

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ON  
ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE

APRIL 2019

**Disciplinary Sanctions**  
**12/01/2018 - 02/28/2019**

| DISBARMENTS        | District | # of Complaints Resolved |
|--------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Perez, Linda Irene | 10       | 4                        |
| Taylor, Luro C.    | 4        | 2                        |

**Board of Disciplinary Appeals:**

|                       |      |   |
|-----------------------|------|---|
| Gordon, Shane William | BODA | 1 |
| Total:                | 3    | 7 |

| RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE | District | # of Complaints Resolved |
|------------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Grass, Jeffrey C.                  | 6        | 1                        |
| Total:                             | 1        | 1                        |

| SUSPENSIONS                | District | # of Complaints Resolved |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Allen, Scottie             | 6        | 1                        |
| Allen, Scottie             | 6        | 1                        |
| Allen, Susan Anne          | 6        | 1                        |
| Barker, Tametha D'Lyn      | 13       | 1                        |
| Burgos-Gandia, Juan Luis   | 6        | 1                        |
| Canales, Olivero E.        | 12       | 1                        |
| Cooper, Gaylyn Leon        | 3        | 1                        |
| Crews, Jeffrey Earl        | 4        | 2                        |
| Davis, Mark Anthony        | 11       | 1                        |
| Deaguero, Richard Joseph   | 6        | 1                        |
| Deaguero, Richard Joseph   | 6        | 1                        |
| Dunn, Richard Clement      | 2        | 1                        |
| Duran, Xavier              | 6        | 1                        |
| Fiegel, Beauregard Driller | 10       | 1                        |
| Finley, W. Thomas          | 6        | 1                        |
| Gilmet, Yexenia            | 4        | 1                        |
| Gilmet, Yexenia            | 4        | 1                        |
| Gupta, Viney K.            | 9        | 1                        |

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|-----------------------------|----|---|
| Loyd, Annette R.            | 7  | 1 |
| Miller, Darren Anthony      | 4  | 2 |
| Quinata, Derek Alfonso      | 17 | 1 |
| Rodriguez, Brigida          | 6  | 1 |
| Smith, Paul Andrew          | 9  | 1 |
| Stein, Jerome Neal          | 6  | 1 |
| Stein, Jerome Neal          | 6  | 2 |
| Van Dyke, Jason Lee         | 14 | 1 |
| Van Dyke, Jason Lee         | 14 | 1 |
| Vaughn, William Kyle        | 4  | 2 |
| Vaughn, William Kyle        | 4  | 2 |
| Willbern, Thomas Austin III | 4  | 3 |
| Willbern, Thomas Austin III | 4  | 5 |

**Board of Disciplinary Appeals:**

|                          |      |   |
|--------------------------|------|---|
| Dixon, Eric D.           | BODA | 1 |
| Goode, William Kevin     | BODA | 1 |
| Hoak, Linda Renee        | BODA | 1 |
| Jaynes, David Andrew     | BODA | 1 |
| Jaynes, David Andrew     | BODA | 1 |
| Quitschau, Drew Randolph | BODA | 1 |

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|--------|----|----|
| Total: | 37 | 48 |
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| PUBLIC REPRIMANDS       | District | # of Complaints Resolved |
|-------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Edgett, Scott Erik      | 1        | 1                        |
| Grantham, David Shane   | 1        | 1                        |
| Harvey, David Nathaniel | 4        | 1                        |
| McDowell, Gilda Martha  | 16       | 1                        |
| Roman, Armando Javier   | 10       | 1                        |
| Vega, Adan G.           | 4        | 1                        |
| Yeverino, Francisco R.  | 4        | 1                        |
| Total:                  | 7        | 7                        |

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PRIVATE REPRIMANDS

| Grievance Comm.            | # of Sanctions | # of Complaints Resolved |
|----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1                          | 2              | 2                        |
| 2                          | 3              | 3                        |
| 4                          | 5              | 6                        |
| 6                          | 4              | 5                        |
| 7                          | 2              | 2                        |
| 9                          | 1              | 1                        |
| 10                         | 4              | 4                        |
| 11                         | 2              | 2                        |
| 12                         | 2              | 2                        |
| 15                         | 1              | 1                        |
| Total:                     |                | 28                       |
| Grievance Referral Program |                | 14                       |
| Grand Total:               |                | 105                      |

### Disciplinary Actions - Current Bar Year

| BAR YEARS<br>2018-2019             | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>Resolved |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| DISBARMENTS                        | 12              | 28                           |
| RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE | 12              | 74                           |
| SUSPENSIONS                        | 103             | 134                          |
| PUBLIC REPRIMANDS                  | 22              | 26                           |
| PRIVATE REPRIMANDS                 | 86              | 94                           |
| GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM         | 55              | 61                           |
| Total:                             | 290             | 417                          |

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

### Disciplinary Actions - Previous Bar Year

| BAR YEARS<br>2017-2018             | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>Resolved |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| DISBARMENTS                        | 21              | 47                           |
| RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE | 23              | 102                          |
| SUSPENSIONS                        | 115             | 162                          |
| PUBLIC REPRIMANDS                  | 25              | 29                           |
| PRIVATE REPRIMANDS                 | 70              | 74                           |
| GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM         | 79              | 80                           |
| Total:                             | 333             | 494                          |

| BAR YEARS<br>2016-2017             | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>Resolved |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| DISBARMENTS                        | 20              | 60                           |
| RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE | 28              | 122                          |
| SUSPENSIONS                        | 126             | 182                          |
| PUBLIC REPRIMANDS                  | 30              | 37                           |
| PRIVATE REPRIMANDS                 | 90              | 98                           |
| GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM         | 50              | 50                           |
| Total:                             | 344             | 549                          |

| BAR YEARS<br>2015-2016             | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>Resolved |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| DISBARMENTS                        | 22              | 61                           |
| RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE | 27              | 146                          |
| SUSPENSIONS                        | 132             | 205                          |
| PUBLIC REPRIMANDS                  | 30              | 33                           |
| PRIVATE REPRIMANDS                 | 67              | 72                           |
| GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM         | 47              | 47                           |
| Total:                             | 325             | 564                          |

| BAR YEARS<br>2014-2015             | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>Resolved |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| DISBARMENTS                        | 27              | 55                           |
| RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE | 19              | 55                           |
| SUSPENSIONS                        | 113             | 147                          |
| PUBLIC REPRIMANDS                  | 32              | 36                           |
| PRIVATE REPRIMANDS                 | 66              | 72                           |
| GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM         | 64              | 72                           |
| Total:                             | 321             | 437                          |

| BAR YEARS<br>2013-2014             | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>Resolved |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| DISBARMENTS                        | 22              | 41                           |
| RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE | 17              | 58                           |
| SUSPENSIONS                        | 130             | 169                          |
| PUBLIC REPRIMANDS                  | 31              | 35                           |
| PRIVATE REPRIMANDS                 | 63              | 70                           |
| GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM         | 57              | 57                           |
| Total:                             | 320             | 430                          |

| BAR YEARS<br>2012-2013     | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>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<br>2011-2012     | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>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<br>2010-2011     | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>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<br>2009-2010     | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>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<br>2008-2009     | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>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<br>2007-2008     | Total Sanctions | Total Complaints<br>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:

**Edgett, Scott Erik: #24063588**  
**12/04/2018-Agreed Public Reprimand**

On December 4, 2018, **Scott Erik Edgett** [#24063588], 43, of Plano, agreed to a public reprimand. The District 1 Grievance Committee found that in June 2016, the Edgett was hired by his client to handle a federal appeal and was paid a fee of \$10,000.00. Edgett failed to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the case and upon termination of representation, Edgett failed to refund advance payments of the fee that had not been earned. Edgett violated Rules 1.03(a) and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$5,350.00 and attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the amount of \$885.00.

**Grantham, David Shane: #24087614**  
**01/22/2019-Public Reprimand**

On January 22, 2019, **David Shane Grantham** [#24087614], 46, of McKinney, received a public reprimand. The 219th Judicial District Court of Collin County found that Grantham committed Professional Misconduct by violating Rules 1.01(a) [A lawyer shall not accept or continue employment in a legal matter which the lawyer knows or should know is beyond the lawyer's competence] 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 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]. Grantham was ordered to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the sum of \$1,000.00 and restitution in the sum of \$5,000.00.

**Dallas Attorney**  
**12/18/2018-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.

**Dallas Attorney**  
**01/07/2019-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.

DISTRICT 2:

**Dunn, Richard Clement: #06249300**  
**11/15/2018-Fully Probated Suspension**  
**11/07/2018-05/06/2019: PROBATED**

On November 15, 2018, **Richard Clement Dunn** [#06249300], 62, of Longview, received a six month, fully probated suspension, effective November 7, 2018. The District 2 Grievance Committee found that on or about September 23, 2013, Complainant hired Dunn to file a post-conviction writ of habeas corpus in a criminal matter. In representing Complainant, Dunn neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to timely file the writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Complainant. Dunn's physical condition materially impaired Dunn's fitness to represent Complainant and Dunn failed to withdraw from representation. Upon termination of representation, Dunn failed to refund advance payments of the fee that had not been earned. Dunn violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.15(a)(2) and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$2,553.75 in attorneys' fees and \$669.50 in direct expenses. Dunn filed an appeal on December 11, 2018.

**Dallas Attorney**  
**02/13/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

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

**Dallas Attorney**  
**01/14/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

Rule 5.03(a)

With respect to a nonlawyer employed or retained by or associated with a lawyer: A lawyer having direct supervisory authority over the nonlawyer shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the person's conduct is compatible with the professional obligations of the lawyer.

Rule 5.03(b)(1)

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 the lawyer orders, encourages, or permits the conduct involved.

Rule 7.05(a)(3)

A lawyer shall not send, deliver, or transmit or knowingly permit or knowingly cause another person to send, deliver, or transmit a written, audio, audio-visual, digital media, recorded telephone message, or other electronic communication to a prospective client for the purpose of obtaining professional employment on behalf of any lawyer or law firm if the communication contains a false, fraudulent, misleading, deceptive, or unfair statement or claim.

**Dallas Attorney**

**12/04/2018-Agreed Private Reprimand**

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 3:

**Cooper, Gaylyn Leon: #04774700**

**10/26/2018-Default Fully Probated Suspension**

**12/01/2018-05/31/2019: PROBATED**

On October 26, 2018, **Gaylyn Leon Cooper** [#04774700], 65, of Port Arthur, received a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective December 1, 2018, and ending on May 31, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 3 Grievance Committee found that Cooper failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of the case and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Cooper failed to explain matters to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation. Cooper also failed to timely furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office a response to the grievance. Cooper violated Rules 1.03(a), 1.03(b), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 4:

**Crews, Jeffrey Earl: #24012475**

**11/28/2018-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension**

**08/01/2019-07/31/2020: SUSPENSION**

**08/01/2020-07/31/2022: PROBATED**

On November 28, 2018, **Jeffrey Earl Crews** [#24012475], 57, of Houston, received a three-year, partially probated suspension, effective August 1, 2019, with the first year actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that, in representing his client, Crews neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations he owed to his client, failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status his client's legal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, and, upon termination of representation, Crews failed to surrender papers and property to which his clients were entitled and failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned. Crews also failed to timely furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office responses or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Crews violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2),

1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$2,500.00 in restitution, \$1,350.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Gilmet, Yexenia: #24059821**

**02/14/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension**

**04/30/2019-06/30/2019: SUSPENSION**

**07/01/2019-04/30/2021: PROBATED**

On February 14, 2019, **Yexenia Gilmet** [#24059821], 39, of Houston, accepted a two-year, partially probated suspension, effective April 30, 2019, with the first two months actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Gilmet neglected her client's case, failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of his case, and failed to promptly comply with her client's reasonable requests for information. Upon termination of her representation, Gilmet failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned. Gilmet further failed to timely respond to the grievance. Gilmet violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in restitution and \$500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Gilmet, Yexenia: #24059821**

**02/09/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension**

**04/30/2019-06/30/2019: SUSPENSION**

**07/01/2019-04/30/2021: PROBATED**

On February 9, 2019, **Yexenia Gilmet** [#24059821], 39, of Houston, accepted a two-year, partially probated suspension, effective April 30, 2019, with the first two months actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that in representing her client, Gilmet frequently failed to carry out completely her obligations. Gilmet failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of his case and failed to promptly comply with his reasonable requests for information. Gilmet further failed to timely respond to the grievance. Gilmet violated Rules 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$2,000.00 in restitution and \$500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Houston Attorney**

**02/21/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

Rule 1.07(a)(1)

A lawyer shall not act as intermediary between clients unless: (1) the lawyer consults with each client concerning the implications of the common representation, including the advantages and risks involved, and the effect on the attorney-client privileges, and obtains each client's written consent to the common representation.

**Harvey, David Nathaniel: #24040049**  
**02/21/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand**

On February 21, 2019, **David Nathaniel Harvey** [#24040049], 53, of Houston, accepted an agreed judgment of public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Harvey failed to promptly comply with his client's reasonable requests for information about the status of his case. Harvey violated Rule 1.03(a). He was ordered to pay \$250.00 in attorneys' fees.

**Houston Attorney**  
**12/14/2018-Agreed 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

**Miller, Darren Anthony: #24007678**  
**12/24/2018-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension**  
**01/01/2019-06/30/2019: PROBATED**

On December 24, 2018, **Darren Anthony Miller** [#24007678], 49, of Houston, accepted a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective January 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Miller failed to take reasonable remedial action to avoid or mitigate the consequences of misconduct committed by a nonlawyer employee, over whom Miller had direct supervisory authority. Miller violated Rule 5.03(b)(2). He was ordered to pay \$2,071.15 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Houston Attorney**  
**01/24/2019-Agreed 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

**Houston Attorney**  
**10/15/2018-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

**Houston Attorney**  
**10/29/2018-Agreed Private Reprimand**

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.

**Taylor, Luro C.: #19712700**  
**11/29/2018-Disbarment**

On November 29, 2018, **Luro C. Taylor** [#19712700], 68, of Houston, was disbarred. The 215th Judicial District Court, Harris County, found that Taylor committed professional misconduct by violating Rule 1.14(a) [failed to hold funds belonging to his client in his trust account], 1.14(b) [failed to promptly notify and deliver funds to his client that she was entitled to receive], and 1.14(c) [failed to keep funds, in which both he and his client claimed an interest, separate until an accounting and severance of their interests]. Taylor was ordered to pay \$2,000.00 in restitution, and \$6,973.20 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses. Taylor has filed a notice of appeal.

**Vaughn, William Kyle: #00797597**  
**01/28/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension**  
**01/01/2019-06/30/2020: PROBATED**

On January 28, 2019, **William Kyle Vaughn** [#00797597], 50, of Houston, received an 18-month, fully probated suspension, effective January 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that in two matters, while representing his clients, Vaughn neglected the legal matters entrusted to him, failed to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters and to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, and, upon termination of representation, failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned. Vaughn 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. Vaughn violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$335.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**Vaughn, William Kyle: #00797597**  
**01/28/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension**  
**01/01/2019-06/30/2020: PROBATED**

On January 28, 2019, **William Kyle Vaughn** [#00797597], 50, of Houston, received an 18-month, fully probated suspension, effective January 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that in two matters, while representing his clients, Vaughn neglected the legal matters entrusted to him, failed to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters and to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, and, 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. In one of those matters, Vaughn engaged in the practice of law when his right to practice had been administratively suspended for failure to timely pay required fees, and in the other matter, he failed to explain a legal matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his client to make

informed decisions regarding the representation and, upon termination of representation, failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned. Vaughn violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(8), and 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$265.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**Vega, Adan G.: #20533590**  
**12/18/2018-Public Reprimand**

On December 18, 2018, **Adan G. Vega** [#20533590], 65, of Houston, received a judgment of public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that, upon termination of representation, Vega failed to take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect his client's interests by failing to surrender papers and property to which his client was entitled. Vega violated Rule 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$1,900.00 in attorneys' fees and \$160.00 in costs.

**Willbern, Thomas Austin III: #21507700**  
**12/14/2018-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension**  
**01/31/2019-03/31/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**04/01/2019-01/31/2022: PROBATED**

On December 14, 2018, **Thomas A. Willbern, III** [#21507700], 67, of Houston, accepted a three-year, partially probated suspension, effective January 31, 2019, with the first two months actively served and the remainder probated. The 234th District Court of Harris County found that in two separate matters, Willbern violated Rule 1.01(b)(1) [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) [a lawyer, upon termination of representation, 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 payment of fee that was not earned]; and 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]. Willbern was ordered to pay \$2,000.00 in restitution and \$550.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Willbern, Thomas Austin III: #21507700**  
**12/04/2018-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension**  
**01/31/2019-03/31/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**04/01/2019-01/31/2022: PROBATED**

On December 4, 2018, **Thomas A. Willbern, III** [#21507700], 67, of Houston, accepted a three-year, partially probated suspension, effective January 31, 2019, with the first two months actively served and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Willbern frequently failed to carry out obligations to five clients and failed to keep two clients reasonably informed about the status of their matters. Willbern also failed to appropriately safeguard a client's monies and failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned to four clients at the end of the representations. Willbern further failed to respond to grievances filed by four clients. Willbern violated Rules 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), 1.14(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$3,500.00 in total restitution and \$550.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Yeverino, Francisco R.: #00793076**  
**02/06/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand**

On February 6, 2019, **Francisco R. Yeverino** [#00793076], 48, of Richmond, accepted a judgment of public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Yeverino failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of their case and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Yeverino violated 1.03(a) and 1.03(b). He was ordered to pay \$250.00 in attorneys' fees.

DISTRICT 6:

**Allen, Scottie: #01058020**  
**01/03/2019-Partially Probated Suspension**  
**04/01/2019-09/30/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**10/01/2019-09/30/2023: PROBATED**

On January 3, 2019, **Scottie Allen** [#01058020], 59, of Dallas, received a 54-month, partially probated suspension, with six months active (April 1, 2019, through September 30, 2019) and 48 months probated (October 1, 2019, through September 30, 2023). An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Allen neglected a legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of his case and failed to promptly comply with client's reasonable requests for information. Allen failed to timely furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office a response and did not timely assert a privilege or other legal ground for his failure to do so. Allen violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$3,370.50 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Allen, Scottie: #01058020**  
**12/28/2018-Partially Probated Suspension**  
**04/01/2019-05/31/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**06/01/2019-05/31/2021: PROBATED**

On December 28, 2018, **Scottie Allen** [#01058020], 59, of Dallas, received a 26-month, partially probated suspension, with two months active (April 1, 2019, through May 31, 2019) and 24 months probated (June 1, 2019, through May 31, 2021). An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Allen failed to timely furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office a response and did not timely assert a privilege or other legal ground for his failure to do so. Allen violated Rule 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,159.50 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Allen, Susan Anne: #01059350**  
**02/15/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension**  
**12/01/2018-11/30/2019: PROBATED**

On February 15, 2019, **Susan Anne Allen** [#01059350], 66, of Dallas, received a 12-month, fully probated suspension, effective December 1, 2018. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in 2016, the complainant discovered that Allen settled five cases, but failed to pay complainant for the services provided to the clients in those cases. Upon receiving funds in which the complainant had

an interest, Allen failed to promptly notify complainant and failed to promptly deliver to the complainant the funds that complainant was entitled to receive in those matters. Allen violated Rule 1.14(b). She was ordered to pay \$15,000.00 in restitution and \$1,475.50 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Burgos-Gandia, Juan Luis: #00789916**  
**10/30/2018-Fully Probated Suspension**  
**11/01/2018-10/31/2019: PROBATED**

On October 30, 2018, **Juan Luis Burgos-Gandia** [#00789916], 67, of Dallas, received a 12-month, fully probated suspension. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Burgos-Gandia failed to keep his client reasonably informed about case status and failed to promptly comply with the client's reasonable requests for information. Burgos-Gandia also neglected the client's legal matter and failed to explain the legal matter to the client to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make information decisions about the case. Burgos-Gandia failed to hold unearned fees in a separate trust account, and upon termination of representation, failed to refund advance payment of the fee that had not been earned. Burgos-Gandia violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), 1.14(a), and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$10,000.00 in restitution and \$1,200.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Deaguero, Richard Joseph: #05623500**  
**11/28/2018-Partially Probated Suspension**  
**12/01/2018-02/28/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**03/01/2019-11/30/2020: PROBATED**

On November 28, 2018, **Richard Joseph Deaguero** [#05623500], 72, of Dallas, received a 24-month, partially probated suspension, with the first three months actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Deaguero was retained to represent his client in a lawsuit against the client's employer. Deaguero failed to keep the client fees in a separate trust account and failed to withdraw from representing the client when he was discharged. Deaguero violated Rules 1.14(a) and 1.15(a)(3). He was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,500.00 and attorneys' fees and direct costs in the amount of \$1,858.00.

**Deaguero, Richard Joseph: #05623500**  
**11/27/2018-Fully Probated Suspension**  
**11/08/2018-11/07/2021: PROBATED**

On November 27, 2018, **Richard Joseph Deaguero** [#05623500], 72, of Dallas, received a three-year, probated suspension. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Deaguero exchanged a series of text messages with a client during which he offered to either pay or credit the client for case referrals. Deaguero engaged in conduct that constituted barratry as defined by the law of this state.

Deaguero violated Rules 7.03(b), and 8.04(a)(9). He was ordered to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the amount of \$1,192.50.

**Duran, Xavier: #24015154**  
**09/18/2018-Partially Probated Suspension**  
**10/15/2018-01/14/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**01/15/2019-10/14/2021: PROBATED**

On September 18, 2018, **Xavier Duran** [#24015154], 47, of Dallas, received a three-year, partially probated suspension, effective October 15, 2018, with the first three months actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Duran was hired in a criminal matter and paid \$5,000.00 for the representation. Thereafter, Duran neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to complete any legal work on the case. Duran also failed to keep complainant reasonably informed and comply with reasonable requests for information. Upon termination, Duran failed to refund any unearned fee. Duran violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a) and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$5,000.00 in restitution and \$3,522.50.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Dallas Attorney**  
**11/27/2018-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 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.

**Finley, W. Thomas: #07025500**  
**01/08/2019-Default Active Suspension**  
**02/01/2019-01/31/2021: SUSPENSION**

On January 8, 2019, **W. Thomas Finley** [#07025500], 71, of Dallas, received a 24-month, active suspension. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in October of 2017, Finley, as legal counsel in a case, communicated directly with the opposing party, who was represented by legal counsel, and discussed a legal matter in connection with the pending case. The communication occurred without the knowledge or consent of opposing party's legal counsel. Finley also failed to file a response to the grievance. Finley violated Rules 4.02(a), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$918.00 in attorneys' fees and \$250.00 in direct expenses.

**Grass, Jeffrey C.: #00787581**  
**02/26/2019-Resignation in lieu of Discipline**

On February 26, 2019, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Jeffrey C. Grass** [#00787581], 56, of Coppell. At the time of Grass's resignation, there was one pending matter against him. In October 2016, Grass was hired by Complainant and paid a \$10,000.00 retainer fee for representation in a criminal case. Grass failed to maintain the retainer fee in his trust account until the fee was earned. Complainant was not charged with a crime and no legal services were performed. Grass failed to refund the unearned fee as requested and ceased communicating with Complainant. Grass failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Alleged Rules Violated 1.03(a), 1.14(b), and 1.15(d).

**Dallas Attorney**  
**01/03/2019-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.

**Dallas Attorney**  
**11/10/2018-Private Reprimand**

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

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

**Dallas Attorney**  
**12/07/2018-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 1.05(b)(1)(ii)

Except as permitted by paragraphs (c) and (d), or as required by paragraphs (e) and (f), a lawyer shall not knowingly reveal confidential information of a client or a former client to anyone else, other than the client, the client's representatives, or the members, associates, or employees of the lawyer's law firm.

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.

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.

**Rodriguez, Brigida: #24046743**  
**10/09/2018-Fully Probated Suspension**  
**11/01/2018-10/31/2020: PROBATED**

On October 9, 2018, **Brigida Rodriguez** [#24046743], 63, of Dallas, received a 24-month, fully probated suspension, effective November 1, 2018. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in February, 2016, Complainant retained Rodriguez for representation in a family law matter. In representing Complainant, Rodriguez neglected the legal matter entrusted to her. Rodriguez failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of her case and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainant. Further, Rodriguez failed to respond to the grievance. Rodriguez, violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$1,220.50 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**Stein, Jerome Neal: #19128290**  
**02/26/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension**  
**04/01/2019-12/31/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**01/01/2020-09/30/2020: PROBATED**

On February 26, 2019, **Jerome Neal Stein** [#19128290], 60, of Addison, agreed to an 18-month, partially probated suspension, effective April 1, 2019, with the first nine months actively served and the remainder probated. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that in April 2016, Complainant hired Stein for representation in a child custody modification case. In representing Complainant, Stein neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to appear at Complainant's trial and by failing to timely file objections to the final order. Stein, failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainant about her child custody modification matter. Stein, failed to explain the matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit Complainant to make informed decisions regarding the representation. Stein, when communicating with Complainant, engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. Stein violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$1,300.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Stein, Jerome Neal: #19128290**  
**02/26/2019-Agreed Active Suspension**  
**04/01/2019-09/30/2020: SUSPENSION**

On February 26, 2019, **Jerome Neal Stein** [#19128290], 60, of Addison, agreed to an 18-month, active suspension, effective April 1, 2019. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that in representing Complainant, Stein neglected the legal matter entrusted to him; failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of Complainant's matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Stein failed to hold funds or property belonging in whole or in part to Complainant separate from Stein's own property. Upon termination of representation, Stein failed to surrender papers and property to which Complainants were entitled and failed to refund advance payments of a fee that had not been earned. Stein violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a), and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$1,200.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses and \$4,500.00 in restitution fees.

DISTRICT 7:

**Dallas Attorney**  
**11/27/2018-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.

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.

**Dallas Attorney**  
**02/25/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

Rule 3.04(c)(2)

A Lawyer shall not, except as stated in paragraph (d), in representing a client before a tribunal: state or allude to any matter that the lawyer does not reasonably believe is relevant to such proceeding or that will not be supported by admissible evidence, or assert personal knowledge of facts in issue except when testifying as a witness.

**Loyd, Annette R.: #16731100**  
**01/16/2019-Default Fully Probated Suspension**  
**01/07/2019-01/06/2020: PROBATED**

On January 16, 2019, **Annette R. Loyd** [#16731100], 56, of Tarrant County, received a 12-month, fully probated suspension. An evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that Loyd neglected the legal matter that was entrusted to her, failed to keep her client reasonably informed about case status, and failed to promptly comply with the client's reasonable requests for information. Loyd also failed to file a response to the grievance. Loyd violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$750.00 in attorneys' fees and \$250.00 in direct expenses.

DISTRICT 9:

**Dallas Attorney**  
**12/11/2018-Agreed 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

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

**Gupta, Viney K.: #00790085**  
**12/13/2018-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension**  
**12/15/2018-09/14/2019: PROBATED**

On December 13, 2018, **Viney K. Gupta** [#00790085], 70, of Orange, California, accepted a nine-month, fully probated suspension, effective December 15, 2018. The District 9 evidentiary panel found that on July 6, 2011, Gupta received \$2,500.00 from the Complainant's family for Complainant's immigration bond. When Complainant's immigration matter was concluded, a check dated January 27, 2017, was sent to Gupta. The total amount of the check was \$2,825.01, which included the original bond amount and accrued interest in the amount of \$325.01. Gupta received the refunded bond check, did not notify Complainant of its receipt, and did not promptly remit the funds to Complainant. Gupta violated Rule 1.14(b) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, Article X, Section 9, State Bar Rules. Gupta was ordered to pay \$1,280.58 in attorneys' fees and expenses.

**Smith, Paul Andrew: #24010408**  
**12/07/2018-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension**  
**12/15/2018-01/14/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**01/15/2019-06/14/2020: PROBATED**

On December 7, 2018, **Paul Andrew Smith** [#24010408], 49, of Austin, accepted an 18-month, partially probated suspension, with one month active. The District 9 evidentiary panel found that Smith represented a client in a personal injury matter. The client received treatment from Complainant, a chiropractor. Smith provided Complainant with a letter of protection. Smith sent Complainant a check from his trust account for \$1,000.00. However, when Complainant attempted to deposit the check three months later, it was returned for insufficient funds. After the grievance was filed, Smith issued another check to Complainant for \$1,000.00 that was successfully negotiated. Smith violated Rule 1.14(a) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, Article X, Section 9, State Bar Rules. Smith was ordered to pay \$630.38 in attorneys' fees and expenses.

DISTRICT 10:

**San Antonio Attorney**  
**01/24/2019-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.

**San Antonio Attorney**  
**01/04/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

Rule 1.09(a)

without prior consent, a lawyer who personally has formerly represented a client in a matter shall not thereafter represent another person in a matter adverse to the former client.

Rule 1.07(a)

for, upon entering into a business transaction with a client, failing to consult with each client concerning the implications of the common representation, including the advantages and risks involved and the effect of the attorney-client privileges, and failing to obtain each client's written consent to the common representation.

**Fiegel, Beauregard Driller: #24086782**  
**12/03/2018-Agreed Active Suspension**  
**07/01/2019-10/01/2019: SUSPENSION**

On December 3, 2018, **Beauregard Driller Fiegel** [#24086782], 33, of San Antonio, agreed to a three-month, active suspension, effective July 1, 2019. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Fiegel neglected a client's matter, failed to keep a client reasonably informed, failed to refund the unearned portion of a fee, failed to notify a client of attorney's cessation of practice and failed to respond to the grievance.

Fiegel violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(8), and 8.04(a)(10) was ordered to pay \$2,256.00 in restitution and \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**San Antonio Attorney**  
**01/16/2019-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.

**Perez, Linda Irene: #00798427**  
**11/13/2017-Disbarment**

On November 13, 2017, **Linda Irene Perez** [#00798427], 59, of San Antonio, was disbarred. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that in connection with two complaints, Perez neglected legal matters, failed to keep clients reasonably informed, failed to hold client's funds in a trust account, failed to provide a full accounting of funds, failed to return unearned fees, made false statements of material fact to a tribunal and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud or misrepresentation. Perez violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.04(a), 1.14(a)&(b), 1.15(d), 3.03(a)(1), and 8.04(a)(3), and was ordered to pay \$14,350.00 in restitution and \$4,250.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Roman, Armando Javier: #24046752**  
**12/18/2018-Agreed Public Reprimand**

On December 18, 2018, **Armando Javier Roman** [#24046752], 44, of San Antonio, accepted a public reprimand. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Roman failed to communicate with a client, failed to explain to his client the basis for the fee sufficiently, failed refund an unearned fee and failed to return the client's file. Roman violated Rules 1.03(a)&(b), 1.04(c), and 1.15(d), and agreed to pay \$5,960.00 in restitution, and \$2,800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**San Antonio Attorney**  
**01/30/2019-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.

DISTRICT 11:

**San Antonio Attorney**  
**02/26/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

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.

**Davis, Mark Anthony: #24012509**  
**12/18/2018-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension**  
**06/01/2019-06/30/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**07/01/2019-06/30/2020: PROBATED**

On December 18, 2018, **Mark Anthony Davis** [#24012509], 47, of Victoria, accepted a 13-month, partially probated suspension, effective June 1, 2019, with the first month actively served and the remainder probated. The District 11 Grievance Committee found that Davis neglected client's matters, failed to keep a client reasonably informed and failed to return the unearned portion of a fee. Davis violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d), was ordered to pay \$1,500.00 in restitution and \$400.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**San Antonio Attorney**  
**02/11/2019-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 12:

**Canales, Olivero E.: #03737200**  
**01/11/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension**  
**03/01/2019-02/29/2020: PROBATED**

On January 11, 2019, **Olivero E. Canales** [#03737200], 66, of Laredo, accepted a one-year, fully probated suspension, effective March 1, 2019. The District 12 Grievance Committee found that Canales failed to hold client's funds separate from his own property and failed to respond to grievance timely. Canales violated Rules 1.14(a) and 8.04(a)(8), and agreed to pay \$300.00 in restitution, and \$400.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**San Antonio Attorney**  
**12/11/2018-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 lawyers office is situated, or elsewhere with the consent of the client or third person.

**San Antonio Attorney**  
**02/11/2019-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.

DISTRICT 13:

**Barker, Tametha D'Lyn: #24044113**  
**11/27/2018-Fully Probated Suspension**  
**12/01/2018-11/30/2020: PROBATED**

On November 27, 2018, **Tametha D'Lyn Barker** [#24044113], 42, of Amarillo, received a two-year, fully probated suspension, effective December 1, 2018. An evidentiary panel of the District 13 Grievance Committee found that on or about July 12, 2016, Complainant hired Barker to represent her in a divorce proceeding and paid \$2,400.00 for the representation. In representing Complainant, Barker neglected the legal matter entrusted to her by failing to finalize Complainant's divorce case. Barker failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of her case and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainant. Barker, violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), and 1.03(a). She was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in restitution and \$1,687.50 in attorneys' fees and costs.

DISTRICT 14:

**Van Dyke, Jason Lee: #24057426**  
**12/28/2018-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension**  
**11/15/2018-05/14/2019: PROBATED**

On December 28, 2018, **Jason Lee Van Dyke** [#24057426], 38, of Crossroads, agreed to a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective November 15, 2018. The District 14 Grievance Committee found that on October 3, 2017, Van Dyke filed a lawsuit on behalf of his client, against Complainant. Van Dyke threatened to present criminal or disciplinary charges solely to gain an advantage in connection with the civil matter. Van Dyke continued to represent his client after it reasonably appeared that his representation became adversely limited by Van Dyke's own interests. Van Dyke violated Rules 1.06(b)(2), and 4.04(b)(1). He was ordered to pay \$1,800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Van Dyke, Jason Lee: #24057426**  
**02/21/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension**  
**03/01/2019-05/31/2019: SUSPENSION**  
**06/01/2019-02/29/2020: PROBATED**

On February 21, 2019, **Jason Lee Van Dyke** [#24057426], 38, of Crossroads, agreed to a 12-month, partially probated suspension, effective March 1, 2019, with the first three months actively served and the remainder probated. The District 14 Grievance Committee found that there is legally sufficient evidence to prove by a preponderance of the evidence that on or about March 1, 2018, Van Dyke made threats of physical violence to Complainant, thereby committing criminal acts that reflect adversely on Van Dyke's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer. Van Dyke violated Rule 8.04(a)(2). He was ordered to pay \$7,500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 15:

**San Antonio Attorney**  
**02/08/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

Rule 1.15(d)  
for failing, to reasonably protect a client's interests upon termination.

DISTRICT 16:

**McDowell, Gilda Martha: #24063561**  
**01/31/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand**

On January 31, 2019, **Gilda Martha McDowell** [#24063561], 39, of Lubbock, agreed to a judgment of public reprimand. The 99th District Court of Lubbock County found that McDowell violated Rule 5.03(b)(1) [A lawyer shall be subject to discipline for the conduct of a non-lawyer assistant that would be a violation of these rules if engaged in by a lawyer if the lawyer orders, encourages, or permits the conduct involved] McDowell violated Rule 5.03(b)(1) and was ordered to pay \$800.00 in attorneys' fees

and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 17:

**Quinata, Derek Alfonso: #24072292**  
**01/10/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension**  
**01/15/2019-04/14/2019: PROBATED**

On January 10, 2019, **Derek Alfonso Quinata** [#24072292], 38, of El Paso, agreed to a three-month, fully probated suspension, effective January 15, 2019. The District 17 Grievance Committee found that Quinata failed to hold client's funds separate from his own property, failed to promptly deliver funds to parties entitled to receive funds and failed to return the unearned portion of a fee. Quinata violated Rules 1.14(a)&(b), and 1.15(d), was ordered to pay \$700.00 in restitution and \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS:

**Dixon, Eric D.: #05906020**  
**01/28/2019-Active Suspension**  
**01/28/2019-10/28/2019: SUSPENSION**

On January 28, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a judgment of suspension against Portales, NM attorney, **Eric D. Dixon**, 58, State Bar of Texas Card no. 05906020. On November 9, 2018 the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico entered an Order suspending Dixon from the practice of law for nine months in a matter styled In the Matter of Eric Dixon, an Attorney Suspended from the Practice of Law in the Courts of the State of New Mexico, Case No. S-1-SC-37204. The court found that Dixon was negligent in his representation of a client, NMRPC 16-101; filed a frivolous lawsuit in violation of NMRPC 16-301; made a false statement of fact to a tribunal in violation of NMRPC 16-303; made a false statement of fact during the disciplinary matter in violation of NMRPC 18-801 and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit and misrepresentation in violation of NMRPC 16-804. He is suspended from the practice of law in Texas from January 28, 2019, until October 28, 2019.

**Goode, William Kevin: #08145550**  
**12/27/2018-Agreed Active Suspension**  
**12/27/2018-12/28/2020: SUSPENSION**

On December 27, 2018, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an agreed judgment of suspension against Las Vegas, NV attorney, **William Kevin Goode**, 63, State Bar of Texas Card no. 08145550. On May 31, 2018, the Supreme Court of Colorado signed an Order and Notice of Suspension suspending Goode from the practice of law for two years in a matter styled Complainant: The People of the State of Colorado, Respondent: William Kevin Goode, #37063, Case No. 17-PDJ059. The court found that Goode was convicted of 28 felony counts of cruelty to animals and failed to report his conviction to the disciplinary authority, in violation of Rules 3.4(c) and 8.4(b) of the Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct. He is suspended from the practice of law in Texas from December 27, 2018, until December 28, 2020.

**Gordon, Shane William: #24040993**  
**01/28/2019-Default Disbarment**

On January 28, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a default judgment of disbarment against Houston attorney **Shane William Gordon** 47, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24040993. On November 21, 2017, Mr. Gordon pled guilty to False Statement or Representation made to a Department or Agency of the United States, an Intentional Crime as defined in the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, in United States of America v. Shane Gordon, Cause No. 6:17-CR-00040-002 and was sentenced to 24 months in prison followed by three years of supervised release and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$440,000.00. Although duly cited and noticed, Mr. Gordon did not answer or appear.

**Hoak, Linda Renee: #24059218**  
**12/28/2018-Indefinite Disability Suspension**

On December 28, 2018, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an agreed judgment of indefinite disability suspension against Lafayette, LA attorney **Linda Renee Hoak**, 51, State Bar of Texas card no. 24059218.

**Jaynes, David Andrew: #10595790**  
**01/28/2019-Default Active Suspension**  
**01/28/2019-01/27/2020: SUSPENSION**

On January 28, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a Default Judgment of Suspension against West Palm Beach, FL attorney, **David Andrew Jaynes**, 65, State Bar of Texas Card no. 10595790. On August 24, 2018, the Supreme Court of Florida entered an Order suspending Jaynes from the practice of law for one year in a matter styled The Florida Bar, Petitioner(s) vs. David Andrew Jaynes, Respondent(s), Case No. SC18-917. The court found that Jaynes was in contempt of its order dated September 22, 2017, in case no. SC17-1134 and suspended him from practice of law for one year. He is suspended from the practice of law in Texas from January 28, 2019 until January 27, 2020.

**Jaynes, David Andrew: #10595790**  
**01/28/2019-Default Active Suspension**  
**01/28/2019-07/28/2019: SUSPENSION**

On January 28, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a Default Judgment of Suspension against West Palm Beach, FL attorney, **David Andrew Jaynes**, 65, State Bar of Texas Card no. 10595790. On June 21, 2018, the Supreme Court of Florida issued a Notice suspending Jaynes from the practice of law for six months in a matter styled The Florida Bar, Complainant(s) vs. David Andrew Jaynes, Respondent(s), Case No. SC17-2219. The court found that Jaynes was in violation of trust accounting rules and suspended him from practice of law for six months. He is suspended from the practice of law in Texas from January 28, 2019 until July 28, 2019.

**Quitschau, Drew Randolph: #24068447**  
**12/12/2018-Agreed Active Suspension**  
**12/13/2018-06/13/2019: SUSPENSION**

On December 12, 2018, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an agreed judgment of suspension against Normal, IL attorney **Drew Randolph Quitschau**, 41, State Bar of Texas Card no. 24068447. On September 20, 2018, the Supreme Court of Illinois signed an Order and Mandate suspending Quitschau from the practice of law for six months in a matter styled In re: Drew Randolph Quitschau, M.R. 02943. The court found that Quitschau engaged in acts of dishonesty, fraud, deceit, and misrepresentation when he registered another attorney on five websites, created a false Facebook account and wrote false reviews of the attorney's legal abilities on three other websites in violation of Rule 8.4(c) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct.