TAB 2

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

REPORT

TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
ON
ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE

SEPTEMBER 2015

Disciplinary Sanctions
June 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015

DISBARMENTS	DISTRICT	Number of Complaints Resolved
Chukwurah, Cyril Okey	4	1
Jordan, Charles Ray	11	2
Sebesta, Jr., Charles J.	8	1
Soza, Alfredo A.	15	3
Vargas, Rogelio	10	1
Board of Disciplinary Appeals:		
Parrish, Lucille	BODA	1
Vernon, Jr., Robert Glen	BODA	1
Total	7	10

RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU of DISCIPLINE	DISTRICT	Number of Complaints Resolved
Acevedo, Jr., Alberto	10	1
Bergman, Peter A.A.	4	5
Carden, Jr., Vernon Orvili	11	2
Esquivel, Paul A.	10	9
McGinty, Angus K.	10	1
Monkman, Amy Louise	10	1
Powell, III, Ernest M.	4	4
Young, Lisa Marie	9	3
Total	8	26

SUSPENSIONS	DISTRICT	Number of Complaints Resolved
Areola, Olugboyega Rotimi	4	1
Blocker, Robert N.	6	1
Braun, Jr., Calvin C.	4	1
Carney, John Hatchett	6	1
Chaumette, David A.	4	1
Chu, Nathan Henry	12	1
Davis, Chelsea L.	6	1
Davis, Mark Anthony	11	2
Froeschl, Adam Thomas	10	1
Gonzalez, Hector P.	12	1
Hinkle, Ronald Kyle	11	3
Land, Mark Allen	9	1
Maldonado, Roberto	10	1
Mathis, Jennie R.	7	1
McGuire, Frederick L.	4	1
Montalvo, Daniel	6	1

Montalvo, Daniel	6	1
Parker, Randall Dale	6	1
Powell, Burt Edward	7	1
Robertson, Patrick Phillip	6	13
Scarbrough, Jerry W.	8	2
Soward, III, Joe Weldon	7	1
Soward, III, Joe Weldon	7	1
Tafel, Roger Mathew	7	1
Thawer, Sherin	6	2
Wasserstein, Brent Marshall	4	1
Winfrey, Edward Eugene	7	1
Board of Disciplinary Appeals:		
Carpenter, Joshua Lowell	BODA	1
Total	28	45

PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	DISTRICT	Number of Complaints Resolved
Bernoudy, Jr., Michael Lawrence	1	1
Mann, III, Frank E.	4	1
Mitchell, James L.	10	1
Ruzzo, Patrick J.	4	1
Sandoval, Daniel Armando	10	2
total	5	6

PRIVATE REPRIMANDS GRIEVANCE COMM.	NUMBER OF SANCTIONS	Number of Complaints Resolved
3	1	1
4	3	3
5	1	1
6	2	2
10	1	1
11	1	3
12	1	1
14	1	3
15	1	1
Total	12	16
Grievance Referral Program	6	6
GRAND TOTAL:	66	109

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS - CURRENT BAR YEAR

BAR YEARS		Total Sanctions		Total Complaints Resolved	
2015-2016*	DISBARMENTS	7		10	
	RESIGNATIONS	8		26	
	SUSPENSIONS	28		45	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	5		6	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	12		16	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	6	66	6	109

*does not reflect year-end figures

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS - PREVIOUS BAR YEARS

BAR YEARS		Total Sanctions		Total Complaints Resolved	
2014-2015	DISBARMENTS	28		39	
	RESIGNATIONS	19		50	
	SUSPENSIONS	111		146	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	32		34	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	65		71	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	63	318	63	403

BAR YEARS		Total Sanctions		Total Complaints Resolved	
2013-2014	DISBARMENTS	21		21	
	RESIGNATIONS	17		55	
	SUSPENSIONS	131		164	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	31		34	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	65		72	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	57	322	57	403

2012-2013	DISBARMENTS	39		51	
	RESIGNATIONS	24		46	
	SUSPENSIONS	122		160	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	37		40	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	89		91	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	56	367	56	444
2011-2012	DISBARMENTS	38		45	
	RESIGNATIONS	27		87	
	SUSPENSIONS	137		174	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	40		41	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	106		115	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	55	403	55	517
2010-2011	DISBARMENTS	28		52	
	RESIGNATIONS	23		101	
	SUSPENSIONS	157		254	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	40		50	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	77		82	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	46	371	46	585
2009-2010	DISBARMENTS	25		33	
	RESIGNATIONS	22		40	
	SUSPENSIONS	111		169	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	37		47	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	81		89	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	39	315	39	417
2008-2009	DISBARMENTS	32		43	
	RESIGNATIONS	26		104	
	SUSPENSIONS	127		189	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	46		54	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	68		73	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	36	335	36	499

2007-2008	DISBARMENTS	24		63	
	RESIGNATIONS	24		90	
	SUSPENSIONS	121		224	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	28		35	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	69		73	
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	33	299	33	518

2006-2007	DISBARMENTS	30	
	RESIGNATIONS	31	
	SUSPENSIONS	110	
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	62	
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	87	320

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE
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SEPTEMBER 2015

DISTRICT 01:

BERNOUDY, JR., MICHAEL LAWRENCE: #24051882
07/09/2015-PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On July 9, 2015, **Michael L. Bernoudy** [#24051882], 38, of Marshall, received a judgment of public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that on May 23, 2012, Complainant hired Bernoudy for representation in a personal injury matter. Bernoudy failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of her personal injury matter. Bernoudy failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainant about her personal injury matter. Bernoudy failed to hold funds belonging to Complainant that were in Bernoudy's possession in connection with the representation separate from Bernoudy's own property. Upon receiving funds in which Complainant had an interest, Bernoudy failed to promptly notify Complainant. Bernoudy failed to promptly deliver to Complainant funds that Complainant was entitled to receive.

Bernoudy violated Rules 1.03(a), 1.14(a), and 1.14(b). He was ordered to pay $3,000.00 in restitution, $2,952.40 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 03:

HOUSTON ATTORNEY
06/09/2015-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

DISTRICT 04:

AREOLA, OLUGBOYEGA ROTIMI: #24040443
07/16/2015-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
07/01/2015-06/30/2016

On July 16, 2015, **Olugboyega Rotimi Areola** [#24040443], 46, of Houston, agreed to a one-year, fully probated suspension, effective July 1, 2015. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Areola failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of her legal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. He also failed to hold funds belonging to his client that were in his possession in connection with the representation in a trust account and, upon receiving funds in which his client had an interest, Areola failed to promptly notify his client and failed to promptly deliver to his client funds that she was entitled to receive.

Areola violated Rules 1.03(a), 1.14(a), and 1.14(b). He was ordered to pay $600.00 in attorneys' fees.

BERGMAN, PETER A.A.: #02198400
08/28/2015-RESIGNATION

On August 28, 2015, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Peter A. Bergman** [#02198400], 65, of Houston. At the time of Bergman's resignation, there were five disciplinary matters pending against him alleging that he neglected the legal matters entrusted to him and failed to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Bergman also failed to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his client to make an informed decision regarding the representation. Bergman also entered into a business transaction with a client without advising the client to seek the advice of independent counsel, failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned, and failed to respond to grievances.

Bergman violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), 1.08(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8).

BRAUN, JR., CALVIN C.: #00783713
07/06/2015-ACTIVE SUSPENSION
07/15/2015-07/14/2017

On July 6, 2015, **Calvin C. Braun, Jr.** [#00783713], 48, of Houston, accepted a two-year, active suspension, effective July 15, 2015. The 125th District Court of Harris County found that Braun violated Rule 8.04(a)(3) [engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation].

Braun was ordered to pay $1,320.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

HOUSTON ATTORNEY
06/02/2015-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

CHUKWURAH, CYRIL OKEY: #24048394
08/21/2015-DISBARMENT

On August 21, 2015, **Cyril Okey Chukwurah** [#24048394], 59, of Houston, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Chukwurah failed to promptly deliver to the client and to a third party funds that they were entitled to receive. Chukwurah also violated two prior disciplinary judgments.

Chukwurah violated Rules 1.14(b), and 8.04(a)(7). He was ordered to pay $4,442.75 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses. Respondent filed his Notice of Appeal on September 1, 2015.

CHAUMETTE, DAVID A.: #00787235
06/02/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
08/01/2015-04/30/2016: SUSPENSION
05/01/2016-04/30/2018: PROBATION

On June 2, 2015, **David A. Chaumette** [#00787235], 47, of Houston, received a 33-month, partially probated suspension, effective August 1, 2015, with the first nine months actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that in representing Five Oaks Achievement Center, LLC, Chaumette neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of the legal matter involving Five Oaks Achievement Center, LLC and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Chaumette also failed to hold in a trust account funds belonging in whole or in part to Five Oaks Achievement Center, LLC and Whispering Hills Achievement Center, LLC that were in his possession in connection with his representation of those entities and failed to timely furnish to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Chaumette violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay $2,575.00 in attorneys' fees and $521.79 in direct expenses.

HOUSTON ATTORNEY
05/14/2015-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 1.03(b)
for failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation

MANN, III, FRANK E.:#12924250
07/13/2015-PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On July 13, 2015, **Frank E. Mann, III** [#12924250], 57, of Houston, accepted a public reprimand. The 333rd District Court of Harris County found that Mann committed professional misconduct by violating 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].

Mann agreed to pay restitution in the amount of $1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and expenses in the amount of $1,339.10.

MCGUIRE, FREDERICK: #24001190
08/31/2015-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
09/01/2015-02/28/2017

On August 31, 2015, **Frederick L. McGuire** [#24001190], 66, of Houston, accepted an 18-month, fully probated suspension effective September 1, 2015. The 164th District Court of Harris County found that McGuire violated Rule 1.14(c) [failed to keep disputed funds separate and to distribute undisputed fund appropriately].

McGuire was ordered to pay $2,125.00 in attorney's fees and $629.51 in direct expenses.

HOUSTON ATTORNEY
06/01/2015-PRIVATE REPRIMAND

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

POWELL, III, ERNEST M.: #16195010
08/28/2015-RESIGNATION

On August 28, 2015, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Ernest M. Powell, III** [#16195010], 55, of Houston. At the time of Powell's resignation, there were four disciplinary proceedings pending, which among them alleged that Powell neglected legal matters entrusted to him, failed to keep clients reasonably informed about their legal matters, failed to timely return unearned fees, failed to respond to grievances filed against him, and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

Powell violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8).

RUZZO, PATRICK J.: #17469440
08/17/2015-PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On August 17, 2015, **Patrick J. Ruzzo** [#17469440], 52, of Houston, received an agreed judgment of public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that in representing a client, Ruzzo neglected the legal matter entrusted to him and failed to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the legal matter. Upon termination of representation, Ruzzo failed to refund advanced payment of filings fees that had not been used.

Ruzzo violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a) and (b), and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay $500.00 in restitution and $1,025.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

WASSERSTEIN, BRENT M.: #24039234
06/08/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
06/05/2015-09/03/2015: SUSPENSION
09/04/2015-09/03/2020: PROBATION

On June 8, 2015, **Brent M. Wasserstein** [#24039234], 40, of Houston, received a five-year, ninety-day partially probated suspension, effective June 5, 2015, with the first ninety days actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Wasserstein neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of the case, failed to promptly comply with requests for information on behalf of his client, and further failed to refund advance payments of fee. Wasserstein further failed to respond to the grievance.

Wasserstein violated Rules l.0l(b)(l), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). Wasserstein was ordered to pay $9,000.00 in restitution, and $3,868.46 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 05:

HOUSTON ATTORNEY
08/25/2015-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 1.14(a)
for failing to hold funds and other property belonging in whole or part to clients or third persons in a lawyer's possession separate from the lawyer's own property

RULE 1.15(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

DALLAS ATTORNEY
08/20/2015-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

DISTRICT 06:

BLOCKER, ROBERT N.: #00795016
08/05/2015-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION

On August 5, 2015, **Robert N. Blocker** [#00795016], 53, of Dallas, received an agreed judgment of fully probated suspension. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in June 2011, Blocker was hired to represent Complainant's children in a personal injury matter. Blocker then neglected the legal matter. Blocker failed to communicate with Complainant.

Blocker violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), and 1.03(a). He was ordered to pay $932.66 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

CARNEY, JOHN HATCHETT: #03832200
05/21/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
07/01/2015-06/30/2017: SUSPENSION
07/01/2017-06/30/2019: PROBATION

On May 21, 2015, **John Hatchett Carney** [#03832200], 60, of Dallas, received a four-year, partially probated suspension, effective July 1, 2015, with the first two years actively served and the remainder probated. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that Carney failed to hold funds belonging in whole or in part to clients and third persons that were in Carney's possession separate from Carney's own property. Carney failed to disburse funds in a trust account only to those persons entitled to receive them by virtue of the representation or by law.

Carney violated Rules 1.14(a), and 1.14(c). He was ordered to pay $5,065 in attorneys' fees and $775.96 in expenses. Carney filed an appeal on August 18, 2015.

DAVIS, CHELSEA L.: #24059652
05/14/2015-INDEFINITE SUSPENSION

On May 14, 2015, **Chelsea L. Davis** [#24059652], 33, of Princeton, received a judgment of indefinite disability suspension, effective immediately.

The District Disability Committee found that Davis suffers from a disability that results in her inability to practice law, provide client services, complete contracts of employment, or otherwise carry out her professional responsibilities to clients, courts, the profession or the public.

MONTALVO, DANIEL: #00795538
05/04/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
11/01/2015-04/30/2016: SUSPENSION
05/01/2016-10/31/2017: PROBATION

On May 4, 2015, **Daniel Montalvo** [#00795538], 45, of Dallas, received a 24-month, partially probated suspension, effective November 1, 2015, with the first six months actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in representing Complainant concerning a probation violation, Montalvo neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to appear at a hearing. Upon termination of representation, Montalvo failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Montalvo engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation by providing a check to Complainant that was returned for "Not Sufficient Funds". Montalvo 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. Montalvo did not in good faith timely assert a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so.

Montalvo violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay $1,500.00 in restitution and $1.903.43 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

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MONTALVO, DANIEL: #00795538
05/04/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
05/01/2015-10/31/2015: SUSPENSION
11/01/2015-04/30/2017: PROBATION

On May 4, 2015, **Daniel Montalvo** [#00795538], 45, of Dallas, received a 24-month, partially probated suspension, effective May 1, 2015, with the first six months actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in representing Complainant's son in a criminal matter, Montalvo neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by performing no substantive legal work and by failing to enter an appearance. Montalvo failed to keep complainant reasonably informed about the status of the criminal matter. Montalvo failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainant about the criminal matter. Upon termination of representation, Montalvo failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Montalvo 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. Montalvo did not in good faith timely assert a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so.

Montalvo violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay $7,000.00 in restitution and $2,323.11 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

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HOUSTON ATTORNEY
07/08/2015-PRIVATE REPRIMAND

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

PARKER, RANDALL DALE: #24025583
06/29/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
07/01/2015-07/31/2015: SUSPENSION
08/01/2015-06/30/2016: PROBATION

On June 29, 2015, **Randall Dale Parker** [#24025583], 44, of Dallas, received a 12-month, partially probated suspension, effective July 1, 2015, with the first month actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Parker neglected a client's legal matter, failed to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the legal matter, and failed to promptly comply with the client's reasonable requests for information. The panel also found that Parker failed to timely furnish to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel a response to the complaint or to assert a privilege or other legal ground for his failure to do so.

Parker violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay $1,500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

ROBERTSON, PATRICK P.: #00792804
06/17/2015-ACTIVE SUSPENSION
07/01/2015-06/30/2018

On June 17, 2015, **Patrick P. Robertson** [#00792804], 45, of Dallas, received a three-year, active suspension, effective July 1, 2015. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in representing Complainants Robertson neglected the legal matters entrusted to him by failing to perform any legal work on the matters, failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainants. Robertson failed to

withdraw from representing Complainants when Robertson's physical condition materially impaired Robertson's fitness to represent Complainants. Upon termination of representation, Robertson failed to return papers and property and refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Robertson 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. Further, Robertson engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation, by representing to a Complainant that he and Complainant's previous attorney were jointly working on Complainant's defense.

Robertson violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(a)(2), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay $5,500.00 in attorneys' fees.

THAWER, SHERIN: #00798542
05/19/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
05/20/2015-05/19/2016: SUSPENSION
05/20/2016-05/19/2017: PROBATION

On May 19, 2015, **Sherin Thawer** [#00798542], 45, of Irving, received a 24-month, partially probated suspension, effective May 20, 2015, with the first twelve months actively suspended and the remainder probated. The 134th District Court of Dallas County found that Thawer committed Professional Misconduct as defined in Rule 1.06(W) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Thawer was ordered to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the sum of $10,067.68. Thawer filed an appeal on August 17, 2015.

DISTRICT 07:

MATHIS, JENNIE R.: #00793647
07/31/2015-ACTIVE SUSPENSION
09/01/2015-08/31/2020

On June 29, 2015, **Jennie R. Mathis** [#00793647], 57, of Arlington, was actively suspended from the practice of law for a period of five years beginning September 1, 2015 and ending August 31, 2020. An evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that Mathis failed to both safeguard Complainant's and supervise a non-lawyer employee. In addition, she engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. The Evidentiary Panel concluded that Mathis violated the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct: 1.14(a), 5.03(a), 5.03(b)(1), 5.03(b)(2)(ii) and 8.04(a)(3).

Mathis owes $230,000 in restitution and $1,500.00 in direct expenses and attorneys' fees.

POWELL, BURT EDWARD: #16194550
08/28/2015-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
09/01/2015-02/28/2017

On August 28, 2015, **Burt Edward Powell** [#16194550], 71, of Cleburne, received an 18-month, fully probated suspension, effective September 1, 2015 through February 28, 2017. An evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that in representing Complainants in a bankruptcy matter, Powell neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to file the bankruptcy petition. Powell failed to keep Complaints reasonably informed about the status of their legal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainants.

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

SOWARD, JOE WELDON, II: #90001760
05/28/2015-ACTIVE SUSPENSION
07/01/2015-06/30/2019

On May 28, 2015, **Joe Weldon Soward, II** [#90001760], 45, of Fort Worth, agreed to a four-year, active suspension, effective July 1, 2015. The District 7 Grievance Committee found that in January 2011, Soward was employed to represent Cedar Hills Geriatric Center in collecting unpaid accounts. Soward neglected the legal matter by failing to provide any legal services. Soward failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Upon termination of representation, Soward failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned. Soward failed to respond to the complaint.

Soward violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay $1,584.23 in attorneys' fees.

SOWARD, II, JOE WELDON: #90001760
06/29/2015-ACTIVE SUSPENSION
07/01/2015-06/30/2020

On June 29, 2015, **Joe Weldon Soward, II** [#90001760], 45, of Fort Worth, received a five-year, active suspension, effective July 1, 2015. An Evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that Soward was non-compliant with prior disciplinary judgments entered against him. The panel also found that Soward failed to timely furnish to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel a response to the complaint and further failed to assert a privilege or other legal ground for his failure to respond.

Soward violated Rules 8.04(a)(7) and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay $3,163.25 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

TAFEL, ROGER MATHEW: #19607775
06/29/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
07/15/2015-01/14/2016: SUSPENSION
01/15/2016-07/14/2016: PROBATION

On June 29, 2015, **Roger Mathew Tafel** [#19607775], 52, of Euless, received a 12-month, partially probated suspension, effective July 15, 2015, with the first six months active and six months probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that in representing his client in a civil matter, Tafel neglected the legal matter by failing to conduct discovery and prepare for trial. Further, he failed to abide by his client's decisions concerning the objectives and general methods of representation. Finally, Tafel failed to furnish a response to the grievance.

Tafel violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.02(a)(1) and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay $1,364.30 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

WINFREY, EDWARD EUGENE: #24033349
07/07/2015-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
06/29/2015-06/28/2016

On July 7, 2015, **Edward Eugene Winfrey** [#24033349], 50, of Fort Worth, received a one-year, fully probated suspension, effective June 29, 2015. Winfrey was hired to represent his client in a probate matter involving the estate of client's spouse. Winfrey neglected the legal matter entrusted to him and frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations that Winfrey owed to his client. Winfrey also failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of the probate matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information about the case. Winfrey did not explain the probate matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his client to make informed decisions regarding the representation. Upon termination of representation, Winfrey failed to refund unearned fees. Winfrey also failed to timely furnish a response to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office and failed to timely assert in good faith a privilege or other legal ground for his failure to do so.

Winfrey violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay $2,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses and $5,000.00 in restitution.

DISTRICT 08:

SCARBROUGH, JERRY W.: #17717500
04/07/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
05/01/2015-04/30/2017: SUSPENSION
05/01/2017-04/30/2025: PROBATION

On April 7, 2015, **Jerry W. Scarbrough** [#17717500], 66, of Killen, received a ten-year, partially probated suspension, effective May 1, 2015, with the first two years, actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 8 Grievance Committee found that in representing his client in a lawsuit, Scarbrough knowingly made a false statement of material fact to the Court. In prior litigation the 146th District Court and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, Waco Division, made fact findings that Scarbrough unlawfully obstructed another party's access to evidence; altered, destroyed, or concealed audio recordings; or counseled or assisted his client in doing so. Also in prior litigation, the 146th District Court and the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Texas, Waco Division, made fact findings that Scarbrough knowingly disobeyed an order of the 146th District Court not to disclose medical records pertaining to a particular party. Scarbrough engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation during a telephone conversation with a party's niece, after the party's death. When asked whom he represented, Scarbrough said that he represented himself and the deceased party "probably more than anyone else in the world right now." Scarbrough did not disclose his representation of his client. This left the niece with the impression that Scarbrough represented her deceased uncle. At no time did Scarbrough represent the deceased uncle.

Scarbrough violated Rules 3.03(a)(1), 3.04(a), 3.04(d), 8.04(a)(1), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay $12,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses. Scarbrough has filed a Notice of Appeal

SEBESTA, JR., CHARLES J.: #17970000
06/11/2015-DISBARMENT

On June 11, 2015, **Charles J. Sebesta, Jr.** [#17970000], 74, of Caldwell, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 8 Grievance Committee found that Sebesta was the lead prosecutor during the trial of Anthony Graves, who was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death in 1994 for the murders of six people. Mr. Graves was incarcerated for 18 years, 12 of them on death row, before being exonerated and released from prison. The evidentiary panel found that Sebesta failed to provide several items of exculpatory evidence to the defense; presented false testimony to the jury; made a false statement of material fact to the trial judge; and engaged in

conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation.

Sebesta violated Rules 3.03(a)(1), 3.03(a)(5), 3.09(d), 8.04(a)(1), and 8.04(a)(3). Sebesta has filed a Notice of Appeal.

DISTRICT 09:

LAND, MARK ALLEN: #11860425
06/29/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
05/01/2015-07/31/2015: SUSPENSION
08/01/2015-04/30/2017: PROBATION

On June 29, 2015, **Mark Allen Land** [#11860425], 54, of Austin, received a two-year, partially probated suspension, with three months active, effective May 1, 2015. An evidentiary panel of the District 9 Grievance Committee found that on March 15, 2012, Complainant hired Land to defend Alpine Insurance ("Alpine") in a lawsuit filed by AT&T Advertising LP ("AT&T") to collect a debt. Land was served with Requests for Disclosure. When he did not respond, AT&T's counsel emailed Land a reminder that the responses were due. Land never responded to the Requests for Disclosure. Land received AT&T's summary judgment motion and notice of the summary judgment hearing via certified mail but the notice was returned. AT&T's counsel also notified Land via email that the summary judgment motion was set for May 20, 2013. Land responded that the May 20th hearing date was acceptable. Land failed to file a response to the summary judgment motion and failed to attend the summary judgment hearing. AT&T's summary judgment motion was granted and a judgment of $52,126 was entered against Land's client.

Land violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), and 8.04(a)(1). Land was ordered to pay $3,113.32 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

YOUNG, LISA MARIE: #24066321
06/02/2015-RESIGNATION

On June 2, 2015, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Lisa Marie Young** [#24066321], 48, of Austin. In one matter, Complainant hired Young for a modification of a child support/visitation order. Complainant attempted to contact Young to ascertain the status of her case, but Young failed to respond. Complainant terminated the representation, and requested a billing statement and a refund of unearned fees. Young failed to comply with the request. In her response to the grievance, Young represented to Bar Counsel that she included a billing statement and refund to Complainant with Complainant's copy of the response. No billing statement or refund was ever received by Complainant. In another matter, Complainant hired Young for a divorce. Complainant attempted to contact Young to ascertain the status of her case, but Young failed to respond. Complainant contacted the Travis County District Clerk's office and learned that Young had not filed the petition for divorce. Complainant sent Young a letter terminating the representation and requesting a refund of unearned fees and the return of Complainant's file. Young failed to comply with the request. Young further failed to furnish written responses to two complaints as directed.

Young violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), 8.01(a), 8.04(a)(1), and 8.04(a)(8).

DISTRICT 10:

ACEVEDO, JR., ALBERTO: #00829720
08/28/2015-RESIGNATION

On August 28, 2015, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Alberto Acevedo, Jr.** [#00829720], 61, of San Antonio. Acevedo gave, offered and agreed to give gifts, payments, and other things of value to Judge Angus McGinty in exchange for favorable judicial rulings.

Acevedo violated Rules 1.06(z)

ESQUIVEL, PAUL A.: #00797917
08/28/2015-RESIGNATION

On August 28, 2015, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Paul A. Esquivel** [#00797917], 47, of San Antonio. At the time of Esquivel's resignation, there were nine disciplinary matters pending alleging that Esquivel failed to carry out completely the obligations owed to clients, failed to communicate with clients, failed to ensure that his employees' conduct was compatible with the ethical obligations of a lawyer, charge or collected unconscionable fees, filed frivolous pleadings, failed to exercise proper professional judgment, made a false statement of material fact to a tribunal, failed to properly safeguard clients' funds, failed to properly deliver funds that belonged to clients, committed theft, failed to return clients' files, had misleading communications on his website, failed to have the required filing on file for his website with the Advertising Review Committee, and violated his prior disciplinary judgments.

Esquivel violated Rules 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a)&(b), 1.04(a), 1.14(a)&(b), 1.15(d), 2.01, 3.01, 3.03(a)(1), 5.03(a)&(b), 1.15(d), 7.02(a)(1),(3)&(4), 7.05(a)(3), 7.07(c), and 8.04(a)(2),(3)&(7).

FROESCHL, ADAM THOMAS: #24076390
07/10/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
07/02/2015-07/01/2016-SUSPENSION
07/02/2016-07/01/2019-PROBATION

On July 10, 2015, **Adam Thomas Froeschl** [#24076390], 29, of San Antonio, received a four-year, partially probated suspension, effective July 2, 2015, with the first 12 months actively served and the remainder probated. The District 10 Grievance Committee found, that in a personal injury case, Froeschl failed to keep client reasonably informed, failed to hold client's funds in a trust account separate from his own property, failed to promptly deliver funds to parties entitled to receive funds and failed to respond to the grievance.

Froeschl violated Rules 1.03(a), 1.14(a)&(b), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8), was ordered to pay $5,512.45 in restitution and $2,372.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY
07/23/2015-PRIVATE REPRIMAND

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

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

RULE 1.03(b)

for failing to explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation

MALDONADO, ROBERTO: #12855262
07/15/2015-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
08/01/2015-07/31/2018

On July 15, 2015, **Roberto Maldonado** [#12855262], 57, of San Antonio, received a three-year, fully probated suspension, effective August 1, 2015. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that in immigration law representation Maldonado neglected a client's matter, failed to keep a client reasonably informed, failed to hold client's funds separate from his own property and shared legal fees with a non-lawyer.

Maldonado violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a), and 5.04(a) and was ordered to pay $1,000.00 in restitution and $1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

MCGINTY, ANGUS K.: #13632900
06/02/2015-RESIGNATION

On June 2, 2015, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Angus K. McGinty** [#13632900], 51, of San Antonio. At the time of resignation, there was one disciplinary action pending alleging McGinty, as judge of the 144th Judicial District Court of Bexar County, asked for, accepted and agreed to accept gifts, payments and things of value from a criminal defense lawyer. In exchange for the gifts, payments and things of value, it is alleged McGinty made favorable rulings for the benefit of the criminal defense lawyer and/or the defense lawyer's clients. It is further alleged McGinty failed to disclose the receipt of the gifts, payments, things of value and/or benefits he accepted and that McGinty failed to inform the appropriate disciplinary authority of the defense lawyer's conduct with the tribunal. It is alleged McGinty violated Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct Rules 8.03(a) and 8.04(a)(1,)(2),(3),&(4).

MITCHELL, JAMES L.: #14214100
07/17/2015-PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On July 17, 2015, **James L. Mitchell** [#14214100], 63, of San Antonio, accepted a public reprimand. In a family law matter, the District 10 Grievance Committee found that Mitchell failed to return the client's file and unearned fees and failed to respond to the grievance.

Mitchell violated Rules 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8), and agreed to pay $1,000.00 in restitution, and $800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

MONKMAN, AMY LOUISE: #24034301
06/02/2015-RESIGNATION

On June 2, 2015, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation in lieu of discipline, of **Amy Louise Monkman** [#24034301]. At the time of Monkman's resignation, there was one disciplinary matter pending alleging Monkman shared immigration legal fees with non-lawyers, failed to properly supervise non-lawyer employees, assisted non-lawyers in the unauthorized practice of law, and failed to hold fees in a trust account until earned.

It is alleged Monkman violated Rules 1.14(a), 5.03, 5.04(a), and 5.05(b).

SANDOVAL, DANIEL A.: #24075521
07/23/2015-PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On July 23, 2015, **Daniel A. Sandoval** [#24075521], 34, of San Antonio, accepted a judgment of public reprimand. In a family law representation, the District 10 Grievance Committee found that Sandoval failed to carry out completely the obligations owed to a client, failed to abide by client's decisions concerning the objectives of representation, failed to keep a client reasonably informed and failed to withdraw when clients were adverse.

Sandoval violated Rules 1.01(b)(2), 1.02(a)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.06(d), and was ordered to pay $1,500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

VARGAS, ROGELIO: #00791848
03/23/2015-DISBARMENT
EFFECTIVE 03/12/2015

On March 23, 2015, **Rogelio Vargas** [#00791848], 47, of San Antonio, was disbarred. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Vargas neglected a client's matter, failed to respond to a client's reasonable requests for information and failed to refund the unearned portion of a fee.

Vargas violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d) and was ordered to pay $3,880.00 in restitution and $2,492.13 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

DISTRICT 11:

CARDEN, JR., VERNON ORVILLE: #03787500
08/28/2015-RESIGNATION

On August 28, 2015, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Vernon Orville Carden, Jr.** [#03787500], 68, of East Bernard. Carden acted as counsel in a lawsuit that included claims against the client related to the status of title to the minerals and the status of payments in the past and future related to the minerals. The claims against the client involved decisions made and actions taken based on Carden's past work, including his title opinions. Carden failed to disclose his own involvement and his own interests in the case and failed to inform his client he should not represent his client in the litigation because he would reasonably be anticipated to be a necessary witness. Carden neglected legal matters entrusted to him. Carden altered and falsified title-related documents that were of evidentiary value in the litigation. Carden engaged in deceitful conduct regarding suspended payments due to others related to the minerals that came to be in issue in the lawsuit against the client. Carden did not keep the funds in a trust account, did not inform the third persons who had claims to the funds that he had received the money and did not promptly distribute the funds to the persons entitled to them.

Carden violated Rules 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a)&(b), 1.06(b)(2), 1.14(a),(b) &(c), 3.03(a)(1), 3.04(a)&(b), 3.08(a)&(b), 4.01(a), and 8.04(a)(1)&(3).

DAVIS, MARK ANTHONY: #24012509
07/10/2015-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
07/01/2015-12/31/2015

On July 10, 2015, **Mark A. Davis** [#24012509], 44, of Victoria, accepted a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective July 1, 2015. The District 11 Grievance Committee found that Davis failed to communicate with his client and failed to respond to the grievance.

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

HINKLE, RONALD KYLE: #24062782
07/10/2015-PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
10/01/2015-12/31/2015: SUSPENSION
01/01/2016-09/30/2017: PROBATION

On July 10, 2015, **Ronald K. Hinkle** [#24062782], 53, of Corpus Christi, received a two-year, partially probated suspension, with the first three months actively served and the remainder probated. In a civil litigation matter, the District 11 Grievance Committee found that Hinkle neglected a client's matter, failed to keep a client reasonably informed, failed to hold client's funds in a trust account and failed to abide by a client's decisions concerning the objectives and general methods of representation.

Hinkle violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.02(a)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.14(a), was ordered to pay $10,861.63 in restitution and $1,500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

JORDAN, CHARLES RAY: #11006000
05/26/2015-DISBARMENT

On May 26, 2015, **Charles Ray Jordan** [#11006000], 69, of Seguin, was disbarred. The District 11 Grievance Committee found that Jordan violated a disciplinary judgment, engaged in the practice of law while his law license was suspended, engaging in conduct involving deceit or misrepresentation and failed to respond to the grievance.

Jordan violated Rules 8.04(a)(3),(7),(8), and (11) and was ordered to pay $3,100.00 in restitution and $6,750.68 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY
06/12/2015-PRIVATE REPRIMAND

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

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

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

RULE 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

DISTRICT 12:

CHU, NATHAN HENRY: #24038818
06/04/2015-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
07/01/2015-03/31/2016

On June 4, 2015, **Nathan Henry Chu** [#24038818], 39, of Laredo, received a nine-month, fully probated suspension, effective July 1, 2015. The District 12 Grievance Committee found that Chu failed to keep a client reasonably informed, represented opposing parties in the same litigation, represented a person in a substantially related matter in which that person's interests were materially adverse to the interests of another client, represented a client in a matter and thereafter represented another person in a matter adverse to the former client when it was the same or a substantially related matter and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit and misrepresentation.

Chu violated Rules 1.03(a) & (b), 1.06(a) & (b), 1.09(a), and 8.04(a)(3) and was ordered to pay $3,885.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

GONZALEZ, HECTOR: #08127000
07/17/2015-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
07/15/2015-09/14/2015

On July 17, 2015, **Hector Gonzalez** [#08127000], 76, of San Diego, accepted a two-month, fully probated suspension, effective July 15, 2015. The 229th Judicial District Court of Duval County found that Gonzalez committed professional misconduct by violating Rules 3.04(c)(2) [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], 3.04(c)(3) [In representing a client before a tribunal: state a personal opinion as to the justness of a cause, the credibility of a witness, the culpability of a civil litigant or the guilt of innocence of an accused, except that a lawyer may argue on his analysis of the evidence and other permissible considerations for any position or conclusion with respect to the matters stated herein], 3.04(c)(4) [In representing a client before a tribunal: ask any question intended to degrade a witness or other person except where the lawyer reasonably believes that the question will lead to relevant and admissible evidence], 3.04(c)(5) [In representing a client before a tribunal: engage in conduct intended to disrupt the proceedings, and 4.04(a) [In representing a client, for using means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay, or burden a third person, or use methods of obtaining evidence that violate the legal right of such a person]. Gonzalez was ordered to pay $1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY
07/24/2015-PRIVATE REPRIMAND

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

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

DISTRICT 14:

DALLAS ATTORNEY
05/05/2015-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

DISTRICT 15:

SAN ANTONIO ATTORNEY
07/06/2015-PRIVATE REPRIMAND

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

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

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

RULE 1.15(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)(11)
for engaging in the practice of law when the lawyer is on inactive status or when the lawyer's right to practice has been suspended or terminated, including but not limited to situations where a lawyer's right to practice has been administratively suspended for failure to timely pay required fees or assessments or for failure to comply with Article XII of the STATE

SOZA, ALFREDO A.: #00785018
05/29/2015-DISBARMENT

On May 29, 2015, **Alfredo A. Soza** [#00785018], 48, of Odessa, was disbarred. The District 15 Grievance Committee found that Soza neglected client's matters, failed to communicate with clients, failed to refund unearned fees, failed to respond to the grievances, failed to notify clients of his disciplinary suspension and engaged in the practice of law while his license was suspended.

Soza violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8),(10), and (11) and was ordered to pay $1,250.00 in restitution and $2,790.00 in attorneys' fees and expenses.

BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS:

CARPENTER, JOSHUA LOWELL: #24090907
07/17/2015-FULLY PROBATED SUSPENSION
07/17/2015-07/17/2017

On July 17, 2015, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an agreed judgment of fully probated suspension of Albuquerque, New Mexico attorney **Joshua Lowell Carpenter**, 38, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24090907. After finding that he violated failed to provide competent representation to a client, breached the confidentiality of a client, had a conflict of interest between current clients, made a false statement in connection with a disciplinary matter, violated the New Mexico Rules of Professional Conduct, committed a criminal act that reflected adversely on his practice of law, engaged in fraud, dishonesty, deceit or misrepresentation, and engaged in conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice, Mr. Carpenter was suspended from the practice of law for two years, deferred upon certain terms and conditions, by the Supreme Court of the State of New Mexico on or about March 11, 2015 in the matter styled, No. 35,078, *In the Matter of Joshua Carpenter, An Attorney Licensed to Practice Before the Courts of the State of New Mexico*. He is suspended from the practice of law in Texas for two years. The suspension is deferred and he is placed on probation beginning July 17, 2015 and ending July 17, 2017.

PARRISH, LUCILLE: #15538100
07/28/2015-DISBARMENT

On July 28, 2015, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a default judgment of disbarment of Washington, D.C. attorney **Lucille Parrish**, 56, State Bar of Texas Card No. 15538100. On January 20, 2011 the District of Columbia Court of Appeals disbarred Ms. Parrish in the matter styled, *In re Lucille Saundra White*, Respondent, Nos. 09-BG-1012 and 10-BG-795, a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals (Bar Registration No. 463929) On Report and Recommendation of the Board of Professional Responsibility (BDN 292-04) (BDN 169-06). The court found that Ms. Parrish represented a private client while employed by the D.C. Office of Human Rights in violation D.C. Bar Rule 1.11; submitted false documents and testified falsely to the Council of the District of Columbia; introduced false documents to the disciplinary committee and caused serious interference with the administration of justice. Although cited and noticed to appear, Ms. Parrish did not answer or appear.

VERNON, JR., ROBERT GLEN: #24010756
07/28/2015-DISBARMENT

On July 28, 2015, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a default judgment of disbarment disbarring Rockwall attorney **Robert Glen Vernon Jr.**, 45, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24010756 from the practice of law. On or about April 16, 2015, an order of deferred adjudication was entered after Mr. Vernon pled guilty to insurance fraud >=$20,000<$100,000, a third degree felony and an Intentional Crime as defined in the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE, *The State of Texas v. Robert Glenn Vernon*, in the 439th District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, Case No. 2-13-574. Although cited and given notice to appear, Mr. Vernon did not answer or appear.