	
	SUSPENSIONS	36		42	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	10		10	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	21		21	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	11	93	11	108

\*does not reflect year-end figures

**DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS - PREVIOUS BAR YEARS**

BAR YEARS		Total Sanctions		Total Complaints Resolved	
2011-2012	DISBARMENTS	38		45	
	RESIGNATIONS	27		87	
	SUSPENSIONS	137		174	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	40		41	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	106		115	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	55	403	55	517
2010-2011	DISBARMENTS	28		52	
	RESIGNATIONS	23		101	
	SUSPENSIONS	157		254	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	40		50	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	77		82	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	46	371	46	585
2009-2010	DISBARMENTS	25		33	
	RESIGNATIONS	22		40	
	SUSPENSIONS	111		169	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	37		47	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	81		89	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	39	315	39	417

2008-2009	DISBARMENTS	32		43	
	RESIGNATIONS	26		104	
	SUSPENSIONS	127		189	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	46		54	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	68		73	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	36	335	36	499
2007-2008	DISBARMENTS	24		63	
	RESIGNATIONS	24		90	
	SUSPENSIONS	121		224	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	28		35	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	69		73	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	33	299	33	518
2006-2007	DISBARMENTS	30			
	RESIGNATIONS	31			
	SUSPENSIONS	110			
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	62			
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	87	320		
2005-2006	DISBARMENTS	38			
	RESIGNATIONS	17			
	SUSPENSIONS	119			
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	62			
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	108	344		
	ORDER FOR REHABILITATION				
2004-2005	DISBARMENTS	34			
	RESIGNATIONS	10			
	SUSPENSIONS	130			
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	52			
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	170			
	ORDER FOR REHABILITATION	18	414		

2003-2004	DISBARMENTS	30	
	RESIGNATIONS	14	
	SUSPENSIONS	113	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	60	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	188	
	ORDER FOR REHABILITATION	54	459

2002-2003	DISBARMENTS	34	
	RESIGNATIONS	11	
	SUSPENSIONS	126	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	68	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	145	
	ORDER FOR REHABILITATION	53	437

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DISTRICT 01:

**ABRAHAM, C. BRUCE: #00819800**  
**05/31/2012-MODIFIED PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**02/01/2012-07/31/2012: SUSPENSION**  
**08/01/2012-01/31/2016: PROBATION**

On May 31, 2012, **C. Bruce Abraham** [#00819800], 61, of Jefferson, received a four-year, partially probated suspension, effective February 1, 2012, with the first six months actively served and the remainder probated.

The District 1 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that in representing Complainant in a real estate matter, Abraham neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of her matter, failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainant about her matter, and failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Abraham also failed to file a response with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

Abraham violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$4,541.33 in attorneys' fees and costs and \$1,500.00 in restitution.

**FROST, STEPHEN J.: #24002112**  
**05/15/2012-PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On May 15, 2012, **Stephen J. Frost** [#24002112], 40, of Austin, received a public reprimand.

The District 1 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that in representing Complainant in a family law matter, Frost neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep Complainant informed, and also failed to promptly comply with requests for information from the Complainant.

Frost violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), and 1.03(a). He was ordered to pay \$1,500.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**MORRIS, BRYAN MAC: #00792706**  
**05/31/2012-PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On May 31, 2012, **Bryan Mac Morris** [#00792706], 51, of Plano, accepted a public reprimand.

The District 1 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that while representing Complainants, Morris neglected the legal matters entrusted to him. Morris also knowingly disobeyed rulings by a tribunal.

Morris violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), and 3.04(d). He was ordered to pay \$2,000.00 in attorneys' fees.



**NELLIS, WILLIAM GARY: #90001643**  
**06/11/2012-PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On June 11, 2012, **William Gary Nellis** [#90001643], 42, of Frisco, accepted a public reprimand.

The District 1 Grievance Committee found that in representing Complainant in a criminal matter, Nellis failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of his matter, and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainant about his matter. Nellis practiced law in a jurisdiction where doing so violated the regulation of the legal profession in that jurisdiction, and also engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

Nellis violated Rules 1.03(a), 5.05(a), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$2,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**PARIS, JR., JACK L.: #15461500**  
**06/26/2012-PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On June 26, 2012, **Jack L. Paris, Jr.** [#15461500], 63, of Greenville, accepted a public reprimand.

The District 1 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Paris neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, and failed to keep the Complainants reasonably informed about the status of their matter.

Paris violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), and 1.03(a). He was ordered to pay \$1,300.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

DISTRICT 02:

**RUSHING, STEVEN L.: #00789055**  
**05/10/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**11/15/2016-11/14/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**11/15/2019-11/14/2022: PROBATION**

On May 10, 2012, **Steven L. Rushing** [#00789055], 53, of Longview, received a six-year, partially probated suspension, effective November 15, 2016, with the first three years actively suspended and the remainder probated.

The 188<sup>th</sup> District Court of Gregg County found that in 2002, Complainant hired Rushing to represent her in a legal matter. Rushing subsequently neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, and failed to communicate with Complainant. Furthermore, Rushing misrepresented the status of Complainant's case to her and also failed to return Complainant's file to her upon request.

Rushing violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$3,171.87 in attorneys' fees and costs.

DISTRICT 03:

**EVETTS, MARK: #00793709**  
**05/05/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**06/01/2012-11/30/2012: SUSPENSION**  
**12/01/2012-05/31/2022: PROBATION**

On May 5, 2012, **Mark Evetts** [#00793709], 55, of Houston, received a ten-year, partially probated suspension, effective June 1, 2012, with the first six months actively served and the remainder probated.

The District 3 Evidentiary Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Evetts was hired to defend a civil suit and was paid \$100,000.00 for the representation. Evetts thereafter failed to respond to requests for admissions and, as a result, summary judgment was entered against his client. Evetts also failed to return his client's file and was found in contempt. Furthermore, Evetts failed to file a response with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

Evetts violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,100.00 in attorneys' fees and costs and \$94,000.00 in restitution.

**GOINS, BLAINE: #24002147**  
**07/02/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**07/01/2012-12/31/2012: SUSPENSION**  
**01/01/2013-06/30/2017: PROBATION**

On July 2, 2012, **Blaine Goins** [#24002147], 39, of Orange, accepted a five-year, partially probated suspension, effective July 1, 2012, with the first six months actively served and the remainder probated.

The District 3 Grievance Committee found that in three separate cases, Goins neglected legal matters, failed to keep clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters, failed to promptly comply with the clients' reasonable requests for information, and failed to explain matters to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his clients to make informed decisions. Upon termination of the representation of a client, Goins failed to give reasonable notice to the client and failed to refund advance payments of fees that were not earned. Goins further engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, and also implied his ability to improperly influence a government official. Goins also failed to promptly file a response with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

Goins violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(3), 8.04(a)(5), and 8.04(a)(8). He agreed to pay \$3,716.18 in attorneys' fees and costs, and \$6,500.00 in total restitution.

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**06/18/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

**RULE 1.03(a)**  
for failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information

**RULE 1.15(d)**  
for failing, upon termination of representation, to reasonably protect a client's interests, give notice to the client to seek other counsel, or surrender papers and property which belongs to the client

DISTRICT 04:

**BECKER, DON D.: #02012888**  
**06/04/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**09/01/2012-02/28/2013: SUSPENSION**  
**03/01/2013-08/31/2014: PROBATION**

On June 4, 2012, **Don D. Becker** [#02012888], 58, of Houston, accepted a 24-month, partially probated suspension, effective September 1, 2012, with the first six months actively served and the remainder probated.

The District 4 Grievance Committee found that Becker neglected the client's legal matter, failed to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the legal matter, and failed to promptly comply with the client's reasonable requests for information. Upon termination of the representation, Becker failed to refund any advance payments of fees that Becker had not earned.

Becker violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d). He agreed to pay \$2,175.00 in restitution, and \$1,319.36 in attorneys' fees and costs.

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**BECKER, DON D.: #02012888**  
**06/04/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**09/01/2012-02/28/2013: SUSPENSION**  
**03/01/2013-08/31/2014: PROBATION**

On June 4, 2012, **Don D. Becker** [#02012888], 58, of Houston, accepted a two-year, partially probated suspension, effective September 1, 2012, with the first six months actively served and the remainder probated.

The District 4 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that upon termination of representation, Becker failed to surrender papers and property to which the client was entitled.

Becker violated Rule 1.15(d). He agreed to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

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**BURWELL, EDWARD: #00790402**  
**07/24/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**08/01/2012-07/30/2013**

On July 24, 2012, **Edward Chamberlain Burwell** [#00790402], 44, of Houston, accepted a one-year, fully probated suspension, effective August 1, 2012.

The 334th District Court of Harris County found that Burwell failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of the client's legal matter.

Burwell violated Rule 1.03(a). He agreed to pay \$605.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**HOUSTON ATTORNEY  
07/18/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

**RULE 1.01(a)**

for accepting or continuing employment in a legal matter which the lawyer knew or should have known was beyond lawyer's competence

**GUTIERREZ, JOSE L.: #08642450  
05/16/2012-DISBARMENT**

On May 16, 2012, **Jose L. Gutierrez** [#08642450], 54, of Houston, was disbarred.

The District 4 Grievance Committee found that Gutierrez was hired for representation in a divorce, but failed to take any action on his client's behalf, and failed to respond to his client's numerous calls. Gutierrez also failed to file a response with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

Gutierrez violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$650.00 in restitution and \$1,095.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**LAMB, KIP KEVIN: #11837400  
07/25/2012-IMMEDIATE INTERIM SUSPENSION  
7/25/2012-UNTIL FURTHER ORDER**

On July 25, 2012, **Kip Kevin Lamb** [#11837400], 56, of Beaumont, received an interim suspension, effective July 1, 2012.

The 58<sup>th</sup> District Court of Jefferson County ordered the suspension pending the final disposition of underlying disciplinary cases. Lamb may not accept any new client matters, hold himself out as an attorney at law, perform any legal service for others, or appear as counsel in a proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body.

**LYNCH, H. KEITH: #12726000  
07/14/2012-ACTIVE SUSPENSION  
07/05/2012-07/04/2014**

On July 14, 2012, **H. Keith Lynch** [#12726000], 66, of Houston, received a two-year, active suspension, effective July 5, 2012.

The District 4 Grievance Committee found that Lynch failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of his legal matter, failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, engaged in the practice of law when his right to practice had been suspended, and failed to file a response with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

Lynch violated Rules 1.03(a), 8.04(a)(8), and 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$1,210.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**MOCK, STEVEN P.: #14243000**  
**07/05/2012-PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On July 5, 2012, **Steven P. Mock** [#14243000], 68, of Houston, agreed to a public reprimand.

The District 4 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Mock neglected the client's legal matter. Mock violated Rule 1.01(b)(1). He agreed to pay \$581.07 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**MOONEY, TIFFANY R.: #24038468**  
**06/21/2012-DISBARMENT**

On June 21, 2012, **Tiffany R. Mooney** [#24038468], 39, of Houston, was disbarred.

The District 4 Grievance Committee found that in two counts, Mooney neglected the client's legal matter, failed to keep the clients reasonably informed about the status of their matter, and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from the clients.

Mooney received settlement funds in which the clients had an interest, but failed to promptly deliver to the clients, funds that the clients were entitled to receive, and failed to keep the clients' funds separate from her own until there was an accounting and severance of their interests. Also, upon termination of representation, Mooney failed to refund any advance payments of fees that has not been earned.

Mooney committed a serious crime or other criminal act that reflects adversely on Mooney's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer, and Mooney engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. Mooney also failed to furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office a response to the underlying grievance.

In counts one and two, Mooney violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(b), 1.14(c), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(2), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8). In count one, Mooney was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$18,000.00; in count two, Mooney was ordered to pay \$950.00 in restitution, in counts one and two, Mooney was ordered to pay \$1,709.25 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**ROSS, LISA C.: #17297950**  
**06/25/2012-DISBARMENT**

On June 25, 2012, **Lisa C. Ross** [#17297950], 50, of Houston, was disbarred.

The District 4 Grievance Committee found that Ross failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter, and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Upon Ross' receipt of client's settlement funds, she failed to deposit those funds into her attorney trust account (IOLTA), and failed to disburse any settlement funds to the client and/or interested third parties. Ross engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. Ross also failed to furnish the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office with a response to the grievance.

Ross violated Rules 1.03(a), 1.14(a), 1.14(b), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$5,090.00 in restitution, and \$1,670.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**SAFFARY-KHOZANI, BEHZAD: #24041846**  
**06/19/2012-RESIGNATION**

On June 19, 2012, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Behzad Saffary-Khozani** [#24041846], 40, of Houston.

At the time of Saffary-Khozani's resignation, there were seven disciplinary matters pending against him alleging that he neglected the legal matters entrusted to him, failed to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters, failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned, and also failed to respond to certain of the grievances.

Saffary-Khozani violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8) in all seven disciplinary matters. He was ordered to pay \$7,890.00 in restitution and \$1,795.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses as an absolute condition precedent for reinstatement to the practice of law.

**STANG, JOSEPH AARON: #24051374**  
**07/30/2012-DISBARMENT**

On July 30, 2012, **Joseph Aaron Stang** [#24051374], 33, of Houston, was disbarred.

The 55<sup>th</sup> District Court of Harris County found that Stang failed to ensure a non-lawyer's conduct was compatible with the lawyer's professional obligations, permitted conduct by a non-lawyer that would have been in violation of the rules if that conduct was engaged in by a lawyer, and accepted employment that was procured by prohibited conduct.

Stang violated Rules 5.03(a), 5.03(b)(1), and 7.06(a). He was ordered to pay \$2,175.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**VELASCO, MANUEL A.: #20540000**  
**06/06/2012-DISBARMENT**

On June 6, 2012, **Manuel A. Velasco** [#20540000], 84, of Pasadena, was disbarred.

The District 4 Grievance Committee found that in three separate counts, Velasco engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation, violated the terms of a disciplinary judgment, and engaged in the practice of law when his right to practice had been actively suspended.

In all three counts, Velasco violated Rules 8.04(a)(3), 8.04(a)(7), and 8.04(a)(11). In count one, Velasco was ordered to pay \$2,650.00 in restitution; in count two, Velasco was ordered to pay \$2,630.00 in restitution; in count three, Velasco was ordered to pay \$600.00 in restitution. In all three counts, Velasco was ordered to pay \$1,585.13 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**WADE, WILLIAM V.: #20642300**  
**06/18/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**06/01/2012-05/31/2014**

On June 18, 2012, **William V. Wade** [#20642300], 59, of Houston, accepted a two-year, fully probated suspension, effective June 1, 2012, in three separate matters.

The District 4 Evidentiary Panel found that Wade failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a legal matter, and failed to promptly comply with the client's reasonable requests for information. Upon termination of the representation of a client, Wade failed to surrender all papers to which the client was entitled, and failed to refund any portion of the advance payment of fees that Wade had not earned. Wade also failed to furnish the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office with a response to the grievance.

Wade violated Rules 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He agreed to pay \$250.00 in attorneys' fees and costs and \$978.00 in restitution.

DISTRICT 05:

**HOUSTON ATTORNEY**  
**05/31/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 3.03(a)(5)  
for knowingly offering or using evidence that the lawyer knows to be false

**ROCHA, JAIME E.: #24037376**  
**06/25/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**06/11/2012-06/10/2014: SUSPENSION**  
**06/11/2014-06/10/2015: PROBATION**

On June 25, 2012, **Jaime E. Rocha** [#24037376], 40, of League City, received a three-year, partially probated suspension, effective June 11, 2012, with the first two years actively served and the remainder probated.

An Evidentiary Panel of the District 5 Grievance Committee found that in representing the complainants, Rocha neglected the legal matters entrusted to him, failed to keep the complainants reasonably informed, failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, failed to deliver the client's file upon request, and also failed to furnish the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office with a response to the grievance.

Rocha violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$2,650.59 in attorneys' fees and costs and a total of \$13,500.00 in restitution.

DISTRICT 06:

**DALLAS ATTORNEY**  
**05/10/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.01(b)(1)  
for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

**JARVIS, JR., DON L.: #90002001**  
**06/20/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**10/01/2014-03/31/2015: SUSPENSION**  
**04/01/2015-09/30/2017: PROBATION**

On June 20, 2012, **Don L. Jarvis, Jr.** [#90002001], 44, of McKinney, received a three-year, partially probated suspension, effective October 1, 2014, with the first six months actively served and the remainder probated.

The 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Grayson County found that Jarvis violated a disciplinary judgment by failing to pay restitution, attorneys' fees and costs, and by failing to complete five additional hours of Continuing Legal Education as ordered. Jarvis also failed to furnish the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office with a response to the grievance.

Jarvis violated Rules 8.04(a)(7), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$3,366.32 in restitution, and \$4,077.11 in attorneys' fees and costs under the prior judgment, and to pay \$7,290.39 in attorneys' fees and costs under this judgment.

**MATA, MARIO A.: #13184400**  
**04/26/2012-FULLY PROBATION SUSPENSION**  
**05/01/2012-04/30/2013: PROBATION**

On April 26, 2012, **Mario A. Mata** [#13184400], 58, of Austin, received a one-year, fully probated suspension, effective May 1, 2012, after a finding of professional misconduct.

The District 6 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that in representing Complainant, Mata neglected the case by failing to prepare a limited partnership agreement and perform related estate planning, failed to keep complainant reasonably informed about the status of the case, and failed to hold funds belonging to Complainant that were in Mata's possession in connection with the representation separate from Mata's own property. Upon termination of the representation, Mata failed to refund the advance payment of fees that had not been earned.

Mata violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a), and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$4,180.86 in attorneys' fees and costs and \$7,500.00 in restitution.

**DALLAS ATTORNEY**  
**07/24/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.01(b)(1)  
for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

RULE 1.03(a)  
for failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information

RULE 1.15(d)  
for failing, upon termination of representation, to reasonably protect a client's interests, give notice to the client to seek other counsel, or surrender papers and property which belongs to the client



**MITCHELL, LAWRENCE B.: #14217500**  
**07/31/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**07/31/2012-07/30/2014**

On July 31, 2012, **Lawrence B. Mitchell** [#14217500], 65, of Dallas, received a two-year, fully probated suspension, effective July 31, 2012.

The 14<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court of Dallas County found that in representing Complainant, Mitchell neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep the Complainant reasonably informed regarding the status of his matter, and promptly comply with his reasonable requests for information. Mitchell also failed to explain matters to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the Complainant to make informed decisions regarding the representation.

Mitchell violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.03(b). He was ordered to pay \$10,000.00 in restitution and \$10,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**MOORE, JIM: #14348575**  
**08/07/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**10/01/2012-09/30/2015: SUSPENSION**  
**10/01/2015-09/30/2017: PROBATION**

On August 7, 2012, **Jim Moore** [#14348575], 66, of Dallas, received a five-year, partially probated suspension, effective October 1, 2012, with the first three years actively served and the remainder probated.

The District 6 Grievance Committee found that Moore represented the Complainant in a personal injury matter, failed to reduce the contingent fee agreement entered into with Complainant to writing until after the receipt of the settlement funds. Moore failed to hold funds belonging to Complainant separate from Moore's own property and upon receiving funds in which Complainant had an interest, failed to promptly notify and deliver funds to Complainant. Moore also failed upon request to promptly render a full accounting regarding such funds.

Moore violated Rules 1.04(d), 1.14(a), and 1.14(b). He was ordered to pay \$2,446.29 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**WILKERSON, LYLE: #21478300**  
**05/08/2012-ACTIVE SUSPENSION**  
**05/03/2012-05/02/2014**

On May 8, 2012, **Lyle Wilkerson** [#21478300], 54, of Irving, received a two-year, active suspension, effective May 3, 2012.

The District 6 Grievance Committee found that Wilkerson engaged in the practice of law when his right to practice had been administratively suspended for failure to timely pay required fees, and failed to furnish the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office with a response to the grievance.

Wilkerson violated Rules 8.04(a)(8), and 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$2,478.24 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**WILLIAMS, GREGORY LANCE: #24053550**  
**05/21/2012-PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On May 21, 2012, **Gregory Lance Williams** [#24053550], 41, of Dallas, received a public reprimand.

The District 6 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Williams neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to respond to discovery requests, failed to attend hearings resulting from his failure to respond to the discovery requests, and failed to appear for trial.

Williams also failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of the case, and failed to explain the case to the extent reasonably necessary to permit Complainant to make informed decisions regarding the representation.

Williams violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.03(b). He was ordered to pay \$1,944.41 in attorneys' fees and costs.

DISTRICT 07:

**DALLAS ATTORNEY**  
**08/01/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

**RULE 8.04(a)(11)**

for engaging in the practice of law when the lawyer is on inactive status or when the lawyer's right to practice has been suspended or terminated, including but not limited to situations where a lawyer's right to practice has been administratively suspended for failure to timely pay required fees or assessments or for failure to comply with Article XII of the STATE BAR RULES relating to Mandatory Continuing Legal Education

**FULLER, HOLLY E.: #01518250**  
**08/09/2012-PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On August 9, 2012, **Holly E. Fuller** [#01518250], 47, of Grapevine, accepted a public reprimand.

An Evidentiary Panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that in representing a client in a divorce matter, Fuller neglected the matter, and failed to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the matter. In addition, upon termination of the representation, Fuller failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned.

Fuller violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d). She agreed to pay \$1,075.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**NEEL, JAMES J.: #14857500**  
**07/24/2012-DISBARMENT**

On July 24, 2012, **James J. Neel** [#14857500], 65, of Fort Worth was disbarred.

An Evidentiary Panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that Neel violated a March 6, 2008, default judgment of active suspension by failing to comply with all the terms and violated a September 10, 2008, default judgment of active suspension by failing to comply with all the terms. Neel also failed to timely furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Neel did not in good faith timely assert a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so.

Neel violated Rules 8.04(a)(7), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,231.25 in attorneys' fees and \$302.35 in costs.

DISTRICT 08:

**AUSTIN ATTORNEY**  
**06/13/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.15(d)

for failing, upon termination of representation, to reasonably protect a client's interests, give notice to the client to seek other counsel, or surrender papers and property which belongs to the client

RULE 8.04(a)(1)

for violating these Rules, knowingly assisting or inducing another to do so, or doing so through the acts of another, whether or not such violation occurred in the course of a client-lawyer relationship

RULE 8.04(a)(8)

for failing to timely furnish a district grievance committee a response or other information as required unless he/she timely asserts a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so

**AUSTIN ATTORNEY**  
**06/18/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.15(d)

for failing, upon termination of representation, to reasonably protect a client's interests, give notice to the client to seek other counsel, or surrender papers and property which belongs to the client

RULE 8.04(a)(1)

for violating these Rules, knowingly assisting or inducing another to do so, or doing so through the acts of another, whether or not such violation occurred in the course of a client-lawyer relationship

**RIPPY, FELIX O'NEILL: #16937400**  
**07/23/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**07/23/2012-07/22/2013**

On July 23, 2012, **Felix O'Neill Rippy** [#16937400], 50, of Georgetown, received a one-year, fully probated suspension, effective July 23, 2012.

The 277th District Court of Williamson County found that Rippy violated Rule 1.09(b), which prohibits lawyers who are members of the same firm from knowingly representing a client if any one of them practicing alone would be prohibited from doing so by Rule 1.09(a), and Rule 8.04(a)(1), which prohibits lawyers from violating the disciplinary rules.

Rippy was ordered to pay \$22,166.64 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**SEPTOWSKI, CHARLES D.: #18032325**  
**06/13/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**12/01/2012-05/31/2013**

On June 13, 2012, **Charles D. Septowski** [#18032325], 57, of St. Louis, accepted a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective December 1, 2012.

The District 8 Evidentiary Panel found that Septowski was administratively suspended from the practice of law on or about January 31, 2011, for failure to comply with Continuing Legal Education requirements. Between February 1, 2011, and March 18, 2011, while still suspended, Septowski represented a client in an application to determine heirship in County Court at Law in Bell County, Texas.

Septowski violated Rules 8.04(a)(1), and 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$596.23 in attorneys' fees and costs.

DISTRICT 09:

**ARMSTRONG, J. GAYLORD: #01320000**  
**08/23/2012- IMMEDIATE INTERIM SUSPENSION**  
**08/23/2012-UNTIL FURTHER ORDER**

**DERKUNT, MUSTAFA ENGIN: #00785818**  
**06/05/2012-ACTIVE SUSPENSION**  
**06/05/2012-06/04/2013**

On June 5, 2012, **Mustafa Engin Derkunt** [#00785818], 59, of Austin, received a one-year, active suspension, effective June 5, 2012.

The 261st Judicial District Court of Travis County found that Derkunt was suspended from the practice of law on November 12, 2009, pursuant to a disciplinary judgment. On June 21 and 22, 2010, while suspended, Derkunt assisted a plaintiff during a jury trial in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Austin Division. During trial, Derkunt repeatedly passed notes to the plaintiff. Also, while suspended, Derkunt prepared several pleadings for Plaintiff. In open court on June 22, 2010, Derkunt admitted preparing Plaintiff's Motion for Directed Verdict.

Derkunt violated Rules 8.04(a)(1), 8.04(a)(7), and 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$9,813.83 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**FLORES, ANTHONY J.: #00796556  
08/29/2012-RESIGNATION**

On August 29, 2012, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Anthony J. Flores** [#00796556], 47, of Farmers Branch.

The Court found that on January 10, 2012, a Judgment in a Criminal Case was entered in Case No. 4:10CR00057-22, styled *United States of America v. Anthony Flores*, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division, wherein Flores pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Mail and Wire Fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1349 and was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons for a total term of thirty-nine (39) months, ordered that upon release from imprisonment to be on supervised release for a term of three (3) years, ordered to pay an assessment of \$100.00 and restitution in the amount of \$9,268,708.00.

This conviction would subject Flores to compulsory discipline.

**FROST, STEPHEN JAMES: #24002112  
06/08/2012-DISBARMENT**

On June 8, 2012, **Stephen James Frost** [#24002112], 40, of Austin, was disbarred.

The District 9 Evidentiary Panel found that in October 2007, Complainant hired Frost to file a lawsuit in connection with a tractor trailer accident. Frost neglected the legal matter and failed to perform any legal services for Complainant. Frost also failed to file a lawsuit in the case prior to the expiration of the statute of limitations although he misrepresented to Complainant that a lawsuit had been filed. Frost also failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of the matter. In March 2011, Complainant was advised by Frost's law firm that Frost was no longer working as an attorney.

Frost violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 8.04(a)(1), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$3,828.55 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**AUSTIN ATTORNEY  
07/10/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

**RULE 1.14(b)**

for failing, upon receiving funds or other property in which a client or third person has an interest, to promptly notify the client or third person and render a full accounting upon request

**RULE 8.04(a)(1)**

for violating these Rules, knowingly assisting or inducing another to do so, or doing so through the acts of another, whether or not such violation occurred in the course of a client-lawyer relationship

**AUSTIN ATTORNEY  
06/05/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.03(a)  
for failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information

RULE 8.04(a)(1)  
for violating these Rules, knowingly assisting or inducing another to do so, or doing so through the acts of another, whether or not such violation occurred in the course of a client-lawyer relationship

DISTRICT 10:

**SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY  
06/20/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.14(b)  
for failing, upon receiving funds or other property in which a client or third person has an interest, to promptly notify the client or third person and render a full accounting upon request

**SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY  
06/30/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.01(b)(2)  
for failing to carry out completely the obligations owed to a client

**JONES, CHARLES P.: #10866900  
06/04/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION  
06/01/2012-06/30/2012: SUSPENSION  
07/01/2012-05/31/2014: PROBATION**

On June 4, 2012, **Charles P. Jones** [#10866900], 64, of San Antonio, accepted a two-year, partially probated suspension, effective June 1, 2012, with the first month actively served and the remainder probated.

The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Jones neglected a legal matter, failed to keep his client reasonably informed, failed to promptly respond to his client's reasonable requests for information, and failed to provide a written notice to a client of his suspension from the practice of law.

Jones violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and (b), and 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in restitution.

**MACHADO, MICHAEL: #12760475**  
**06/18/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**07/01/2012-01/31/2013**

On June 18, 2012, **Michael Machado** [#12760475], 54, of San Antonio, accepted a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective July 1, 2012.

The District 10 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Machado neglected a client's matter, failed to respond to a client's request for information, and failed to return an unearned fee. Machado also failed to furnish the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office with a response to the grievance.

Machado violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$3,210.00 in restitution and \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

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**MACHADO, MICHAEL: #12760475**  
**06/18/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**07/01/2012-01/31/2013**

On June 18, 2012, **Michael Machado** [#12760475], 54, of San Antonio, accepted a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective July 1, 2012.

The District 10 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Machado neglected a client's matter, failed to respond to a client's request for information, and also failed to return an unearned fee.

Machado violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$1,400.00 in restitution and \$800.00 attorneys' fees and costs.

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**MACHADO, MICHAEL: #12760475**  
**06/18/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**07/01/2012-01/31/2013**

On June 18, 2012, **Michael Machado** [#12760475], 54, of San Antonio, accepted a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective July 1, 2012.

The District 10 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Machado neglected a client's matter, failed to respond to a client's request for information, and failed to return an unearned fee. Machado also failed to furnish the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office with a response to the grievance.

Machado violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$2,000.00 in restitution and \$500.00 attorneys' fees and costs.

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**SALDANA, III, HUMBERTO: #24026460**  
**06/25/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**06/15/2012-06/14/2013**

On June 25, 2012, **Humberto Saldana, III** [#24026460], 42, of San Antonio, accepted a 12-month, fully probated suspension, effective June 15, 2012.

The District 10 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Saldana failed to communicate to his client the basis or rate of the fee to be paid, failed to keep his client reasonably informed, and also failed to respond to reasonable requests for information from his client.

Saldana violated Rules 1.03(a), and 1.04(c). He was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**TURTON, ERIC R.: #20345400**  
**06/22/2012-DISBARMENT**

On June 22, 2012, **Eric R. Turton** [#20345400], 57, of San Antonio, was disbarred.

The District 10 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Turton failed to hold funds belonging to a client separate from his personal property, failed to deliver to his client the funds that the client was entitled to receive. Turton also made misrepresentations and committed a criminal act that reflects adversely on his trustworthiness.

Turton violated Rules 1.14(a), 1.14(b), 1.14(c), 8.04(a)(2), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$77,500.00 in restitution and \$3,299.19 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**WAGNER, RICHARD A.: #20661050**  
**06/05/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATION SUSPENSION**  
**07/05/2012-10/05/2012: SUSPENSION**  
**10/06/2012-10/05/2015: PROBATION**

On June 5, 2012, **Richard A. Wagner** [#20661050], 59, of Bulverde, received a 39-month, partially probated suspension, effective July 5, 2012, with the first three months actively served and the remainder probated.

The 433<sup>rd</sup> District Court of Comal County found that Wagner violated Rules 3.01, 3.02, 3.04(d), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$7,800.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

DISTRICT 11:

**SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY**  
**07/16/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.14(b)

for failing, upon receiving funds or other property in which a client or third person has an interest, to promptly notify the client or third person and render a full accounting upon request

RULE 1.14(c)

for failing to keep funds or other property in which both the lawyer and another person claim interests separate until there is an accounting and severance of their interests



**SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY  
07/13/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.04(c)  
for failing to communicate to the client the basis or rate of the fee before or within a reasonable time after commencing the representation

RULE 1.14(c)  
for failing to keep funds or other property in which both the lawyer and another person claim interests separate until there is an accounting and severance of their interests

DISTRICT 12:

**SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY6  
06/27/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.08(h)  
A lawyer shall not acquire a proprietary interest in the cause of action or subject matter of litigation the lawyer is conducting for a client

**SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY  
07/13/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.01(b)(2)  
for failing to carry out completely the obligations owed to a client

**HOUSTON ATTORNEY  
06/11/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 8.04(a)(8)  
for failing to timely furnish a district grievance committee a response or other information as required unless he/she timely asserts a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so

**SHIELDS, BRADLEY W.: #24002938  
08/01/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION  
07/24/2012-01/23/2014**

On August 1, 2012, **Bradley W. Shields** [#24002938], 41, of La Feria, accepted an 18-month, fully probated suspension, effective July 24, 2012.

The District 12 Grievance Committee found that Shields neglected a client's case, failed to communicate with a client, and failed to refund the unearned portion of fees. Shields also failed to file a response with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

Shields violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$600.00 in restitution and \$2,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY  
06/01/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.01(b)(1)  
for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

RULE 1.03(a)  
for failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information

RULE 8.04(a)(8)  
for failing to timely furnish a district grievance committee a response or other information as required unless he/she timely asserts a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so

**SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY  
08/01/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.14(a)  
for failing to hold funds and other property belonging in whole or part to clients or third persons in a lawyer's possession separate from the lawyer's own property

RULE 1.14(b)  
for failing, upon receiving funds or other property in which a client or third person has an interest, to promptly notify the client or third person and render a full accounting upon request

RULE 1.14(c)  
for failing to keep funds or other property in which both the lawyer and another person claim interests separate until there is an accounting and severance of their interests

**VALLE, JOE: #20435450  
06/26/2012-RESIGNATION**

On June 26, 2012, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Joe Valle** [#20435450], 55, of Brownsville.

The Supreme Court of Texas found that Valle pled guilty to a serious criminal act reflecting adversely on Valle's honesty or trustworthiness as a lawyer.

Valle violated Rule 8.04(a)(2). He was ordered to pay \$2,500.00 in attorneys' fees and costs as an absolute condition precedent for reinstatement to the practice of law.

DISTRICT 14:

**CLARK, JR., DOUGLAS: #04309500**  
**07/12/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**07/01/2012-06/30/2013: SUSPENSION**  
**07/01/2013-06/30/2014: PROBATION**

On July 12, 2012, **Douglas Clark, Jr.** [#04309500], 69, of Santo, received a two-year, partially probated suspension, effective July 1, 2012, with the first year actively served, and the remaining year probated, contingent upon payment of restitution and attorneys' fees and costs.

An Evidentiary Panel of the District 14 Grievance Committee found that in representing a client in a DWI matter and in obtaining an occupational license, Clark neglected the legal matters entrusted to him and upon termination of representation, failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Clark also failed to file a response with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

Clark violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$2,130.89 in attorneys' fees and costs and \$2,500.00 in restitution.

**FISHER, BILLY L.: #07049200**  
**06/11/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**05/23/2012-11/22/2012**

On June 11, 2012, **Billy L. Fisher** [#07049200], 68, of Abilene, received a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective May 23, 2012.

An Evidentiary Panel of the District 14 Grievance Committee found that Fisher engaged in the practice of law by filing pleadings when his right to practice has been administratively suspended for failure to comply with Article XII of the State Bar Rules relating to Minimum Continuing Legal Education.

Fisher violated Rule 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**SCHUELLER, T.W.: #17823200**  
**07/10/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**08/01/2012-10/31/2012: SUSPENSION**  
**11/01/2012-07/31/2014: PROBATION**

On July 10, 2012, **T.W. Schueller** [#17823200], 63, of Wichita Falls, accepted a two-year, partially probated suspension, effective August 1, 2012, with the first three months actively served and the remainder probated.

The District 14 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Schueller violated a disciplinary judgment by failing to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses to the State Bar of Texas as ordered. Schueller also failed to furnish the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office with a response to the grievance.

Schueller violated Rules 8.04(a)(7), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$4,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

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**SCHUELLER, T.W.: #17823200**  
**07/10/2012-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**08/01/2012-10/31/2012: SUSPENSION**  
**11/01/2012-07/31/2014: PROBATION**

On July 10, 2012, **T.W. Schueller** [#17823200], 63, of Wichita Falls, accepted a two-year, partially probated suspension, effective August 1, 2012, with the first three months actively served and the remainder probated.

The District 14 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Schueller engaged in the practice of law when his right to practice had been administratively suspended for failure to comply with Article XII of the State Bar Rules relating to Mandatory Continuing Legal Education. Schueller also failed to furnish the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office with a response to the grievance.

Schueller violated Rules 8.04(a)(8), and 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

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**TRAHAN, THOMAS E.: #20183250**  
**06/11/2012-DISBARMENT**

On June 11, 2012, **Thomas E. Trahan** [#20183250], 49, of Lewisville, was disbarred.

An Evidentiary Panel of the District 14 Grievance Committee found that Trahan in representing clients in a personal injury matter, neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to complete the settlement of their case, failed to keep the clients reasonably informed about the status of the matter, and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from the clients. Trahan also failed to file a response with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel.

Trahan violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$2,180.06 in attorneys' fees and costs.

DISTRICT 16:

**GETZ, DAVID NORMAN: #00784123**  
**06/11/2012-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION**  
**06/01/2012-05/31/2013**

On June 11, 2012, **David Norman Getz** [#00784123], 54, of Lubbock, accepted a one-year, fully probated suspension, effective June 1, 2012.

The District 16 Grievance Committee found that Getz failed to return a client's file, and failed to return any unearned fees upon termination.

Getz violated Rule 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$500.00 in restitution and \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

DISTRICT 17:

**HERRERA, JESSE ARANDA: #00784261**  
**07/06/2012-PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On July 6, 2012, **Jesse Aranda Herrera** [#00784261], 47, of El Paso, accepted a public reprimand.

The District 17 Panel of the Grievance Committee found that Herrera's website advertisement contained inaccurate information and failed to comply with the requisite filing requirements of the Advertising Review Committee.

Herrera violated Rules 7.02(a)(1), and 7.07(c). He agreed to pay \$850.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**RODRIGUEZ, ROGELIO CESAR: #24033652**  
**07/20/2012-PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On July 20, 2012, **Rogelio Cesar Rodriguez** [#24033652], 37, of El Paso, accepted a public reprimand.

The District 17 Grievance Committee found that Rodriguez continued employment in a legal matter which he knew or should have known was beyond his competence.

Rodriguez violated Rule 1.01(a). He agreed to pay \$3,000.00 in restitution and \$850.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY**  
**07/27/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.01(b)(1)  
for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

RULE 1.03(a)  
for failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information

RULE 1.03(b)  
for failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation

RULE 1.14(a)  
for failing to hold funds and other property belonging in whole or part to clients or third persons in a lawyer's possession separate from the lawyer's own property

**SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY  
05/30/2012-PRIVATE REPRIMAND**

RULE 1.01(b)(1)  
for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

RULE 1.03(a)  
for failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information

RULE 1.15(d)  
for failing, upon termination of representation, to reasonably protect a client's interests, give notice to the client to seek other counsel, or surrender papers and property which belongs to the client

**WYATT, DERECK LYNN: #24008603  
07/19/2012-PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

On July 19, 2012, **Dereck Lynn Wyatt** [#24008603], 44, of El Paso, accepted a public reprimand.

The District 17 Grievance Committee found that Wyatt failed to keep his client reasonably informed. Wyatt violated Rule 1.03(a). He agreed to pay \$1,300.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS ACTIONS:**

**GAMMON, III, WILLIAM GEORGE: #07611300  
07/26/2012-INTERLOCUTORY SUSPENSION  
07/26/2012-UNTIL FURTHER ORDER**

On July 26, 2012, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an agreed interlocutory order of suspension against Houston attorney **William George Gammon, III**, 51, State Bar of Texas Card No. 07611300.

On or about December 14, 2011, Gammon pled guilty to one count of Possession of Child Pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§2252A(a)(5)(B) and 2252A(b)(2), an Intentional Crime as defined in the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE, in Case Number H-10-340 styled, *The United States of America v. William George Gammon*, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. Gammon was sentenced to 48 months in the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons. Upon his release, Gammon shall be supervised for life with special conditions as a sex offender. He was also ordered to pay an assessment of \$100.00 and restitution in the amount of \$375,000.00. Gammon has appealed his criminal conviction. The Board retains jurisdiction to enter a final judgment when the criminal appeal is final.

**GOODING, ALAN EDWARD: #24028488**  
**07/27/2012-ACTIVE SUSPENSION**  
**07/27/2012-01/27/2013**

On July 27, 2012, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an agreed judgment of suspension of Tucson Arizona attorney, **Alan Edward Gooding**, 63, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24028488.

On April 22, 2011, the Presiding Judge of the Supreme Court of Arizona entered a Judgment and Order against Gooding in a matter styled: PDJ-2011-9001, State Bar Nos. 10-0421, 10-1585, 10-1900, 10-1954, *In the Matter of a Member of the State Bar of Arizona, Alan E. Gooding, Bar No. 023060, Respondent*, suspending Gooding from the practice of law for six months and one day in accordance with the Agreement for Discipline by Consent. In accordance with Part IX of the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE, Gooding is suspended from the practice of law in Texas for six months, beginning July 27, 2012, and ending on January 27, 2013.

**HANDY, DAWN DARICE (“DeDe Rhoden”): #24002223**  
**07/30/2012-DISBARMENT**

On July 30, 2012, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a default judgment of disbarment against Arlington, Texas attorney **Dawn Darice Handy (“DeDe Rhoden”)**, 42, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24002223.

On or about April 27, 2007, Handy pled guilty to Fraudulent Possession of a Controlled Substance or Prescription, namely: Dihydrocodeinone (Hydrocodone), a third degree felony and an Intentional Crime as defined in the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE, in Case Number 1018104D styled, *The State of Texas v. Dawn Darice Rhoden*, in the 396<sup>th</sup> District Court of Tarrant County, Texas. By an Unadjudicated Judgment on a Plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere and Suspending Imposition of Sentence Handy was placed on community supervision for a term of five years. On or about November 2, 2009, Handy pled guilty to Possession of a Controlled Substance by Fraud, namely: Zolpidem, a third degree felony and an Intentional Crime as defined in the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE, in Case Number 1166830 styled, *The State of Texas v. Dawn Darice Rhoden*, in the 396<sup>th</sup> District Court of Tarrant County, Texas. By an Order of Deferred Adjudication Handy was placed on community supervision for a term of five years and SAFPF as a condition of probation. On or about July 25, 2011, Handy was sentenced to five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Corrections in Case Number 1018104D styled, *The State of Texas v. Dawn Darice Rhoden*, in the 396<sup>th</sup> District Court of Tarrant County, Texas. On or about July 25, 2011, Handy was sentenced to five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Corrections in Case Number 1166830D styled, *The State of Texas v. Dawn Darice Rhoden*, in the 396<sup>th</sup> District Court of Tarrant County, Texas. The convictions are final.

Handy did not answer or appear.

**HARRISON, WILLIAM: #09125100**  
**08/21/20102-ACTIVE SUSPENSION**  
**12/16/2011-12/15/2014**

On July 26, 2012, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an order granting a joint motion to reverse the judgment of disbarment signed by the Evidentiary Panel for the State Bar of Texas District 4A Grievance Committee in Case No. S0031023393 and remand the matter for rendition and entry of an agreed judgment of an active suspension of Houston attorney **William B, Harrison** 59, State Bar of Texas Card No. 09125100.

**KLEINKAUF, WILLIAM J.: #11566500**  
**07/30/2012-INTERLOCUTORY SUSPENSION**  
**07/30/2012-UNTIL FURTHER ORDER**

On July 30, 2012, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an interlocutory order of suspension against Flower Mound attorney **William J. Kleinkauf**, 65, State Bar of Texas Card No. 11566500.

On or about September 2, 2011, Kleinkauf pled guilty to one count of Possession of Child Pornography in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§2252A(a)(5)(B) an Intentional Crime as defined in the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE, in Case Number 4:10CR00013-001 styled, *The United States of America v. William J. Kleinkauf*, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division. Kleinkauf was sentenced to 36 months in the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons. Upon his release, Kleinkauf shall be supervised for five years. He was also ordered to pay an assessment of \$100.00. Kleinkauf has appealed his criminal conviction. The Board retains jurisdiction to enter a final judgment when the criminal appeal is final.

**MAYFIELD, HELEN TYNE: #24014721**  
**07/31/2012-DISBARMENT**

On July 31, 2012, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a final judgment of disbarment against Houston attorney **Helen Tyne Mayfield**, 64, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24014721.

On October 6, 2008, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an interlocutory order of suspension against Mayfield because on or about July 30, 2008, Mayfield was convicted of three counts of forgery of a financial instrument, in violation of Texas Penal Code 32.21(d), an Intentional Crime as defined in the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE, in Case Number 07-05453-CRF-361 styled, *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361<sup>st</sup> District Court of Brazos County, Texas, and three counts of forgery of a financial instrument, in violation of Texas Penal Code 32.21(d), in Case Number 07-05454-CRF-361, styled, *The State of Texas v. Helen Mayfield*, in the 361<sup>st</sup> District Court of Brazos County, Texas. Mayfield was sentenced to 24 months in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for each count, the sentences to run concurrently. Mayfield appealed the conviction and on March 16, 2011, the Court of Appeals for the Tenth District of Texas issued its mandates affirming the convictions. Mayfield answered and appeared at the hearing.

**THOMAS, KENNETH ALAN: #19857100**  
**07/31/2012-DISBARMENT**

On July 31, 2012, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a final judgment of disbarment against Dallas attorney **Kenneth Alan Thomas**, 54, State Bar of Texas Card No. 19857100.

On June 15, 2006, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an interlocutory order of suspension against Thomas because on or about May 13, 2005, he was found guilty by a jury of Aggravated Assault, a second degree felony and an Intentional Crime as defined in the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE, in Cause Number F-2004-1408-C styled, *The State of Texas v. Kenneth Alan Thomas*, in the 211<sup>th</sup> District Court of Denton County, Texas. Thomas was sentenced to eight years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice and ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$10,000.00. Thomas appealed the conviction and on April 17, 2007, the Court of Appeals for the Second District of Texas issued its mandate affirming the conviction.