

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ON
ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE

SEPTEMBER 2019

Disciplinary Sanctions
6/1/2019 - 8/31/2019

DISBARMENTS	District	# of Complaints Resolved
Plotts, Peter Breece III	8	1
Pruit, Brett A.	10	1
Sandoval, Daniel Armando	10	1

Board of Disciplinary Appeals:

Anderson, Tshombe Ali	BODA	1
Cooper, G. Michael III	BODA	1
Delgado, Marco A.	BODA	1
Khaleeq, Bilal Ahmed	BODA	1
Reynolds, Ronald Eugene	BODA	1
Richards, James William IV	BODA	1
Total:	9	9

RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	District	# of Complaints Resolved
Ohlrich, Anne Elizabeth	10	4
Tiller, Daniella Nicole	4	2
Whitaker, Stuart Lee	2	1
Total:	3	7

SUSPENSIONS	District	# of Complaints Resolved
Alamia, Richard R.	12	1
Arriaga, Monica Garza	10	1
Boasberg, Shane Michael	9	1
Chavez, Adrian Antonio	15	3
Collins, Kyle B.	9	1
Davis, Derek H.	6	1
Ferguson, Roland M. Jr.	1	1
Gonzales, Esteban	12	1
Gormly, Eric Kevin	6	1
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Hernandez, Anthony W.	4	1
Holk, Brian Scott	7	1
James, William Andrew Jr.	8	1
McMaster, Douglas Matthew	12	1
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Nelson, Laura "Gayle"	15	3
Ogle, Scott Patrick	9	1
Oliphint, Stuart R.	7	1
Ponce, Joe Jesse III	10	1
Posada, Alberto	12	1
Quinata, Derek Alfonso	17	1
Quinata, Derek Alfonso	17	1
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Rodriguez, Ross A.	10	1
Seymour, Aaron Christian	8	1
Smith, Kimberly Dian	1	1
Spriggs, Ronald T.	13	1
Washington, Craig A. SR.	8	1
Westmoreland, Lee Barrett Barrett	2	1

Board of Disciplinary Appeals:

Barry, Robin Kathleen	BODA	1
Brannan, Kirk Lawrence	BODA	1
Eagleburger, Gerald G.	BODA	1
Mitchell, Huey P.	BODA	1
Perales Pina, Jose Marcos	BODA	1

Total:	34	38
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PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	District	# of Complaints Resolved
Daniels, Gladys Nehikhare	12	1
De La Mota, Jacques Lawrence	15	1
Greening, Ronald G.	9	1
Hedges, Kevin T.	5	1
Holk, Brian Scott	6	1
Kurtz, Kevin F.	6	1
Lott, Richard Jefferson Jr.	5	1
Miranda, Rosemary R.	1	1
Rowe, Jason D.	4	1
Ryerson, Carlos A.	4	1
Umoja-Justice, Adjua Rochelle	4	1
Total:	11	11

PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	Grievance Comm.	# of Sanctions	# of Complaints Resolved
	1	2	4
	2	2	2
	3	4	4
	4	2	2
	6	2	2
	7	2	2
	10	2	2
	11	4	4
	12	3	3
	14	1	1
	17	1	1
Total:		25	27
Grievance Referral Program		16	18
Grand Total:		98	110

Disciplinary Actions - Current Bar Year

BAR YEARS 2019-2020	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	9	9
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	3	7
SUSPENSIONS	34	38
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	11	11
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	25	27
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	16	18
Total:	98	110

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

Disciplinary Actions - Previous Bar Year

BAR YEARS 2018-2019	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	14	38
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	17	89
SUSPENSIONS	152	209
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	32	39
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	124	138
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	76	83
Total:	415	596

BAR YEARS 2017-2018	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	21	48
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	23	102
SUSPENSIONS	114	161
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	25	29
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	70	74
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	79	80
Total:	332	494

BAR YEARS 2016-2017	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	21	61
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	28	123
SUSPENSIONS	126	182
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	30	37
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	90	98
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	50	50
Total:	345	551

BAR YEARS 2015-2016	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints 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 2014-2015	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	27	55
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	19	56
SUSPENSIONS	113	147
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	32	36
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	66	72
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	63	71
Total:	320	437

BAR YEARS 2013-2014	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
DISBARMENTS	22	41
RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	17	59
SUSPENSIONS	130	169
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	31	35
PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	63	70
GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	58	58
Total:	321	432

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 2011-2012	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints 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:

**Dallas Attorney
07/03/2019-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 1.14(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.

**Dallas Attorney
07/16/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

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Ferguson, Roland M. Jr.: #00786425
06/28/2019-Partially Probated Suspension
07/15/2019-07/14/2021: SUSPENSION
07/15/2021-07/14/2023: PROBATED

On June 28, 2019, **Roland M. Ferguson** [#00786425], 64, of Sulphur Springs, received a four-year, partially probated suspension, effective July 15, 2019, with the first two years actively suspended and the remaining two years probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that Ferguson neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to file a Petition in a family law matter. Ferguson failed to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their family law matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from his clients. Ferguson also failed to hold funds belonging to his clients that was in Respondent's possession in connection with the representation separate from Respondent's own property and failed to keep said funds in a separate trust account. Upon termination of representation, Ferguson failed to refund advance payments of the fee that had not been earned. Ferguson violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a) and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$2,400.00 and \$2,145.50 in attorney's fees.

Miranda, Rosemary R.: #14199620
07/10/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On July 10, 2019, **Rosemary R. Miranda** [#14199620], 77, of Collin County, received an agreed judgment of public reprimand. An Investigatory panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that in June of 2015, Miranda was hired to represent two clients and to assist with adjusting their immigration status. Miranda neglected the legal matters entrusted to her by failing to file required documents and failing to file appeals correctly. Miranda frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations that Miranda owed to the clients in their legal matters. Miranda also failed to explain the immigration matters to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the clients to make informed decisions regarding the representation. Miranda violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2) and 1.03(b). She was ordered to pay \$500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Smith, Kimberly Dian: #24041944
08/02/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
08/15/2019-08/14/2021: PROBATED

On August 2, 2019, **Kimberly Dian Smith** [#24041944], 41, of Atlanta, received a two-year, fully probated suspension (August 15, 2019, through August 14, 2021). An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that Smith failed to carry out completely the obligations that she owed to her client, failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of her case, and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from her client. Smith failed to timely furnish a response to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office. Smith violated Rules 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$2,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 2:

**Dallas Attorney
05/01/2019-Private Reprimand**

Rule 4.02(a)

In representing a client, a lawyer shall not communicate or cause or encourage another to communicate about the subject of the representation with a person, organization or entity of government the lawyer knows to be represented by another lawyer regarding that subject, unless the lawyer has the consent of the other lawyer or is authorized by law to do so.

**Dallas Attorney
06/06/2019-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.

**Westmoreland, Lee Barrett: #24001113
06/12/2019-Fully Probated Suspension
06/05/2019-06/04/2022: PROBATED**

On June 12, 2019, **Lee Barrett Westmoreland** [#24001113], 46, of Nacogdoches, received a three-year, fully probated suspension, effective June 5, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 2 Grievance Committee found that Westmoreland failed to keep his client informed about the status of the criminal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, failed to surrender papers and property to which his client was entitled to receive, and failed to timely respond to the grievance. Westmoreland also engaged in the practice of law when his right to practice was administratively suspended for failure to timely pay required fees or assessments. Westmoreland violated Rules 1.03(a), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(8), and 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$2,225.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**Whitaker, Stuart Lee: #00786341
06/18/2019-Resignation in lieu of Discipline**

On June 18, 2019, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Stuart Lee Whitaker** [#00786341], 58, of Palestine. On February 23, 2017, Whitaker was named in a true bill of indictment handed down by a grand jury in the 3rd Judicial District Court, Anderson County, Texas. The indictment alleged Whitaker committed "serious" crimes as defined by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure Rule 1.06 AA. Alleged Rules Violated: 8.04(a)(2), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(9).

DISTRICT 3:

**Houston Attorney
06/17/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

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

**Houston Attorney
06/17/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

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

**Houston Attorney
08/28/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

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.

**Houston Attorney
07/14/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand**

Rule 1.01(b)(1)
in representing a client, a lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

DISTRICT 4:

**Hernandez, Anthony W.: #09515550
06/27/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
07/01/2019-01/01/2020: PROBATED**

On June 27, 2019, **Anthony W. Hernandez** [#09515550], 66, of Houston, accepted a six-month, fully probated suspension. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that upon receipt of funds, Hernandez failed to promptly notify third persons in which had an interest, 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, and did not in good faith timely assert a privilege or other legal grounds for failure to do so. Hernandez violated Rules 1.14(b), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$250.00 in attorneys' fees.

Houston Attorney
08/15/2019-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

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

Houston Attorney
07/19/2019-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

Rowe, Jason D.: #24073538
06/21/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On June 21, 2019, **Jason D. Rowe** [#24073538], 36, of Houston, accepted a judgment of public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that in representing his client, Rowe failed to supervise the actions of a non-attorney in his office and made misrepresentations to his client. Rowe violated Rules 5.03(b)(1), and 8.04(a)(3). He agreed to pay \$250.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

Ryerson, Carlos A.: #17492500
07/22/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On July 22, 2019, **Carlos A. Ryerson** [#17492500], 70, of Houston, accepted a judgment of public reprimand. The 11th Judicial District Court, Harris County, found that Ryerson misused his IOLTA account for non-client funds. Ryerson agreed to pay \$250.00 in attorneys' fees. Rule Violated_1.14(a).

Tiller, Daniella Nicole: #24073601
08/23/2019-Resignation in lieu of Discipline

On August 23, 2019, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Daniella Nicole Tiller** [#24073601], 37, of Houston. At the time of Tiller's resignation, she had two pending grievances. In one matter, upon termination of representation, Tiller failed to surrender papers and property to which her client was entitled. In the second matter, while representing her client, Tiller neglected the legal matter entrusted to her and failed to explain the legal matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit her client to make informed decisions regarding the representation. In both matters, Tiller 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. Tiller violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(b), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8).

Umoja-Justice, Adjua Rochelle: #20377000
07/18/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On July 18, 2019, **Adjua Rochelle Umoja-Justice** [#20377000], 60, of Houston, accepted a public reprimand. The 80th Judicial District Court of Harris County found that Umoja-Justice failed to ensure that the conduct of a nonlawyer under her direct supervision was compatible with the professional obligations of a lawyer, and permitted the conduct involved. Umoja-Justice agreed to pay \$250.00 in attorneys' fees. Rules Violated: 5.03(a) and 5.03(b)(1).

DISTRICT 5:

Hedges, Kevin T.: #09370100
04/15/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On April 15, 2019, **Kevin T. Hedges** [#09370100], 57, of Richmond, accepted a public reprimand for violating TDRPC 1.03(a) related to the representation of a private client in 2015.

Lott, Richard Jefferson Jr.: #24070176
07/08/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On July 8, 2019, **Richard Jefferson Lott Jr.** [#24070176], 48, of Pearland, accepted a public reprimand. The 149th District Court of Brazoria County found that Lott 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], 1.01(b)(1) [in representing a client, a lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer], and 1.03(a) [requiring a lawyer to keep client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information]. Lott was ordered to pay \$882.64 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 6:

Davis, Derek H.: #05479400
07/19/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
07/15/2019-07/15/2023: PROBATED

On July 19, 2019, **Derek H. Davis** [#05479400], 70, of Dallas, received a 48-month, fully probated suspension (July 15, 2019, through July 14, 2023). An investigatory panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Davis entered into a business transaction with clients' funds wherein Davis acquired an interest but the terms were not fair and reasonable to the clients and were not fully disclosed in a manner which could be reasonably understood by the clients, the clients were not given a reasonable opportunity to seek the advice of independent counsel, and Davis failed to get written consent from the clients. Davis failed to appropriately safeguard trust funds and settlement funds entrusted to him, and failed to promptly deliver settlement funds to a client. Davis also misrepresented the status of the funds when his client inquired about the settlement funds. Davis's use and misapplication of funds entrusted to him adversely reflect on his honesty, trustworthiness and fitness as a lawyer. Davis engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit and misrepresentation. Davis violated Rules 1.08(a), 1.14(a), 1.14(b), 8.04(a)(2), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Gormly, Eric Kevin: #24071309
12/18/2018-Partially Probated Suspension
11/29/2018-05/28/2019: SUSPENSION
05/29/2019-11/28/2020: PROBATED

On December 18, 2018, **Eric Kevin Gormly** [#24071309], 64, of Dallas received a 24-month, partially probated suspension, with the first six months actively suspended and the remainder probated. The 101st District Court of Dallas County found that Gormly committed Professional Misconduct by violating Rules 1.15(a)(3) [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 is discharged, with or without good cause], and Rule 8.04(a)(11) [A lawyer shall not engage in the practice of law when the lawyer is on inactive status or when the lawyer's right to practice has been suspended or terminated including but not limited to situations where a lawyer's right to practice has been administratively suspended for failure to timely pay required fees or assessments or for failure to comply with Article XII of the State Bar Rules relating to Mandatory Continuing Legal Education. Gormly was ordered to pay attorney fees in the amount of \$3,600.00.

Gormly, Eric Kevin: #24071309
12/21/2018-Fully Probated Suspension
01/01/2019-12/31/2019: PROBATED

On December 21, 2018, **Eric Kevin Gormly** [#24071309], 64, of Dallas received a 12-month, fully probated suspension. The 162nd District Court of Dallas County found that Gormly committed Professional Misconduct by violating 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]. Gormly was ordered to pay attorneys' fees in the amount of \$2,400.00.

Holk, Brian Scott: #24033728
05/01/2019-Default Public Reprimand

On May 1, 2019, **Brian Scott Holk** [#24033728], 46, of Fort Worth, received a public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that the complainant hired Holk to represent him in a divorce involving children and a civil lawsuit against his child's school for interference with his parental rights. Upon termination of representation, Holk failed to surrender papers and property to which the complainant was entitled. Further, Holk failed to timely respond to the grievance. Holk violated Rules 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,623.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Kurtz, Kevin F.: #11770500
08/02/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On August 2, 2019, **Kevin F. Kurtz** [#11770500], 71, of Dallas, entered into an agreed judgment of public reprimand. An investigatory panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Kurtz accepted employment in a legal matter which Kurtz knew or should have known was beyond his competence. Kurtz failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of his legal matter, and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Kurtz had direct supervisory authority over a typing service and failed to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the typing service's conduct was compatible with the professional obligations of Kurtz.

Kurtz violated Rules 1.01(a), 1.03(a), and 5.03(a). He was ordered to pay \$500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Dallas Attorney
05/20/2019-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.

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.

Rule 1.04(f)(1)(i)

A division or arrangement for division of a fee between lawyers who are not in the same firm may be made only if: (1) the division is: (i) in proportion to the professional services performed by each lawyer; or (ii) made between lawyers who assume joint responsibility for the representation.

Rule 1.04(f)(2)(i), (ii) (iii)

A division or arrangement for division of a fee between lawyers who are not in the same firm may be made only if: (2) the client consents in writing to the terms of the arrangement prior to the time of the association or referral proposed, including: (i) the identity of all lawyers or law firms

who will participate in the fee-sharing agreement, and (ii) whether fees will be divided based on the proportion of services performed or by lawyers agreeing to assume joint responsibility for the representation, and (iii) the share of the fee that each lawyer or law firm will receive or, if the division is based on the proportion of services performed, the basis on which the division will be made.

Rule 1.04(f)(3)

A division or arrangement for division of a fee between lawyers who are not in the same firm may be made only if: (3) the aggregate fee does not violate paragraph (a).

**Dallas Attorney
03/20/2019-Private Reprimand**

Rule 1.02(a)(2)

A lawyer shall abide by a client's decisions whether to accept an offer of settlement of a matter.

DISTRICT 7:

**Holk, Brian Scott: #24033728
05/1/2019-Default Fully Probated Suspension
04/11/2019-10/10/2019: PROBATED**

On May 1, 2019, **Brian Scott Holk** [#24033728], 46, of Fort Worth, received a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective April 11, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that in or about October of 2015, Holk was hired to represent the complainant in a child custody matter involving child support in Dallas County. The complainant paid Holk \$3,750.00 to represent her in the family matter. During the representation, Holk neglected the legal matter. Holk also failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed about the status of her legal matter and failed to promptly comply with her reasonable requests for information about her case. Further, Holk failed to timely respond to the grievance. Holk violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,813.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

**Oliphint, Stuart R.: #00789526
07/16/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-07/31/2020: PROBATED**

On July 16, 2019, **Stuart R. Oliphint** [#00789526], 59, of Fort Worth, received a 12-month, fully probated suspension (August 1, 2019, through July 31, 2020). An evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that Oliphint failed to timely furnish a response to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office and did not in good faith assert a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so. Oliphint violated Rule 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$750.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Dallas Attorney
08/21/2019-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.

Dallas Attorney
07/11/2019-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.

DISTRICT 8:

James, William Andrew Jr.: #24076460
07/01/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-01/31/2021: PROBATED

On July 1, 2019, **William Andrew James, Jr.** [#24076460], 51, of Cameron, accepted an 18-month, fully probated suspension, effective August 1, 2019. An investigatory panel of the District 8 Grievance Committee found that while representing a client in a family law matter, James neglected the case, failed to keep his client informed about the status of the case and failed respond to reasonable requests for information. James further failed to explain the matter to the extent necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions about the case and also failed to render a full accounting when one was requested by his client. James violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), and 1.14(b).

Plotts, Peter Breece III: #16074100
05/01/2019-Disbarment

On May 1, 2019, **Peter Breece Plotts, III** [#16074100], 58, of Bryan, received a judgment of disbarment. The District 8 evidentiary panel found that Plotts was hired to defend a client in matters related to the administration of an estate. Plotts filed an answer on behalf of his client. Throughout the course of the next year and a half, Plaintiffs filed numerous motions against his client, but Plotts failed to notify his client of the motions or respond to them and all communication from Plotts ceased. Later, the client learned that a final judgment had been entered against him in favor of the Plaintiffs. Plotts was given notice of the complaint by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel but failed to furnish a written response to the complaint as directed. Plotts violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a) and 8.04(a)(8).

Seymour, Aaron Christian: #24094943
08/06/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-07/31/2022: PROBATED

On August 6, 2019, **Aaron Christian Seymour** [#24094943], 34, of Waco, accepted a three-year, fully probated suspension, effective August 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 8 Grievance Committee found that while representing a client in a personal injury matter, Seymour failed to respond to discovery requests, failed to respond to a summary judgment motion filed by opposing counsel and failed to keep his client informed about the case. Seymour further failed to file a response to the grievance as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Seymour violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). Seymour was ordered to pay \$645.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Washington, Craig A. Sr.: #20901000
07/03/2019-Partially Probated Suspension
07/01/2019-12/30/2020: SUSPENSION
12/31/2020-06/30/2024: PROBATED

On July 3, 2019, **Craig A. Washington, Sr.** [#20901000], 77, of Bastrop, received a five-year, partially probated suspension, with 18 months active. The 423rd District Court of Bastrop County found that Washington committed professional misconduct by violating Rule 1.01(b)(1) [neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer]; Rule 1.03(a) [failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information]; and 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 a fee that has not been earned]. Washington was ordered to pay \$10,000 in restitution.

DISTRICT 9:

Boasberg, Shane Michael: #24038249
07/29/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-11/30/2019: PROBATED

On July 29, 2019, **Shane Michael Boasberg** [#24038249], 43, of Austin, accepted a four-month, fully probated suspension, effective August 1, 2019. An investigatory panel of the District 9 Grievance Committee found that while representing a client in a personal injury matter, Boasberg neglected the case, failed to keep his client informed about the status of the case and failed to respond to reasonable requests for information. Boasberg further failed to abide by his client's decision whether or not to accept a settlement offer and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. Boasberg violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.02(a)(2), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(3).

Collins, Kyle B.: #04613400
06/04/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-09/29/2019: PROBATED

On June 4, 2019, **Kyle B. Collins** [#04613400], 65, of Austin, accepted a 60-day, fully probated suspension, effective August 1, 2019. An investigatory panel of the District 9 Grievance Committee found that while representing a client in two criminal matters, Collins neglected the legal matters, failed to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of her cases and failed to respond to reasonable requests for information. Collins further failed to timely return the unearned fee to his client and made a false statement in his response to the grievance. Collins violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d) and 8.01(a). Collins was ordered to pay \$450.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Greening, Ronald G.: #08402600
07/24/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On July 24, 2019, **Ronald G. Greening** [#08402600], 73, of Austin, accepted a public reprimand. The District 9 evidentiary panel found that on January 2, 2014, Complainant hired Greening to represent her in her capacity as trustee for her husband's trust. Over the course of the representation, Complainant paid Greening \$76,827.50, including an advanced fee paid in June of 2015. On October 1, 2015, Complainant fired Greening via letter. In that letter she requested an accounting of the advanced fee and requested Greening to forward her file to new counsel. On January 13, 2016, Complainant sent another letter to Greening, again requesting an accounting. Complainant did not receive an accounting, the unearned portion of the advanced fee, or her file until May of 2016, after she filed a grievance. Greening violated Rule 1.14(b) and 1.15(d) 1024 of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, Article X, Section 9, State Bar Rules. Greening was ordered to pay \$8,614.49 in attorneys' fees and expenses. Greening also paid \$400.00 of unearned fees, which he still owed Complainant.

Ogle, Scott Patrick: #00797170
06/28/2019-Fully Probated Suspension
07/01/2019-06/30/2020: PROBATED

On June 28, 2019, **Scott Patrick Ogle** [#00797170], 56, of Austin, received a one-year, fully probated suspension, effective July 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 9 Grievance Committee found that while representing himself in criminal matters, he obtained discovery materials from the prosecuting attorney's office pursuant to the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Section 39.14, which prohibits disclosure of certain discovery materials produced in criminal cases. Ogle published the materials provided to him in violation of the Code of Criminal Procedure. As a result, Ogle violated Rule 8.04(a)(12) by violating a law of the state relating to the professional conduct of lawyers and the practice of law. Ogle violated Rule 8.04(a)(12) and was ordered to pay \$5,595.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 10:

Arriaga, Monica Garza: #24069315
06/06/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
06/28/2019-06/27/2021: PROBATED

On June 6, 2019, **Monica Garza Arriaga** [#24069315], 53, of San Antonio, agreed to a two-year, fully probated suspension, effective June 28, 2019. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Arriaga neglected a client's matter, failed to keep a client reasonably informed and failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit a client to make informed decisions. Arriaga violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a)&(b), and was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

San Antonio Attorney
06/17/2019-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.

Ohlrich, Anne Elizabeth: #24005254
08/23/2019-Resignation in lieu of Discipline

On August 23, 2019, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Anne Elizabeth Ohlrich** [#24005254], 49, of San Antonio. At the time of her resignation, Ohlrich had four grievances pending alleging Ohlrich accepted legal matters beyond her competence, failed to keep a client informed, misappropriated client funds and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. Rules 1.01(a)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a)&(b), and 8.04(a)(3).

Ponce, Joe Jesse III: #24014329
05/15/2019-Partially Probated Suspension
06/01/2019-09/30/2019: SUSPENSION
10/01/2019-05/31/2022: PROBATED

On May 15, 2019, **Joe Jesse Ponce, III** [#24014329], 61, of San Antonio, received a three-year, partially probated suspension, effective June 1, 2019, with the first four months actively served and the remainder probated. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Ponce knowingly revealed confidential information of a client and failed to render a full accounting. Ponce has filed an appeal. Ponce violated Rules 1.05(b)(1)(ii), and 1.14(b) and was ordered to pay \$4,228.50 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Pruit, Brett A.: #16367800
05/10/2019-Disbarment

On May 10, 2019, **Brett A. Pruit** [#16367800], 62, of San Antonio, was disbarred. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that in connection with one complaint, Pruit engaged in conduct involving dishonesty and misrepresentation, violated a prior disciplinary judgment and failed to respond to the grievance. Pruit violated Rules 8.04(a)(3), 8.04(a)(7)&(8) and was ordered to pay \$1,655.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Rodriguez, Ross A.: #24025756
07/31/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-03/31/2023: PROBATED

On July 31, 2019, **Ross A. Rodriguez** [#24025756], 55, of San Antonio, accepted a three-year, eight-month, fully probated suspension, effective August 1, 2019. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Rodriguez failed to keep client reasonably informed. Rodriguez violated Rules 1.03(a) and agreed to pay \$6,000.00 in restitution and \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Sandoval, Daniel Armando: #24075521
06/26/2019-Disbarment

On June 26, 2019, **Daniel Armando Sandoval** [#24075521], 38, of Helotes, was disbarred. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Sandoval failed to maintain client's funds in a trust account, failed to deliver funds to the party entitled to receive them and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, misrepresentation or deceit. Sandoval violated Rules 1.14(a)&(b), and 8.04(a)(3) and was ordered to pay \$35,000.00 in restitution and \$5,921.85 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**San Antonio Attorney
08/29/2019-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 11:

**San Antonio Attorney
06/03/2019-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.

**San Antonio Attorney
06/17/2019-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.

**San Antonio Attorney
07/23/2019-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.

**San Antonio Attorney
08/02/2019-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 12:

Alamia, Richard R.: #00964200
07/15/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-08/31/2019: SUSPENSION
09/01/2019-07/31/2021: PROBATED

On July 15, 2019, **Richard R. Alamia** [#00964200], 72, of Edinburg, agreed to a two-year, partially probated suspension, effective August 1, 2019, with the first 30 days actively served and the remainder probated. The District 12 Grievance Committee found that Alamia failed to have a written contract in a contingent fee arrangement, failed to maintain client funds in a trust account and engaged in conduct involving deceit and misrepresentation. Alamia violated Rules 1.04(d), 1.14(a), and 8.04(a)(3), and agreed to pay \$2,350.70 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

San Antonio Attorney
08/27/2019-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, surrender papers and property which belong to the client, or refund any advance payments of fees that have not been earned.

Daniels, Gladys Nehikhare: #24010827
06/05/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On June 5, 2019, **Gladys Nehikhare Daniels** [#24010827], 49, of Missouri City, accepted a public reprimand. The District 12 Grievance Committee found that Daniels failed to communicate with her client. Daniels violated Rules 1.03(a)&(b), and agreed to pay \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

San Antonio Attorney
08/28/2019-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.

Gonzales, Esteban: #24028747
08/14/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-08/30/2023: PROBATED

On August 14, 2019, **Esteban Gonzales** [#24028747], 46, of San Benito, agreed to a four-year, fully probated suspension, effective August 1, 2019. The District 12 Grievance Committee Panel found that Gonzales failed to keep a client reasonably informed and failed to provide a full accounting of funds.

Gonzales violated Rules 1.03(a), and 1.14(b) and was ordered to pay \$3,100.00 in restitution and \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

McMaster, Douglas Matthew: #13786020
08/14/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension
08/15/2019-08/14/2023: SUSPENSION
08/14/2023-08/14/2027: PROBATED

On August 14, 2019, **Douglas Matthew McMaster** [#13786020], 55, of Brownsville, agreed to an eight-year, partially probated suspension, effective August 15, 2019, with the first four years actively served and the remainder probated. The District 12 Grievance Committee found that McMaster failed to respond to the grievance. McMaster violated Rule 8.04(a)(8) and was ordered to pay \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

McMaster, Douglas Matthew: #13786020
08/14/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension
08/15/2019-08/14/2023: SUSPENSION
08/14/2023-08/14/2027: PROBATED

On August 14, 2019, **Douglas Matthew McMaster** [#13786020], 55, of Brownsville, agreed to an eight-year, partially probated suspension, effective August 15, 2019 with the first four years actively served and the remainder probated. The District 12 Grievance Committee found that McMaster neglected a client's matter, failed to keep a client reasonably informed, failed to return the unearned portion of a fee and failed to respond to the grievance. McMaster violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8) was order to pay \$1,800.00 in restitution and \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Posada, Alberto: #24039360
03/13/2019-Fully Probated Suspension
03/01/2019-08/31/2021: PROBATED

On March 13, 2019, **Alberto Posada** [#24039360], 48, of Harlingen, received a two-year, six-month, fully probated suspension, effective March 1, 2019. The District 12 Grievance Committee found that Posada failed to comply with prior disciplinary judgments and failed to respond to the grievance timely. Posada violated Rules 8.04(a)(7)&(8) and agreed to pay \$5,000.00 in restitution and \$6,643.31 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

San Antonio Attorney
08/27/2019-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

DISTRICT 13:

Spriggs, Ronald T.: #00792853
07/18/2019-Partially Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-10/31/2019: SUSPENSION
11/01/2019-07/21/2021: PROBATED

On July 18, 2019, **Ronald T. Spriggs** [#00792853], 61, of Amarillo, received a 24-month, partially probated suspension, effective August 1, 2019, with the first three months actively suspended and the remaining 21 months probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 13 Grievance Committee found that Spriggs was hired to represent his client in a felony criminal matter. During the course of the representation, Spriggs failed to appear in court for his client's criminal trial. Spriggs also failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of the criminal matter, and failed to promptly comply with the client's reasonable requests for case information. Upon termination of representation, Spriggs failed to refund to his client unearned fees. Spriggs violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,000.00 and \$4,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 14:

Dallas Attorney
07/23/2019-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.

DISTRICT 15:

Chavez, Adrian Antonio: #00790454
07/09/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-01/31/2021: PROBATED

On July 9, 2019, **Adrian Antonio Chavez** [#00790454], 50, of Odessa, agreed to an 18-month, fully probated suspension, effective August 1, 2019. The District 15 Grievance Committee Panel found that Chavez failed to keep clients reasonably informed and failed to respond to grievances. Chavez violated

Rules 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8) and was ordered to pay \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

De La Mota, Jacques Lawrence: #24038857
07/05/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On July 5, 2019, **Jacques Lawrence De La Mota** [#24038857], 54, of Del Rio, accepted a public reprimand. The 83rd Judicial District Court of Val Verde County found that De La Mota committed professional misconduct by violating Rule 1.15(d) [failing to refund any advance payments of fees that have not been earned]. De La Mota was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Nelson, Laura "Gayle": #14903550
07/10/2019-Agreed Active Suspension
08/01/2019-08/31/2019: SUSPENSION

On July 10, 2019, **Laura Gayle Nelson** [#14903550], 59, of San Marcos, accepted a one-month, active suspension, effective August 1, 2019. The 274th Judicial District Court of Comal County found that Nelson committed professional misconduct by violating Rule(s) 1.01(b)(1) [neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer], 1.03(a) [failing to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information], 1.03(b) [failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions], 1.14(a) [failing to hold funds and other property belonging in whole or part to clients or third persons in a lawyer's possession separate from the lawyer's own property], 1.14(b) [failing, upon receiving funds or other property in which a client or third person has an interest, to promptly notify the client or third person and render a full accounting upon request], 1.15(d) [failing, upon termination of representation, to reasonably protect a client's interests] and 8.04(a)(8) [failing to respond to a grievance timely]. Nelson was ordered to pay \$3,000.00 in restitution and \$200.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 17:

San Antonio Attorney
08/16/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

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.

Quinata, Derek Alfonso: #24072292
06/18/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
06/15/2019-06/14/2022: PROBATED

On June 18, 2019, **Derek Alonso Quinata** [#24072292], 38, of El Paso, accepted a three-year, fully probated suspension, effective June 15, 2019. The District 17 Grievance Committee found that Quinata neglected a client's matter, failed to respond to his client's request for information and failed to refund the unearned portion of a fee. Quinata violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d), and agreed to pay \$1,000.00 in restitution and \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Quinata, Derek Alfonso: #24072292
06/18/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
06/15/2019-06/14/2022: PROBATED

On June 18, 2019, **Derek Alfonso Quinata** [#24072292], 38, of El Paso, agreed to a three-year, fully probated suspension, effective June 15, 2019. The District 17 Grievance Committee found that Quinata neglected a client's matter, failed to keep a client reasonably informed, failed to return the unearned portion of a fee and failed to respond to the grievance. Quinata violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8) was ordered to pay \$260.00 in restitution and \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Quinata, Derek Alfonso: #24072292
06/28/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension
06/15/2019-06/14/2022: PROBATED

On June 28, 2019, **Derek Alfonso Quinata** [#24072292], 38, of El Paso, agreed to a three-year, fully probated suspension, effective June 15 2019. The District 17 Grievance Committee Panel found that Quinata neglected a client's matter and failed to keep a client reasonably informed. Quinata violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), and 1.03(a) and was ordered to pay \$2,550.00 in restitution.

BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS:

Anderson, Tshombe Ali: #24012218
07/29/2019-Disbarment

On July 29, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a final judgment of disbarment of Mansfield, TX attorney **Tshombe Ali Anderson**, 51, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24012218. Mr. Anderson answered the petition for compulsory discipline but did not appear at the hearing. On May 9, 2018 Anderson pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud in violation of 18 USC § 1349, 1347, an Intentional Crime as defined in the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, in the case styled, United States of America v. Tshombe Anderson, Defendant, Cause No. 3:15-CR-409-M (1) in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division. Mr. Anderson was sentenced to prison for ten years, followed by supervised release for three years and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$26,572,458.93. On October 10, 2018, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an interlocutory order of suspension while Mr. Anderson appealed his criminal conviction. On March 20, 2019, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit dismissed Mr. Anderson's appeal and issued its mandate.

Barry, Robin Kathleen: #24031845
06/13/2019-Partially Probated Suspension
06/13/2019-06/12/2020: SUSPENSION
06/13/2020-06/12/2022: PROBATED

On June 13, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a judgment of partially probated suspension against Houston attorney **Robin Kathleen Barry**, 47, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24031845. On August 26, 2016, the Chancery Court for Davidson County, Tennessee entered an Order disbaring Ms. Barry in a matter styled, Board of professional responsibility of the Supreme Court of Tennessee, Petitioner v. Robin K. Barry, respondent, No. 15-120-1, BOPR Docket No. 2014-2332-0-WM for her violation of Tennessee Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15 (safekeeping property and funds) and 8.4(c) (misconduct), 1.4 (communication). Ms. Barry is suspended from the practice of law in Texas for 36 months, with first 12 months active and the remainder probated.

Brannan, Kirk Lawrence: #24038779
07/29/2019-Default Interlocutory Suspension

On July 29, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an interlocutory order of suspension against Lake Jackson, TX attorney **Kirk Lawrence Brannan**, 65, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24038779. Although duly cited, Mr. Brannan did not answer or appear at the hearing. On April 5, 2019 Brannan pled guilty to Bank Fraud in violation of 18 USC § 1343, an Intentional Crime as defined in the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, in the case styled, United States of America v. Kirk Lawrence Brannan, Cause No. 4:15-CR-00080-001 in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division. Mr. Brannan was sentenced to prison for 36 months, followed by supervised release for three years and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$5,317,350.00. Brannan has appealed his criminal conviction. The Board retains jurisdiction to enter a final judgment when the criminal appeal is final.

Cooper, G. Michael III: #04775600
07/29/2019-Disbarment

On July 29, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a judgment of disbarment against Baltimore MD attorney **G. Michael Cooper III**, 74, State Bar of Texas Card No. 04775600. On January 12, 2007, the Supreme Court of Illinois entered an Order and Mandate disbaring Mr. Cooper in a matter styled, In re: G. Michael Cooper, III, Supreme Court No. M.R. 21194, Commission No. 05 CH 82, The court found that Cooper converted client funds to his own use and violated Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct 5.5(a) (practice law without a license), 8.4(a)(4) (dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), 8.4(a)(5) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice).

Delgado, Marco A.: #00796001
04/22/2019-Disbarment

On April 22, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a judgment of disbarment against El Paso attorney **Marco A. Delgado**, 47, State Bar of Texas Card No. 00796001. On or about January 24, 2014, Mr. Delgado was convicted of conspiracy to commit money laundering, an Intentional Crime as defined in the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, and sentenced to incarceration for 240 months in United States of America v. Marco Antonio Delgado, Case No. EP-12-CR-2106-DB, in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, El Paso Division. Mr. Delgado appealed his criminal conviction. During the pendency of his appeal, on July 30, 2014, the Board signed an interlocutory order of suspension. The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed his conviction and issued its mandate on January 31, 2019.

Eagleburger, Gerald G.: #06333000
07/11/2019-Fully Probated Suspension
08/01/2019-07/31/2020: PROBATED

On July 11, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an agreed judgment of fully probated suspension against Phoenix, AZ attorney **Gerald G. Eagleburger**, 75, State Bar of Texas Card No. 06333000. On December 7, 2018 a final judgment and order was entered in a matter styled, In the Matter of A Member of the State Bar of Arizona, G. Gregory Eagleburger, Bar No. 002695, Respondent, Case no. PDJ-2018-9108 placing Eagleburger on probation for one year for violations Ethical Rules 1.3 (diligence), 1.7(a) (conflict of interest/current client), 5.3(b) and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) Eagleburger is suspended from the practice of law for one year fully probated, beginning August 1, 2019.

Khaleeq, Bilal Ahmed: #24091271
07/29/2019-Disbarment

On July 26, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a final judgment of disbarment of against Dallas attorney **Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq**, 49, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24091271. On July 20, 2018 Khaleeq pled guilty to Conspiracy to Commit Marriage Fraud in violation of 18 USC § 371 (8 USC § 1325(c)), an Intentional Crime as defined in the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, in the case styled, United States of America v. Bilal Ahmed Khaleeq Cause No. 3:17-CR-00359-N(1) in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division. Mr. Khaleeq was sentenced to prison for six months, followed by supervised release for one year and ordered to pay a fine in the amount of \$10,000.00. Khaleeq appealed his criminal conviction and on October 9, 2018, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an Interlocutory Order of Suspension during the pendency of his appeal. On September 20, 2019, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit dismissed his appeal for want of prosecution.

Mitchell, Huey P.: #14212000
07/16/2019-Indefinite Disability Suspension

On July 16, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an agreed judgment of indefinite disability suspension against Arlington attorney **Huey P. Mitchell**, 83, State Bar of Texas card no. 14212000.

Perales Pina, Jose Marcos: #24091472
07/29/2019-Partially Probated Suspension
07/29/2019-07/28/2020: SUSPENSION
07/29/2020-01/28/2021: PROBATED

On July 29, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a judgment of partially probated suspension against El Paso attorney **Jose Marcos Perales-Piña**, 41, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24091472. On March 8, 2019, the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico entered an Order suspending Perales-Piña from the practice of law for one year followed by supervised probation for six months in a matter styled, No. S-1-SC-37402, In the Matter of J. Marcos Perales Pina, an Attorney Suspended from the Practice Law Before the Courts of the State of New Mexico. The court found that Perales-Piña violated New Mexico Rules of Professional Conduct 16-101 (failing to provide competent representation to a client); 16-801 (knowingly making false statements of material facts in connection with a disciplinary matter); 16-804(D) (engaging in conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice); and 16-804(C) (engaging in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit, or misrepresentation). Perales-Piña is suspended from the practice of law in Texas beginning July 29, 2019, and ending July 28, 2020, followed by a probated six-month suspension.

Reynolds, Ronald Eugene: #24025610
07/29/2019-Disbarment

On July 29, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a final judgment of disbarment of Missouri City attorney **Ronald Eugene Reynolds**, 45, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24025610. On or about November 24, 2015 Mr. Reynolds was convicted in The State of Texas v. Ronald Eugene Reynolds, Case Nos. 15-307888, 15-307889, 15-307890, 15-307891, 15-307892, in the County Court at Law 4 in Montgomery County, Texas of Barratry and Barratry III Obtain Employment, Intentional Crimes as defined in the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, and sentenced to 365 days of incarceration and ordered to pay fine and court costs. Reynolds appealed his criminal convictions and on May 2, 2016, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an Interlocutory Order of Suspension during the pendency of his appeal. On September 24, 2018, the Court of Appeals for the Eighth District of Texas, El Paso Division affirmed the criminal convictions and issued its mandate.

Richards, James William IV: #00797313
07/29/2019-Disbarment

On July 29, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a final judgment of disbarment against Medford, New Jersey attorney **James William Richards IV**, 48, State Bar of Texas Card No. 00797313. On or about April 26, 2013, Mr. Richards was court-martialed after being found guilty of child pornography and sexual abuse of a child, Intentional Crimes as defined in the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. He was also found guilty of failure to obey an order and was sentenced to incarceration in the Air Force Correction System for 17 years, ordered to forfeit all pay and allowances and dismissed from the service in United States v. Lieutenant Colonel James W. Richards IV, Cause No. 38346 in the Department of the Air Force Headquarters Air Education and Training Command Joint Base Randolph, Texas 78150-45344. Mr. Richards appealed his criminal conviction and on May 4, 2015, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an Interlocutory Order of Suspension during the pendency of his appeal. On August 27, 2018, the Secretary of the Air Force approved the sentence imposed and executed Richard's dismissal from the service, making his court-martial final.