

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ON
ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE

January 2023

Disciplinary Sanctions 9/1/2022 - 11/30/2022

DISBARMENTS	District	# of Complaints Resolved
Hughes, Carl Donald Jr.	6	1
Mayo, James Keith	2	4
Obiselu, Nkechi Joy Nnenna	1	2
Obiselu, Nkechi Joy Nnenna	1	1
Obiselu, Nkechi Joy Nnenna	1	2

Board of Disciplinary Appeals:

Clarke, Wesley Lindon	BODA	1
Lavalle, Judge Paul Houston	BODA	1
Total:	7	12

RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	District	# of Complaints Resolved
Judge, John	9	1
Vitek, Philip C.	9	1

Board of Disciplinary Appeals:

Gamez, Daniel Ray	BODA	2
Total:	3	4

SUSPENSIONS	District	# of Complaints Resolved
Arismendez, Ysidro Deluna III	11	2
Benningfield, Carol Ann	8	3
Campos, Luis "Rob" Roberto	6	1
De La O, Daney Marie	4	1
Deaguero, Richard Joseph	6	1
Eaton, Travis Aaron	4	1
Gomez, Paul	14	2
Gormly, Eric Kevin	6	1
Guinan, James L.	6	1
Jimenez, Eduardo	10	2
Key, John Wallace III	1	1
Key, John Wallace III	1	1
Murphree, Thomas Daniel	7	3
Nation, John Davidson	6	1
Nwajei, Dominique Danielle Ross	5	1
Obi, Emmanuel U.	6	1

Obiselu, Nkechi Joy Nnenna	1	1
Obiselu, Nkechi Joy Nnenna	1	1
Quinata, Derek Alfonso	17	2
Sosa, Fausto	12	2
Torres, Orlando Javier	17	1

Board of Disciplinary Appeals:

Hoffman, Nathan V.	BODA	1
Woodward, David Luther	BODA	1

Total:	23	32
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PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	District	# of Complaints Resolved
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Halla, Michael B.	7	1
Hughes, Robert E. Jr.	3	1
Mitchell, Charsalynn GerSan	6	1
Obi, Emmanuel U.	6	1
Rojo, Carmen Rosita	10	1
Rojo, Carmen Rosita	10	1
Van Cleave, Gregory Thomas	10	1
Villarreal, Scott Conrad	6	2

Total:	8	9
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PRIVATE REPRIMANDS

Grievance Comm.	# of Sanctions	# of Complaints Resolved
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1	2	2
3	1	1
4	7	7
5	1	1
7	2	2
8	1	1
10	2	2
12	1	1
14	1	1
16	1	1

Total:	19	19
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Grievance Referral Program	17	17
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Grand Total:	77	93
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Disciplinary Actions - Current Bar Year

BAR YEARS 2022-2023	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	14	42
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	12	23
SUSPENSIONS	47	61
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	21	22
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	40	41
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	28	28
Total:	162	217

*does not reflect year-end figures/summary data includes ytd

Disciplinary Actions - Previous Bar Year

BAR YEARS 2021-2022	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	21	56
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	27	102
SUSPENSIONS	123	168
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	39	41
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	94	97
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	99	99
Total:	403	563

BAR YEARS 2020-2021	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	18	64
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	15	33
SUSPENSIONS	125	159
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	36	42
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	100	102
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	79	79
Total:	373	479

BAR YEARS 2019-2020	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	20	29
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	9	35
SUSPENSIONS	141	190
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	39	41

PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	106	115
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	87	89
Total:	402	499

BAR YEARS 2018-2019	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	14	40
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	17	88
SUSPENSIONS	155	212
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	32	39
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	124	138
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	75	82
Total:	417	599

BAR YEARS 2017-2018	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	21	49
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	23	103
SUSPENSIONS	113	160
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	25	29
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	70	74
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	79	80
Total:	331	495

BAR YEARS 2016-2017	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	21	63
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	28	124
SUSPENSIONS	126	182
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	30	37
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	90	98
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	50	50
Total:	345	554

BAR YEARS 2015-2016	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	22	61

RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	27	147
SUSPENSIONS	132	205
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	30	33
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	67	72
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	47	47
Total:	325	565

BAR YEARS 2014-2015	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	27	56
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	19	56
SUSPENSIONS	115	151
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	32	36
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	66	72
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	63	71
Total:	322	442

BAR YEARS 2013-2014	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	22	41
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	17	61
SUSPENSIONS	130	169
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	31	35
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	63	70
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	58	58
Total:	321	434

BAR YEARS 2012-2013	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	39	51
RESIGNATIONS	24	46
SUSPENSIONS	122	160
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	37	40
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	89	91
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	56	56
Total:	367	444

BAR YEARS	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints
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2011-2012

Resolved

DISBARMENTS	38	45
RESIGNATIONS	27	87
SUSPENSIONS	137	174
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	40	41
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	106	115
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	54	54
Total:	402	516

BAR YEARS
2010-2011

Total Sanctions

Total Complaints
Resolved

DISBARMENTS	28	52
RESIGNATIONS	23	101
SUSPENSIONS	157	254
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	40	50
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	77	82
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	46	46
Total:	371	584

BAR YEARS
2009-2010

Total Sanctions

Total Complaints
Resolved

DISBARMENTS	25	33
RESIGNATIONS	22	40
SUSPENSIONS	111	169
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	37	47
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	81	89
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	39	39
Total:	315	417

BAR YEARS
2008-2009

Total Sanctions

Total Complaints
Resolved

DISBARMENTS	32	43
RESIGNATIONS	26	104
SUSPENSIONS	127	189
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	46	54
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	68	73
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	36	36
Total:	335	499

BAR YEARS
2007-2008

Total Sanctions

Total Complaints
Resolved

DISBARMENTS	24	63
RESIGNATIONS	24	90
SUSPENSIONS	121	224
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	28	35
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	69	73
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	33	33
Total:	299	518

BAR YEARS
2006-2007

Total Sanctions

DISBARMENTS	30
RESIGNATIONS	31
SUSPENSIONS	110
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	62
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	87
Total:	320

DISTRICT 1:

Allison, Kip Hughes: #00789117
11/22/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.03(a) (a)

A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rule 1.14(b)

Upon receiving funds or other property in which a client or third person has an interest, a lawyer shall promptly notify the client or third person. Except as stated in this rule or otherwise permitted by law or by agreement with the client, a lawyer shall promptly deliver to the client or third person any funds or other property that the client or third person is entitled to receive and, upon request by the client or third person, shall promptly render a full accounting regarding such property.

Rule 1.15(d)

Upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for employment of other counsel, surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payments of fee that has not been earned. The lawyer may retain papers relating to the client to the extent permitted by other law only if such retention will not prejudice the client in the subject matter of the representation.

Key, John Wallace III: #24004168
8/30/2022-Partially Probated Suspension
10/01/2022-10/31/2022: SUSPENSION
11/01/2022-10/31/2023: PROBATED

On August 30, 2022, John Wallace Key III, [#24004168], 57, of Dallas, received a thirteen-month partially probated suspension, effective October 1, 2022, with the first thirty days actively served and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that on or about December 10, 2015, Complainant hired Key to represent him, his wife and their two minor children in a personal injury matter. In representing them, Key neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to prepare and timely file suit to protect Complainant's interests in the bodily injury claims and as a result, the suit was dismissed for want of prosecution (DWOP). Key failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of their personal injury matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainant. Key failed to explain the personal injury matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit Complainant to make informed decisions regarding the representation

Key violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b). He was ordered to pay \$1,853.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Key, John Wallace III: #24004168
10/12/2022-Partially Probated Suspension
11/01/2022-04/30/2023: SUSPENSION
05/01/2023-04/30/2024: PROBATED

On October 12, 2022, John Wallace Key, III [#24004168], 57, of Athens, received an eighteen month, partially probated suspension, effective November 1, 2022, with the first six months actively served and the remainder probated. The 173rd District Court of Henderson County found Key committed Professional Misconduct by violating Rules 1.06(a) [A lawyer shall not represent opposing parties to the same litigation], 3.03(a)(1) [A lawyer shall not knowingly make a false statement of material fact or law to a tribunal], 4.01(a) [In the course of representing a client a lawyer shall not knowingly make a false statement of material fact or law to a third person], and 8.04(a)(3) [A lawyer shall not engage in conduct

involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation].

Key was ordered to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the sum of \$5,523.98.

Obiselu, Nkechi Joy Nnenna: #24089066
10/4/2022-Default Partially Probated Suspension
10/01/2022-03/31/2023: SUSPENSION
04/01/2023-09/30/2024: PROBATED

On October 4, 2022, Nkechi Joy Nnenna Obiselu [#24089066], 33, of Dallas, received a twenty-four (24) month partially probated suspension. Obiselu will be actively suspended from October 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. Obiselu will have a probated suspension from April 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that on or about October 25, 2017, the complainant hired Obiselu to represent her in a modification of child custody matter. In representing the complainant, Obiselu neglected the legal matter entrusted to her and failed to communicate with the complainant regarding the case. Obiselu also failed to file a response to the grievance.

Obiselu violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a) and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$2,007.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Obiselu, Nkechi Joy Nnenna: #24089066
10/4/2022-Default Partially Probated Suspension
10/01/2022-03/31/2023: SUSPENSION
04/01/2023-09/30/2024: PROBATED

On October 4, 2022, Nkechi Joy Nnenna Obiselu [#24089066], 33, of Dallas, received a twenty-four (24) month partially probated suspension. Obiselu will be actively suspended from October 1, 2022, to March 31, 2023. Obiselu will have a probated suspension from April 1, 2023, to September 30, 2024. An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that on or about December 31, 2019, the complainant hired Obiselu and paid her \$750.00 for representation in an uncontested divorce. In representing the complainant, Obiselu neglected the legal matter entrusted to her, failed to communicate with the complainant about the case, and failed to provide a refund of unearned fees upon termination and request by the complainant. Obiselu also failed to file a response to the grievance.

Obiselu violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d) and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$750.00 in restitution and \$1,661.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Obiselu, Nkechi Joy Nnenna: #24089066
9/22/2022-Default Disbarment

On September 22, 2022, Nkechi Joy Nnenna Obiselu [#24089066], 32, of Dallas, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that, in representing two clients, Obiselu failed to keep her clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. In one of those matters, Obiselu failed to provide a response to the grievance.

Obiselu violated Rules 1.03(a) and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in restitution to one client, \$2,580.00 in restitution to the other client, and \$3,011.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Obiselu, Nkechi Joy Nnenna: #24089066
9/22/2022-Default Disbarment

On September 22, 2022, Nkechi Joy Nnenna Obiselu [#24089066], 32, of Dallas, was disbarred. An

evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that on or about December 10, 2019, the complainant hired Obiselu to represent her in a landlord tenant dispute. The complainant paid approximately \$1,500.00 for the representation. Obiselu neglected the legal matter entrusted to her, failed to provide the complainant with an accounting, and upon termination, Obiselu failed to refund any unearned fees. Additionally, Obiselu failed to timely respond to the grievance.

Obiselu violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.14(b), 1.15(d) and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$1,500.00 in restitution and \$2,061.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Obiselu, Nkechi Joy Nnenna: #24089066
9/22/2022-Default Disbarment

On September 22, 2022, Nkechi Joy Nnenna Obiselu [#24089066], 32, of Dallas, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that, in representing two clients, Obiselu neglected the legal matter entrusted to her, and upon termination, failed to refund unearned fees in one case. In the other case, Obiselu failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of his legal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. In both matters, Obiselu failed to provide a response to the grievance.

Obiselu violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d) and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$1,908.00 in restitution to one client, \$2,400.00 in restitution to the other client, and \$2,284.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Smith, Nicholas Russell: #24063226
10/13/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.03(a)

A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rule 1.14(c)

When in the course of representation a lawyer is in possession of funds or other property in which both the lawyer and another person claim interests, the property shall be kept separate by the lawyer until there is an accounting and severance of their interest. All funds in a trust or escrow account shall be disbursed only to those persons entitled to receive them by virtue of the representation or by law. If a dispute arises concerning their respective interests, the portion in dispute shall be kept separated by the lawyer until the dispute is resolved, and the undisputed portion shall be distributed appropriately.

Rule 1.15(d)

Upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for employment of other counsel, surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payments of fee that has not been earned. The lawyer may retain papers relating to the client to the extent permitted by other law only if such retention will not prejudice the client in the subject matter of the representation.

DISTRICT 2:

Mayo, James Keith: #00794251
9/29/2022-Disbarment

On September 29, 2022, James Keith Mayo [#00794251], 53, of Whitehouse, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 2 Grievance Committee found that, in the first case, the complainant retained Respondent and paid a \$1,500 retainer, in September 2020, for a tax dispute with the Cherokee County Appraisal District. Respondent failed to contact the appraisal district about the dispute/contest and

failed to respond to his clients' numerous emails and phone calls asking about the status of the matter. Respondent failed to provide the legal services he was paid for and failed to return the unearned fee.

In the second case, the complainant hired Respondent in Fall 2019 to complete a name change for the client's child. The petition for the name change had already been filed in March 2019 and Respondent was to secure a final hearing and an order. In January 2020, the matter was set for dismissal due to inactivity. Respondent failed to appear at the hearing and the case was dismissed in March 2020. Respondent failed to notify his client that the matter was dismissed and continued to misrepresent to the client in texts messages throughout 2020 and 2021 that the matter was still pending.

In the third case, the client hired Respondent in April 2020 and paid him \$300 to complete six deeds. Respondent completed four deeds but failed to complete the remaining two deeds. The client attempted to contact Respondent numerous times to follow-up on the last two deeds, but Respondent did not respond to his clients' text messages or phone calls. Respondent failed to complete the legal services he was paid to perform, failed to communicate with the client about her legal matter, and failed to refund the client the unearned fee. Respondent also violated a prior disciplinary judgment and failed to submit a response to the grievance.

Mayo violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(3), 8.04(a)(7) and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,500.00 in restitution to first complainant, \$400.00 to the second complainant, \$300.00 to the third complainant and \$5,220.00 in attorneys' fees.

DISTRICT 3:

Hughes, Robert E. Jr.: #00790932
10/12/2022-Agreed Public Reprimand

On October 12, 2022, Robert E. Hughes, Jr. [#00790932], 53, of Buna, accepted a public reprimand. An Evidentiary Panel of the District 3 Grievance Committee found Hughes neglected client matters and failed to keep client reasonably informed.

Hughes violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and 1.03(a), and agreed to pay \$750.00 in restitution, and \$400.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Kirkwood, Keaton Donsha: #24045075
9/6/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rules 1.03(a)

A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rule 8.04(a)(8)

A lawyer shall not fail to timely furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office or a district grievance committee a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, unless he or she in good faith timely asserts a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so.

DISTRICT 4:

Chargois, Kirk Anthony: #24039993
9/28/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 8.04(a)(3)

For engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

De La O, Daney Marie: #24064251

10/4/2022-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
10/15/2022-10/14/2024: PROBATED

On October 4, 2022, Daney Marie De La O [#24064251], 44, of Houston, accepted a 2-year fully probated suspension, effective October 15, 2022. An Investigatory Panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that De La O neglected a legal matter and subsequently failed to withdraw from the representation when her physical, mental or psychological condition materially impaired her fitness to represent her client. During her representation of her client, De La O knowingly made a false statement of material fact or law to a tribunal, as well as engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

De La O violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.15(a)(2), 3.03(a)(1), and 8.04(a)(3). She was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and \$2,000.00 in restitution.

Eaton, Travis Aaron: #24080870
9/28/2022-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
10/01/2022-03/31/2023: PROBATED

On September 28, 2022, Travis Aaron Eaton [#24080870], 36, of Tomball, accepted a 6-month fully probated suspension, effective October 1, 2022. An Investigatory Panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Eaton entered into an arrangement for, charged, or collected an unconscionable fee from his client. Furthermore, Eaton knowingly revealed client confidential information to others not associated with the client or his law firm.

Eaton violated Rules 1.04(a) and 1.05(b)(1)(ii). He was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and \$2,500.00 in restitution.

Harrington, Mark Edward: #24048299
11/17/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

In representing a client, a lawyer shall not: neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

Rule 1.03(a)

A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Ketterman, Julie A. : #24013722
9/15/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.14(a)

A lawyer shall hold funds and other property belonging in whole or in part to clients or third persons that are in a lawyer's possession in connection with a representation separate from the lawyer's own property. Such funds shall be kept in a separate account, designated as a "trust" or "escrow" account, maintained in the state where the lawyer's office is situated, or elsewhere with the consent of the client or third person. Other client property shall be identified as such and appropriately safeguarded. Complete records of such account funds and other property shall be kept by the lawyer and shall be preserved for a period of five years after termination of the representation.

Nolley, Waverly R.: #15067420
11/22/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

In representing a client, a lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

Rule 1.03(a)

A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rule 1.15(d)

Upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for employment of other counsel, surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payments of fee that has not been earned. The lawyer may retain papers relating to the client to the extent permitted by other law only if such retention will not prejudice the client in the subject matter of the representation.

Rosenberg, Gregg M.: #17268750
10/4/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 5.01(b)

A lawyer shall be subject to discipline because of another lawyer's violation of the rules of professional conduct if the lawyer is a partner in the law firm in which the other lawyer practices, is the general counsel of a government agency's legal department in which the other lawyer is employed, or has direct supervisory authority over the other lawyer, and with knowledge of the other lawyer's violations of the rules, knowingly fails to take reasonable remedial action to avoid or mitigate the consequences of the other lawyer's violation.

Schaffer, Josh Barrett: #24037439
11/14/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

In representing a client, a lawyer shall not: neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

Rule 1.03(a)

A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Thomas, Tauleece R.: #24013626
10/25/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

In representing a client, a lawyer shall not: neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

Rule 1.15(a)(2)

A lawyer shall decline to represent a client or, where representation has commenced, shall withdraw, except as stated in paragraph (c), from the representation of a client, if: the lawyer's physical, mental or psychological condition materially impairs the lawyer's fitness to represent the client.

DISTRICT 5:

Fulton, Alyssandra Tracey Mi: #24032327
11/10/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

Neglected a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

Rule 1.01(b)(2)

Frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations that the lawyer owed to a client or clients.

Rule 1.03(a)

Failed to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rule 1.15(d)

Upon termination of representation, the lawyer failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned.

Nwajei, Dominique Danielle Ross: #24088137
11/29/2022-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
11/28/2022-11/27/2023: PROBATED

On November 29, 2022, Dominique Danielle Ross Nwajei [#24088137], 24, of Houston, accepted an Agreed Judgment of Probated Suspension. An Investigatory Panel of the District 5 Grievance Committee found that Nwajei (a) unlawfully obstructed another party's access to evidence; (b) in anticipation of a dispute, concealed material information and instructed her client to destroy information; and (c) engaged in conduct involving dishonesty and deceit.

Nwajei violated Rules 3.04(a) and 8.04(a)(3). She was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 6:

Campos, Luis "Rob" Roberto: #00792394
10/7/2022-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
11/01/2022-10/31/2024: PROBATED

On October 7, 2022, Luis "Rob" Roberto Campos [#00792394], 53, of Dallas, agreed to a twenty-four (24) month fully probated suspension, beginning November 1, 2022 and ending on October 31, 2024. An Evidentiary Panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that on or about November 23, 2019, the complainant hired Respondent to represent her boyfriend in a criminal matter. Thereafter, Respondent failed to hold funds belonging to complainant that were in his possession in connection with the representation separate from his own property and in a separate trust account. Respondent also failed to promptly deliver to the client funds that he was entitled to receive. Upon termination of representation, Respondent failed to promptly render a full accounting to the complainant and to refund any advance payments of unearned fees.

Campos violated Rules 1.14(a), 1.14(b) and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$3,400.00 in restitution and \$1,164.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Deaguero, Richard Joseph: #05623500
9/30/2022-Partially Probated Suspension
09/01/2022-02/28/2023: SUSPENSION
03/01/2023-08/31/2024: PROBATED

On September 30, 2022, Richard Joseph Deaguero [#05623500], 76, of Dallas, received a twenty-four (24) month partially probated suspension. Deaguero will be actively suspended from September 1, 2022, to February 28, 2023. He will have a probated suspension from March 1, 2023, to August 31, 2024. The 193rd District Court of Dallas County found that Deaguero committed Professional Misconduct by violating Rules 1.03(a) [A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information], and 1.03(b) [A lawyer shall explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation].

Deaguero was ordered to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the sum of \$2,067.77.

Deaguero appealed the judgment on October 14, 2022.

Gormly, Eric Kevin: #24071309
7/12/2022-Partially Probated Suspension
08/15/2022-08/14/2023: SUSPENSION
08/15/2023-08/14/2024: PROBATED

On July 12, 2022, Eric Kevin Gormly [#24071309], 67, of Dallas, received a twenty-four month partially probated suspension, with an active suspension beginning August 15, 2022 to August 14, 2023, and a probated suspension beginning August 15, 2023 to August 14, 2024. The 44th District Court of Dallas County found that Gormly committed Professional Misconduct by violating Rule 1.15(d) [Upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as giving reasonable notice to the client, allowing time for employment of other counsel, surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled and refunding any advance payments of fee that has not been earned. The lawyer may retain papers relating to the client to the extent permitted by other law only if such retention will not prejudice the client in the subject matter of the representation].

Gormly was ordered to pay \$3,500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Guinan, James L.: #08597800
9/6/2022-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
09/01/2022-08/31/2023: PROBATED

On September 6, 2022, James L. Guinan [#08597800], 58, of Dallas, agreed to a twelve (12) month fully probated suspension, beginning September 1, 2022 and ending on August 31, 2023. An Evidentiary Panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in approximately mid-January of 2020, Respondent was hired to represent the Complainant in a divorce matter. In representing Complainant, Respondent neglected the legal matter that was entrusted to him by, including by not limited to, failing to do little to no work after filing the original petition in the divorce case.

Guinan violated Rule 1.01(b)(1). He was ordered to pay \$750.00 in restitution and \$250.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Hughes, Carl Donald Jr.: #10209000
9/8/2022-Default Disbarment

On September 8, 2022, Carl Donald Hughes Jr. [#10209000], 75, of Dallas, was disbarred, effective September 9, 2022. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that in or about February 2017, Complainant retained Hughes to file a writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court in a foreclosure case. Complainant paid Hughes \$55,000.00 in advance legal fees. In representing Complainant, Hughes neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed, and failed to comply with Complainant's reasonable requests for information about his legal matter. After Complainant terminated Hughes' representation, he requested an accounting of the fees he paid as well as a refund of any unearned fees. Hughes failed to provide Complainant with an accounting and failed to refund unearned fees. Hughes also failed to provide a timely response to the grievance.

Hughes violated Rules 1.01 (b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(b), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$55,000.00 in restitution and \$1,550.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Hughes filed an appeal on October 7, 2022.

Mitchell, Charsalynn GerSan: #24067771
8/29/2022-Agreed Public Reprimand

On August 29, 2022, Charsalynn Gersan Mitchell, [#24067771] 42, of Dallas, agreed to a public reprimand. An investigatory panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Mitchell was hired by Complainant to represent her in a family law matter. In representing Complainant, Mitchell neglected the legal matter entrusted to her and frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations Mitchell owed to Complainant by, including but not limited to, allowing the family matter to be dismissed in September of 2021 for Want of Prosecution. Mitchell failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of her family law matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Mitchell failed to withdraw from representation of Complainant when her physical, mental, or psychological condition materially impaired her fitness to represent her.

Mitchell violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), and 1.15(a)(2). She was ordered to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the sum of \$675.00.

Nation, John Davidson: #14819700
10/31/2022-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension
12/15/2022-04/14/2023: SUSPENSION
04/15/2023-12/14/2024: PROBATED

On October 31, 2022, John Davidson Nation [#14819700], 70, of Dallas, agreed to a two-year, partially probated suspension, effective December 15, 2022, with the first four months actively served and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in or about December 2018, Complainant hired Nation to research, prepare, and file an application for a post-conviction writ of habeas corpus. On or about December 15, 2018, Complainant's son paid Nation \$4,000.00. Nation failed to deposit the funds into an IOLTA trust or escrow account. In representing Complainant, Nation neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of the matter, and failed to comply with Complainant's reasonable requests for information. Upon termination of the representation, Nation failed to refund the unearned fee to Complainant.

Nation violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a), and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$5,497.20 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Obi, Emmanuel U.: #24058347
9/13/2022-Default Active Suspension
09/01/2022-10/31/2022: SUSPENSION

On September 13, 2022, Emmanuel U. Obi [#24058347], 43, of Dallas, received a sixty (60) day active suspension beginning September 1, 2022 and ending October 31, 2022. An Evidentiary Panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that on or about January 22, 2020, Respondent contacted the complainant regarding an insurance policy on his son. The complainant's ex-wife hired Respondent to represent her in the matter. The complainant requested a full accounting of settlement funds that were received by Respondent, but Respondent failed to promptly render one. Respondent also failed to file a response to the grievance.

Respondent Obi violated Rules 1.14(b) and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$2,091.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Obi, Emmanuel U.: #24058347
10/6/2022-Public Reprimand

On October 6, 2022, Emmanuel U. Obi [#24058347], 43, of Grand Prairie, received a Judgment of Public

Reprimand. An Evidentiary Panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that on or about January 10, 2020, Respondent was hired to represent the complainant in a civil matter. The complainant paid approximately \$7,000 for the representation. In representing the complainant, Respondent neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed, and failed to comply with the complainant's requests for information. During the representation, the complainant requested an accounting from Respondent, but Respondent failed to provide the complainant with an accounting. Respondent also failed to respond to the grievance.

Obi violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(b) and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$3,500.00 in restitution and \$2,171.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Villarreal, Scott Conrad: #24084024
11/17/2022-Agreed Public Reprimand

On November 17, 2022, Scott Conrad Villarreal, [#24084024], 35, of Dallas, agreed to a public reprimand. An investigatory panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Villarreal is a partner in the law firm which retained the services of a marketing firm, Texas Accident Consultation (TAC). TAC solicited, through regulated telephone and/or electronic contact, professional employment from a non-client. Villarreal paid something of value to TAC for soliciting or referring prospective clients to Villarreal's law firm. The fees paid were not reasonable and were not for advertising or public relation services rendered in accordance with Rule 7 .03. Villarreal engaged in conduct that constitutes barratry as defined by the law of this state.

Villarreal violated Rules 5.03(b)(2)(i), 7.03(e), and 8.04(a)(9). He was ordered to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the sum of \$1,000.00.

DISTRICT 7:

Halla, Michael B.: #24010082
9/6/2022-Agreed Public Reprimand

On September 6, 2022, Michael B. Halla [#24010082], 52, of Ferris, agreed to a public reprimand. An investigatory panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that Halla was hired on or about June 22, 2021 to represent Complainant in a personal injury matter involving an auto accident. During the legal representation, Halla shared or promised to share legal fees with a non-lawyer. During the representation, Halla assisted a person who is not a member of the State Bar in the performance of activity that constitutes the unauthorized practice of law.

Halla violated Rules 5.04(a) and 5.05(b). He was ordered to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the sum of \$500.00.

Johnson, Calvin Demond: #24032596
9/9/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.03(a)

A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rule 1.14(c)

When in the course of representation a lawyer is in possession of funds or other property in which both the lawyer and another person claim interests, the property shall be kept separate by the lawyer until there is an accounting and severance of their interest. All funds in a trust or escrow account shall be disbursed only to those persons entitled to receive them by virtue of the representation or by law. If a dispute arises concerning their respective interests, the portion in dispute shall be kept separated by the lawyer until the dispute is resolved, and the undisputed portion shall be distributed appropriately.

Murphree, Thomas Daniel: #24083542
9/12/2022-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
09/12/2022-09/12/2023: PROBATED

On September 12, 2022, Thomas Daniel Murphree [#24083542], 38, of Fort Worth, agreed to one-year probated suspension, effective September 12, 2022. An investigatory panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found in the first matter, Murphree represents a parent in a CPS matter pending in court. Murphree neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, and despite being notified of the grievance filed by Complainant, failed to submit a written response.

In the second matter, Murphree was hired in 2020 to represent Complainant in a custody matter. In representing Complainant, Murphree neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to communicate with Complainant, and failed to return unearned fees. Despite being notified of the grievance filed by Complainant, Murphree failed to submit a written response.

In the third matter, Murphree was hired in 2021 to represent Complainant in a divorce. In representing Complainant, Murphree neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to communicate with Complainant, and failed to return unearned fees. Despite being notified of the grievance filed by Complainant, Murphree failed to submit a written response.

Murphree violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$250.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses. Murphree was also ordered to pay restitution to Complainants of \$2,000.00 and \$3,625.00.

Schanfish, Marcie Jane: #24007206
11/18/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

In representing a client, a lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

Rule 1.03(a)

A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rule 8.04(a)(8)

A lawyer shall not fail to timely furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsels office or a district grievance committee a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, unless he or she in good faith timely asserts a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so.

DISTRICT 8:

Benningfield, Carol Ann: #02160600
11/1/2022-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
01/01/2023-12/31/2029: PROBATED

On November 1, 2022, Carol Ann Benningfield [#02160600], 69, of Harker Heights, agreed to a judgment of fully probated seven-year suspension related to three complaints filed by her former clients. The Agreed Judgment of Fully Probated Suspension sets forth that the 169th District Court of Bell County found that Benningfield violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) [A lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer], 1.03(a) [A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information], 1.03(b) [A lawyer shall explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation], 1.14(a) [A lawyer shall hold funds and other property belonging in whole or in part to clients or third persons that are in a lawyer's possession in connection with a representation separate from

the lawyer's own property], 1.14(b) [A lawyer shall promptly deliver to the client any funds that the client or third person is entitled to receive and, upon request by the client or third person, shall promptly render a full accounting regarding such property], and 1.15(d) [Upon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as refunding any advance payments of fee that has not been earned].

Benningfield was ordered to pay \$500.00 in restitution and \$8,860.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

Gately, Sandy Simpkins: #07856500
11/15/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.03(a)

A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rule 1.03 (b)

A lawyer shall explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation.

DISTRICT 9:

Judge, John: #11044500
9/27/2022-Resignation in lieu of Discipline

On September 27, 2022, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of John Judge [11044500], 76, of Amarillo. At the time of Judge's resignation, he had one complaint pending against him.

Complainant and Judge are former shareholders of a law firm. Judge's tenure with the firm ended in April of 2020. After Judge's separation with the firm, Judge represented clients as a solo practitioner.

On May 31, 2021, Judge's law license was administratively suspended. Complainant alleged that after his suspension, Judge continued to represent clients and filed a late response to a motion for summary judgment in a federal court matter on June 26, 2021. Complainant also alleged that in 2021, Judge subsequently lost touch with multiple clients and missed several deadlines, including a deadline to file an appellate brief.

Judge violated Rules 1.01 (b)(1), 1.03(a) and 8.04 (a)(11).

Vitek, Philip C.: #20593800
8/26/2022-Resignation in lieu of Discipline

On August 26, 2022, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of Philip C. Vitek [#20593800], 79, of Austin. At the time of Vitek's resignation, he had one complaint pending.

In the pending complaint, Complainant hired Vitek to represent his company in multiple collection matters. Complainant indicated that Vitek was to receive a twenty-five percent (25%) contingency fee for each collection matter he settled and alleges Vitek settled multiple matters without Complainant's permission and kept 100% of the funds. In addition, Complainant alleged that one collection case was dismissed because Vitek failed to file suit within the statute of limitations period.

Vitek violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), and 1.14(b).

DISTRICT 10:

Aguirre, Juan Andre: #24036018
9/28/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(2)

For failing to carry out completely the obligations owed to a client.

Rule 5.03(a)

For failing to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the non-lawyer's conduct is compatible with the professional obligations of the lawyer.

Rule 5.03(b)

A lawyer shall be subject to discipline for the conduct of such a person that would be a violation of these rules if engaged in by a lawyer if:

(1) the lawyer orders, encourages, or permits the conduct involved; or

(2) the lawyer:

(i) is a partner in the law firm in which the person is employed, retained by, or associated with; or is the general counsel of a government agency's legal department in which the person is employed, retained by or associated with; or has direct supervisory authority over such person; and

(ii) with knowledge of such misconduct by the nonlawyer knowingly fails to take reasonable remedial action to avoid or mitigate the consequences of that person's misconduct.

Jimenez, Eduardo: #24085398
8/30/2022-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
10/01/2022-03/31/2023: PROBATED

On August 30, 2022, Eduardo Jimenez [#24085398], 45, of San Antonio, agreed to a six-month fully probated suspension effective October 1, 2022. An Investigatory Panel of the District 10 Grievance Committee found Jimenez neglected a client matter, failed to keep a client reasonably informed and failed to reasonably protect a client's interest.

Jimenez violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a) and 1.15(d), was ordered to pay \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Rickerson, James Adam III: #24003679
11/28/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

In representing a client, a lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

Rule 1.03(a)

A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rojo, Carmen Rosita - UPL0474: #19408820
11/15/2022-Agreed Public Reprimand

On November 15, 2022, Carmen Rosita Rojo [#19408820], 66, of San Antonio, accepted a public reprimand. An Investigatory Panel of the District 10 Grievance Committee found Rojo neglected a client matter and failed to keep client reasonably informed.

Rojo violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and agreed to pay \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Rojo, Carmen Rosita : #19408820
11/15/2022-Agreed Public Reprimand

On November 15, 2022, Carmen Rosita Rojo [#19408820], 66, of San Antonio, accepted a public reprimand. An Investigatory Panel of the District 10 Grievance Committee found Rojo neglected a client matter and failed to keep client reasonably informed.

Rojo violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and agreed to pay \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Van Cleave, Gregory Thomas: #24037881
10/19/2022-Agreed Public Reprimand

On October 19, 2022, Gregory Thomas Van Cleave [# 24037881], 44, of San Antonio, accepted a public reprimand. An Investigatory Panel of the District 10 Grievance Committee found Van Cleave neglected a client matter and failed to keep a client reasonably informed.

Van Cleave violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and 1.03(a), and was ordered to pay \$2,000.00 in restitution and \$400.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 11:

Arismendez, Ysidro Deluna III: #24008750
10/20/2022-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension
02/01/2023-07/31/2024: SUSPENSION
08/01/2024-01/31/2027: PROBATED

On October 20, 2022 Ysidro DeLuna Arismendez, III [#24008750], 53, of Beeville, agreed to a four-year partially probated suspension effective February 1, 2023 with the first eighteen months actively served and the remainder probated. The District 11 Grievance Committee found Arismendez neglected a client matter, failed to keep a client reasonably informed, failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit a client to make informed decisions and failed to respond to the grievance.

Arismendez violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a)&(b), 8.04(a)(8) and was ordered to pay \$9,262.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 12:

Sosa, Fausto: #18855620
10/17/2022-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension
11/15/2022-12/14/2022: SUSPENSION
12/15/2022-05/14/2023: PROBATED

On October 17, 2022, Fausto Sosa [#18855620], 62, of Laredo, agreed to a 6-months, partially probated suspension, effective November 15, 2022, with the first one month actively served and the remainder probated. An Investigatory Panel of the District 12 Grievance Committee found Sosa neglected client matter, upon termination failed to take steps to reasonably protect his client's interests and failed to respond to grievances timely.

Sosa violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.15(d) and 8.04(a)(8), and agreed to pay \$1,500.00 in restitution, and \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Steindel, Robert L.: #24004935
10/31/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)
For neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

Rule 1.04(f)(2)

A division or agreement for division of a fee between lawyers who are not in the same firm shall not be made unless the client is advised of, and does not object to, the participation of all the lawyers involved.

DISTRICT 14:

Carlton, Nancy Kay Robertson: #24045618
10/25/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

In representing a client, a lawyer shall not: neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer.

Gomez, Paul: #24063778
10/20/2022-Active Suspension
11/01/2022-04/30/2025: SUSPENSION

On October 19, 2022, Paul Gomez [#24063778], 47, of Frisco, received a thirty (30) month active suspension beginning November 1, 2022 and ending April 30, 2025. An Evidentiary Panel of the District 14 Grievance Committee found, in the first case, that the complainant hired and paid Respondent \$500 to write a demand letter to a repair shop. Respondent failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed about the status of the matter and failed promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Respondent agreed to refund the \$500 fee paid but failed to tender the funds to the complainant. In the second case, in December 2021, Respondent began contacting the complainant regarding his dispute with a vendor who was Respondent's client. Respondent continued to contact the complainant directly about the dispute even after the complainant informed Respondent that the complainant was represented by counsel.

Despite being notified of the grievances filed by both complainants, Respondent failed to file a response to either of the grievances.

Gomez violated Rules 1.03(a), 1.15(d), 4.02(a) and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$500.00 in restitution in the first case and \$3,460.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 16:

Castillo, Damian: #24056935
11/7/2022-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.15(a)(1)

For failing to decline or withdraw from representation of a client if the representation will result in a violation of Rule 3.08, other applicable rules of professional conduct, or other law.

DISTRICT 17:

Quinata, Derek Alfonso: #24072292
10/19/2022-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension
06/01/2025-12/31/2025: SUSPENSION
01/01/2026-12/31/2028: PROBATED

On October 19, 2022 Derek Alfonso Quinata [#24072292], 41, of El Paso, agreed to a forty-two month partially probated suspension effective June 1, 2025 with the first seven months actively served and the remainder probated. The District 17 Grievance Committee found Quinata neglected a client matter, failed to return unearned fees and failed to respond to the grievance.

Quinata violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(8) and was ordered to pay \$1,500.00 restitution and \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Torres, Orlando Javier: #24071256
10/13/2022-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
11/01/2022-10/31/2023: PROBATED

On October 12, 2022, Orlando Javier Torres [#24071256], 42, of El Paso, accepted a one-year fully probated suspension effective November 1, 2022. The 448th District Court of El Paso, found Torres violated Rule 8.04(a)(11) [practicing while administratively suspended].

Torres violated Rule 8.04(a)(11), and was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

BODA:

Clarke, Wesley Lindon: #24014254
8/31/2022-Disbarment

On August 31, 2022, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered a Judgment of Disbarment against Washington D.C. attorney Wesley Lindon Clarke, 54, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24014254. On September 12, 2019, the District of Columbia Court of Appeals issued an Order in Cause No. 19-BG-779, styled In re Wesley L. Clarke, Respondent, Bar Registration Number 474594, in which Clarke consented to disbarment in Washington D.C. Clarke admitted to violations of District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a) (safekeeping of property), 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and 8.4(d) (conduct that seriously interferes with the administration of justice). BODA Case No. 65865

Gamez, Daniel Ray: #24034451
9/27/2022-Resignation in lieu of Discipline

On September 27, 2022, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of Daniel Ray Gamez [24034451], 51, of San Diego, California. Prior to his resignation, the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel received notice from the State Bar of California Hearing Department, that the Supreme Court of California issued an order on November 30, 2021, in Case No. S270810 (State Bar Court No. SBC-20-030817); styled In re Daniel Ray Gamez on Discipline, stating that "The court orders that Daniel Ray Gamez (Respondent), State Bar Number 222578, is disbarred from the practice of law in California and that Respondent's name is stricken from the roll of attorneys." The disbarment order would have subjected Gamez to reciprocal discipline.

Hoffman, Nathan V.: #09785490
11/2/2022-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension
11/02/2022-11/01/2025: SUSPENSION
11/02/2025-11/01/2026: PROBATED

On November 2, 2022, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered an Agreed Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension against Los Angeles, CA attorney Nathan V. Hoffman, 62, State Bar of Texas Card No. 09785490. On May 13, 2022, an Order was entered by the Supreme Court of California in a matter styled, In re Nathan V. Hoffman on Discipline, Case Nos. S261244 (State Bar Court Nos. 12-C-16181; 18-0-15019) suspending Hoffman from the practice of law in California for four years, with three years active suspension and the remainder probated contingent upon proof of rehabilitation and fitness. The disciplinary proceeding arose out of Hoffman's conviction of manufacturing at least 50 marijuana plants in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). Hoffman waived any applicable defenses and agreed to a judgment of partially probated suspension. He is suspended from the practice of law in Texas for four years with three years active suspension, beginning November 2, 2022 and extending through November 1, 2025, followed by a one-year probated suspension extending through November 1, 2026. BODA Case No. 67182.

Lavalle, Judge Paul Houston: #11998625
8/5/2022-Disbarment

On August 5, 2022, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered a Judgment of Disbarment against Texas City, TX attorney Paul Houston LaValle, 61, State Bar of Texas Card No. 11998625. On February 28, 2020, a Judgment of Conviction by Jury was entered in Cause No. 19CR0918, styled The State of Texas v. Paul Houston LaValle, in the 56th Judicial District Court of Galveston County, Texas, wherein LaValle was found guilty of Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence and was sentenced to five years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The sentence of confinement was suspended and LaValle was placed on community supervision for five years. BODA Case No. 64480.

Woodward, David Luther: #21975640
9/14/2022-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension
09/14/2022-11/27/2022: SUSPENSION
11/28/2022-11/27/2024: PROBATED

On September 14, 2022, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered an Agreed Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension against Pensacola, FL attorney David Luther Woodward, 80, State Bar of Texas Card No. 21975640. On April 14, 2022, an Order was entered by the Supreme Court of Florida in a matter styled, The Florida Bar, Complainant, v. David Luther Woodward, Respondent, Supreme Court Case No. SC20-1842, The Florida Bar File No. 2020-00,232 (IA) suspending Woodward from the practice of law in Florida for seventy-five days followed by a two-year probation. The court found Woodward in violation of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar 4-1.3 (diligence), 4-1.4 (communication), 4-3.2 (expediting litigation), 4-3.4(c) (knowingly disobey an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), 4-8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and 4-8.4(g) (failure to respond to the Florida Bar). By agreement, Woodward is suspended from the practice of law in Texas for seventy-five days beginning September 14, 2022, and extending through November 27, 2022, followed by a two-year probated suspension. BODA Case No. 67040.