# COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

# REPORT

# TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON ATTORNEY DISCIPLINE

JUNE 2019

# Disciplinary Sanctions 03/01/2019 - 05/21/2019

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Eaton, Michael W.71Elam, Tyesha Yvette41Gotro, Casie Lynn41Gotro, Casie Lynn41Gotro, Casie Lynn41Hamner, Brian Anthony101Holmes, T. Wesley61	Cantu, Charles Stephen	7	1
Elam, Tyesha Yvette41Gotro, Casie Lynn41Gotro, Casie Lynn41Gotro, Casie Lynn41Hanner, Brian Anthony101Holmes, T. Wesley61	De Pena, Hector Jr.	11	1
Gotro, Casie Lynn41Gotro, Casie Lynn41Gotro, Casie Lynn41Hamner, Brian Anthony101Holmes, T. Wesley61	Eaton, Michael W.	7	1
Gotro, Casie Lynn41Gotro, Casie Lynn41Hamner, Brian Anthony101Holmes, T. Wesley61	Elam, Tyesha Yvette	4	1
Gotro, Casie Lynn41Hamner, Brian Anthony101Holmes, T. Wesley61	Gotro, Casie Lynn	4	1
Hamner, Brian Anthony101Holmes, T. Wesley61	Gotro, Casie Lynn	4	1
Holmes, T. Wesley 6 1	Gotro, Casie Lynn	4	1
	Hamner, Brian Anthony	10	1
Jackson, Larrisha Charlie Vaughn 4 2	Holmes, T. Wesley	6	1
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Gjesvold, Jennifer K. Gotro, Casie Lynn		4	1
PUBLIC REPRIMANDS		District 7	# of Complaints Resolved
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100115002, Julii 10.	Total:	43	67
Rodriguez, Juan R.		BODA	1
Krummel, Kasey Cathryn		BODA	1
Castillo, Julie Cornejo, Derrick Duane		BODA BODA	1
Board of Disciplinary Appeals:		DODA	1
Vaughn, Andrew David		1	1
Stein, Jerome Neal		6	1
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Spagnoletti, Marcus Raymond		4	2
Solomon, Tanika J.		4	4
Smith, Cynthia Borgfeld		8	1
Scrivner-Tibbs, Regina M.		10	1
Sanchez, Zenaida		11	1
Rambhotla, Kaushik		10	1
Rambhotla, Kaushik		10	1
Perez, Refugio Rafael		11	1
Pearson, Melynda G.		1	1
Padilla, Selvino Jr.		12	3
Mitchell, Charsalynn GerSan		6	1
McKibben, Dallas E.		13	1
McGinnis, Jack Lee II		15	1
Martin, Dennis R.		10	4
Malloy, Charles Foster		6	1
Loyd, Annette R.		7	1
Long, Tara Nicole		4	1
LaHood, Nicolas A.		10	1
Krenek, Julie Lynn Bulthuis			

Green, Loren Craig		7	3
Groves, John Michael		17	2
Hole, Cheryl Denise		12	1
Hole, Ronald G.		12	1
Menes, Nonye Jude		6	1
Pigg, William Albert		6	1
Thomas, Jermaine Savoy		4	1
Williams, Rachel June		3	1
	Total:	10	13

PRIVATE REPRIMANDS Grievance Comm.	# of Sanctions	# of Complaints Deselved
1		# of Complaints Resolved
1	2	2
2	1	1
3	1	1
4	8	12
5	3	3
6	2	2
7	2	2
10	7	7
11	2	2
15	1	1
16	1	1
17	1	1
BODA	1	1
Tot	tal: 32	36
Grievance Referral Program	17	18
Grand Tot	tal: 108	150

# PRIVATE REPRIMANDS

BAR YEARS 2018-2019		Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
	DISBARMENTS	14	38
	RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLINE	16	80
	SUSPENSIONS	144	199
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS	32	39
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS	118	130
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM	73	80
	Total:	397	566

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

# **Disciplinary Actions - Previous Bar Year**

BAR YEARS 2017-2018			Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
	DISBARMENTS		21	47
	RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLIN	NE	23	102
	SUSPENSIONS		115	162
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS		26	30
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS		70	74
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM		79	80
	Т	Fotal:	334	495

BAR YEARS 2016-2017		То	tal Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
	DISBARMENTS		20	60
	RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLIN	E	28	122
	SUSPENSIONS		126	182
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS		30	37
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS		90	98
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM		50	50
	Тс	otal:	344	549

BAR YEARS 2015-2016		Tota	l 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
	Tot	al:	325	564

BAR YEARS 2014-2015		,	Total Sanctions	Total Complaints Resolved
	DISBARMENTS		27	55
	RESIGNATIONS IN LIEU OF DISCIPLIN	JΕ	19	55
	SUSPENSIONS		113	147
	PUBLIC REPRIMANDS		32	36
	PRIVATE REPRIMANDS		66	72
	GRIEVANCE REFERRAL PROGRAM		64	72
	Te	otal:	321	437

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

BAR YEARS 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:

# Krenek, Julie Lynn Bulthuis: #24065574 04/16/2019-Agreed Active Suspension 08/15/2019-08/14/2020: SUSPENSION

On April 16, 2019, **Julie Lynn Krenek** [#24065574], 50, of McKinney, agreed to 12-month, active suspension, effective August 15, 2019. The District 1 Grievance Committee found that Krenek failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of her legal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Krenek 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 ground for failure to do so. Krenek violated Rules 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Pearson, Melynda G.: #00787534 04/26/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension 05/01/2019-07/31/2019: SUSPENSION 08/01/2019-04/30/2021: PROBATED

On April 26, 2019, **Melynda G. Pearson** [#00787534], 50, of Bowie, agreed to a 24-month, partially probated suspension, beginning May 1, 2019, with the first three months being actively suspended and the remaining 21 months probated to begin on August 1, 2019, and ending on April 30, 2021. Pearson failed to timely file a response to the grievance. Pearson violated Rule 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$675.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

### Dallas Attorney 04/24/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

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

Rule 1.03(a)

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

### Dallas Attorney 05/09/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

### Rule 1.14(b)

Upon receiving funds or other property in which a client or third person has an interest, a lawyer shall promptly notify the client or third person. 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.

# Vaughn, Andrew David: #24056764 02/04/2019-Fully Probated Suspension 02/01/2019-01/31/2021: PROBATED

On February 4, 2019, **Andrew David Vaughn** [#24056764], 38, of Canton, received a two-year, fully probated suspension (February 1, 2019, through January 31, 2021). An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that Vaughn neglected a legal matter entrusted to him by failing to perform legal services. Vaughn violated Rule 1.01(b)(1). He was ordered to pay \$2,400.00 in attorneys' fees and \$542.50 in direct expenses.

#### DISTRICT 2:

#### Dallas Attorney 05/10/2019-Private Reprimand

#### Rule 1.01(b)(1)

for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

#### Rule 1.15(a)(2)

for failing to decline or withdraw from representation of a client if the lawyer's physical, mental or psychological condition materially impairs the lawyer's fitness to represent the client

#### 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 3:

#### Williams, Rachel June: #24042166 12/04/2018-Public Reprimand

On December 4, 2018, **Rachel June Williams** [#24042166], 47, of Conroe, received a judgment of public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 3 Grievance Committee found that Williams neglected the legal matter entrusted to her, failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of her matter, 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, upon termination of

representation, failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned. Williams violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$737.06 in attorneys' fees and costs.

# Houston Attorney 04/11/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

Rule 1.03(a)

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

### DISTRICT 4:

# Elam, Tyesha Yvette: #24026819 04/01/2019-Fully Probated Suspension 04/01/2019-10/01/2019: PROBATED

On April 1, 2019, **Tyesha Yvette Elam** [#24026819], 47, of Houston, received a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective April 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Elam failed to keep a client reasonably informed, failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, represented a client in a matter adverse to her former client in a substantially related matter, failed to hold funds belonging to a client separate from her own property, failed to refund advanced payments of an unearned fee, and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. Elam was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$1,300.00 and \$1,300.00 in attorneys' fees. Elam violated Rules\_1.03(a), 1.09(a)(3), 1.14(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(3).

### Houston Attorney 05/03/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 5.03(b)(1)

a lawyer shall be in violation if the lawyer orders, encourages, or permits the conduct involved of a nonlawyer to be in violation of the rules of the Texas Disciplinary rules of Professional Conduct

# Gotro, Casie Lynn: #24048505 04/05/2019-Public Reprimand

On April 5, 2019, **Casie Lynn Gotro** [#24048505], 46, of Houston, received a judgment of public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Gotro engaged in the practice of law when her right to practice had been administratively suspended for failure to timely pay required fees. Gotro violated Rule 8.04(a)(11). She was ordered to pay \$1,884.11 in attorneys' fees and costs.

# Gotro, Casie Lynn: #24048505 04/05/2019-Partially Probated Suspension 05/01/2019-10/31/2019: SUSPENSION 11/01/2019-04/30/2020: PROBATED

On April 5, 2019, **Casie Lynn Gotro** [#24048505], 46, of Houston, received a judgment of partially probated suspension, effective May 1, 2019, with the first six months actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that, in representing her client, Gotro neglected the legal matter entrusted to her, failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of their legal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable request for information, upon termination of representation, failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned, and failed to timely furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Gotro violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$9,000.00 in restitution and \$816.15 in attorneys' fees and costs.

# Gotro, Casie Lynn: #24048505 04/05/2019-Active Suspension 05/01/2019-04/30/2022: SUSPENSION

On April 5, 2019, **Casie Lynn Gotro** [#24048505], 46, of Houston, received a judgment of active suspension, effective May 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that, in representing her client, Gotro neglected the legal matter entrusted to her, failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of their legal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable request for information, failed to hold funds belonging in whole or in part to a third party that was in Gotro's possession in connection with the representation separate from her own property, and failed to promptly deliver to a third person funds that they were entitled to receive. Upon termination of representation, Gotro also failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned, and failed to timely furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Gotro violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a), 1.14(b), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$40,000.00 in restitution and \$894.05 in attorneys' fees and costs.

# Gotro, Casie Lynn: #24048505 04/05/2019-Fully Probated Suspension 05/01/2019-04/30/2020: PROBATED

On April 5, 2019, **Casie Lynn Gotro** [#24048505], 46, of Houston, received a judgment of fully probated suspension, effective May 1, 2019, with the suspension being fully probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Gotro failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of their legal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable request for information, upon termination of representation, failed to surrender papers and property to which her client was entitled and failed to refund advance payments of fee that had not been earned, and failed to timely furnish to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Gotro violated Rules 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$10,000.00 in restitution and \$1,734.11 in attorneys' fees and costs.

# Jackson, Larrisha Charlie Vaughn: #24073658 03/07/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 04/01/2019-03/30/2022: PROBATED

On March 7, 2019, **Larrisha Charlie Vaughn Jackson** [#24073658], 31, of Houston, accepted a threeyear, fully probated suspension, effective April 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that in one matter, Jackson neglected the legal matter entrusted to her and failed to surrender papers and property to which her client was entitled. In a second matter, Jackson failed to keep funds belonging in part to her client in a separate trust account, and failed to promptly deliver to third persons funds that the third persons were entitled to receive. Jackson violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.14(a), 1.14(b), and 1.15(d). She was ordered to pay \$2,860.50 in restitution and \$1,928.29 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Houston Attorney 03/15/2019-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

# Houston Attorney 03/29/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

#### Rule 1.01(b)(1)

for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

#### Rule 1.03(a)

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

### Houston Attorney 03/29/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.01(b)(1)

for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

# Long, Tara Nicole: #24032680 04/03/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 04/01/2019-09/30/2019: PROBATED

On April 3, 2019, **Tara Nicole Long** [#24032680], 44, of Houston, accepted a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective April 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that in representing a client, Long neglected the legal matter entrusted to her and failed to keep her client reasonably informed about the status of the legal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Long violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), and 1.03(a). She was ordered to pay \$500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Houston Attorney 04/08/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

#### Rule 1.15(d)

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

# Houston Attorney 03/15/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

# Rule 1.02(a)(2)

for failing to abide by a client's decisions regarding acceptance of an offer of settlement of a matter

#### Rule 5.03(b)(1)

a lawyer shall be in violation if the lawyer orders, encourages, or permits the conduct involved of a nonlawyer to be in violation of the rules of the Texas Disciplinary rules of Professional Conduct

### Houston Attorney 02/14/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

#### Rule 5.03(b)(1)

a lawyer shall be in violation if the lawyer orders, encourages, or permits the conduct involved of a nonlawyer to be in violation of the rules of the Texas Disciplinary rules of Professional Conduct

#### Rule 7.03(a)

A lawyer shall not by in-person or telephone contact seek professional employment concerning a matter arising out of a particular occurrence or event, or series of occurrences or events, from a prospective client or nonclient who has not sought the lawyer's advice regarding employment or with whom the lawyer has no family or past or present attorney-client relationship when a significant motive for the lawyer's doing so is the lawyer's pecuniary gain. Notwithstanding the provisions of this paragraph, a lawyer for a qualified nonprofit organization may communicate with the organization's members for the purpose of educating the members to understand the law, to recognize legal problems, to make intelligent selection of counsel, or to use legal services

#### Houston Attorney 03/04/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.14(a)

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

# Solomon, Tanika J.: #24057713 04/02/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 04/01/2019-09/30/2019: PROBATED

On April 2, 2019, **Tanika J. Solomon** [#24057713], 47, of Houston, accepted a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective April 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that, in one matter, Solomon failed to promptly deliver to her client's medical providers funds that they were entitled to receive and failed to promptly render a full accounting regarding such funds. In three other matters, Solomon failed to keep her clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Solomon violated Rules 1.03(a), and 1.14(b). She was ordered to pay \$1,400.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Spagnoletti, Marcus Raymond: #24076708 04/05/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 05/01/2019-05/01/2021: PROBATED

On April 5, 2019, **Marcus Raymond Spagnoletti** [#24076708], 34, of Houston, accepted a two-year, fully probated suspension, effective May 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that in representing his clients, Spagnoletti neglected the legal matters entrusted to him, frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations Spagnoletti owed to his clients, and failed to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their cases and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Spagnoletti violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2), and 1.03(a). He was ordered to pay \$5,830.00 in attorneys' fees.

# Thomas, Jermaine Savoy: #24033386 04/16/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On April 16, 2019, **Jermaine Savoy Thomas** [#24033386], 43, of Houston, accepted an agreed public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Thomas neglected the legal matter entrusted to him and frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations he owed to his client. Thomas further failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of the case and failed to promptly comply with his client's reasonable requests for information. In addition, Thomas failed to promptly deliver funds that his client's medical providers were entitled to receive and failed to promptly render a full accounting of the settlement funds upon request. Thomas violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), and 1.14(b). He was ordered to pay \$500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

#### DISTRICT 5:

#### Houston Attorney 05/16/2019-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

#### Houston Attorney 02/15/2019-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 03/21/2019-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

#### DISTRICT 6:

# Brown, Lorenzo: #03151500 03/13/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 03/15/2019-03/14/2020: PROBATED

On March 13, 2019, **Lorenzo Brown** [#03151500], 67, of Desoto, agreed to a 12-month, fully probated suspension, effective March 15, 2019. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that an agreed disciplinary judgment dated February 21, 2017, actively suspended Brown from the practice of law from April 1, 2017, to June 30, 2017, and ordered Brown to provide written notification of his suspension to any courts or opposing counsel in matters that Brown was the attorney of record that were pending during his suspension. Brown was the attorney of record in a case in Dallas County, Texas, and failed to notify the court in writing regarding his suspension. Brown was the attorney of record in a case in Collin County, and failed to notify opposing counsel in writing regarding his suspension. Brown failed to comply with section 13.01 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure relating to notification an attorney's suspension of practice. Brown violated Rule 8.04(a)(10). He was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Campos, Luis "Rob" Roberto: #00792394 02/13/2019-Fully Probated Suspension 02/01/2019-01/31/2020: PROBATED

On February 13, 2019, **Luis "Rob" Roberto Campos** [#00792394], 49, of Dallas, received a 12-month, fully probated suspension, effective February 1, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in or about August of 2015, the complainant hired Campos in a civil matter. The complainant paid Campos \$700.00 to begin the representation. Thereafter, Campos neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to provide legal services to the complainant. Campos also failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed about the status of her case and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests from the complainant about her legal matter. Upon termination, Campos failed to surrender papers and property to which the complainant was entitled and failed to refund advance payments of the fee that had not been earned. Further, Campos failed to timely respond to the grievance. Campos violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(8). He was ordered to pay \$200.00 in restitution and \$1,149.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Houston Attorney 04/11/2019-Private Reprimand

### Rule 1.01(b)(1)

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

# Holmes, T. Wesley: #09908495 05/08/2019-Agreed Active Suspension 05/15/2019-05/14/2023: SUSPENSION

On May 8, 2019, **T. Wesley Holmes** [#09908495], 54, of Dallas, agreed to 48-month, active suspension, effective May 15, 2019. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that Holmes failed to hold funds belonging to third person that were in Holmes' possession in connection with the representation separate from Holmes' own property. Holmes failed to promptly deliver to the third person's funds that the third person was entitled to receive. Upon request by the third person, Holmes failed to promptly render a full accounting regarding such funds. Holmes engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. Holmes violated Rules 1.14(a), 1.14(b), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$1,500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses and \$987,807.00 in restitution.

# Malloy, Charles Foster: #12868850 04/08/2019-Fully Probated Suspension 04/15/2019-04/14/2022: PROBATED

On April 8, 2019, **Charles Foster Malloy** [#12868850], 56, of Dallas, received a three-year, fully probated suspension. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Malloy failed to keep his client reasonably informed about case status and failed to promptly comply with the client's reasonable requests for case information. Malloy also failed to hold funds, which belonged to a member of the client's family and which were in Malloy's possession in connection with the representation, separate from Malloy's own property. Malloy violated Rules 1.03(a) and 1.14(a). He was ordered to pay \$9,000.00 in restitution and \$2,100.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

#### Menes, Nonye Jude: #24004815 05/09/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On May 9, 2019, **Nonye Jude Menes** [#24004815], 52, of Dallas, agreed to a public reprimand. The 14th Judicial District Court of Dallas County found that Menes committed Professional Misconduct by violating Rules 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] and 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]. Menes was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$3,500.00 and attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the amount of \$1,500.00.

# Mitchell, Charsalynn Gersan: #24067771 04/11/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension 05/01/2019-05/31/2019: SUSPENSION 06/01/2019-04/30/2020: PROBATED

On April 11, 2019, **Charsalynn Gersan Mitchell** [#24067771], 39, of Addison, agreed to a 12-month, partially probated suspension, effective May 1, 2019, with the first month actively served and the remainder probated. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that beginning in 2015, Mitchell, while employed as an attorney with Legal Aid of North West Texas (LANWT), engaged in outside employment without disclosing such employment to LANWT and without LANWT's required approval. Furthermore, Mitchell used and/or charged LANWT's credit card and/or e-filing account multiple times, without LANWT's knowledge, consent or authorization, for filing fees associated with Mitchell's private clients who were not clients of LANWT. In addition, in November 2016, Mitchell misrepresented to a LANWT client that the client owed monies to LANWT for reimbursement of a social study fee. Mitchell obtained a money order from the client and cashed it in Mitchell's name. Mitchell violated Rules 1.14(a) and 8.04(a)(3). She was ordered to pay \$1,200.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Pigg, William Albert: #24057009 04/22/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On April 22, 2019, **William Albert Pigg** [#24057009], 60, of Dallas, entered into an agreed judgment of public reprimand. An Investigatory Panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Pigg, upon termination of representation, failed to take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect his client's interests. Pigg illegally shared legal fees with a non-lawyer and assisted a person who is not a member of the bar in the performance of activity that constitutes the unauthorized practice of law. Pigg is also subject to discipline based upon the conduct of a non-lawyer employee. Pigg violated Rules 1.15(d), 5.03(b)(1), 5.04(a), and 5.05(b). He was ordered to pay \$2,500.00 in restitution and \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

#### Dallas Attorney 03/08/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 3.04(d)

A Lawyer shall not, knowingly disobey, or advise the client to disobey, an obligation under the standing rules of or a ruling by a tribunal except for an open refusal based either on an assertion that no valid obligation exists or on the client's willingness to accept any sanctions arising from such disobedience.

# Stein, Jerome Neal: #19128290 04/26/2019-Agreed Active Suspension 05/01/2019-04/30/2021: SUSPENSION

On April 26, 2019, **Jerome Neal Stein** [#19128290], 60, of Addison, agreed to 24-month, active suspension, effective May 1, 2019. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that in October 2017, Complainant hired Stein to represent Complainant in a child custody matter. Upon request by Complainant, Stein failed to promptly render a full accounting of legal fees paid and/or work performed by Stein. Stein, without Complainant's consent or authorization, charged Complainant's credit card multiple times for purported legal fees. Stein engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation by using Complainant's credit card without authority and billing for services Stein did not perform. Stein violated Rules 1.14(b), 8.04(a)(2), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$450.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses and \$2,780.00 in restitution.

# Stein, Jerome Neal: #19128290 04/25/2019-Agreed Active Suspension 05/01/2019-04/30/2021: SUSPENSION

On April 25, 2019, **Jerome Neal Stein** [#19128290], 60, of Addison, agreed to a 24-month, active suspension, effective May 1, 2019. The 14th District Court of Dallas County found that Stein committed Professional Misconduct by violating Rules 8.04(a)(2) [A lawyer shall not commit a serious crime or commit any other criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects] and 8.04(a)(3) [A lawyer shall not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation]. Stein was ordered to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the sum of \$700.00 and restitution in the sum of \$2,100.00.

# Stein, Jerome Neal: #19128290 04/24/2019-Agreed Active Suspension 05/01/2019-04/30/2021: SUSPENSION

On April 24, 2019, **Jerome Neal Stein** [#19128290], 60, of Addison, agreed to 24-month, active suspension, effective May 1, 2019. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that in October 2017, Stein was retained to represent Complainant in a child support matter. In representing Complainant, Stein neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to appear at a child support review hearing. Upon termination of representation, Stein failed to promptly refund advance payments of the fee that had not been earned. Stein 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 ground for failure to do so. Stein violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

#### DISTRICT 7:

# Cantu, Charles Stephen: #24044911 02/25/2019-Default Fully Probated Suspension 02/14/2019-02/13/2022: PROBATED

On February 25, 2019, **Charles Stephen Cantu** [#24044911], 41, of Arlington, received a three-year, fully probated suspension (February 14, 2019, through February 13, 2022). An evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found Cantu neglected a legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of a legal matter, and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Upon termination of representation, Cantu failed to take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect his client's interests and failed to timely furnish a response to grievance. Cantu violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$7,540.00 in restitution, \$2,351.00 in attorneys' fees and \$687.00 in direct expenses.

# Eaton, Michael W.: #06383800 03/06/2019-Agreed Active Suspension 04/15/2020-04/14/2023: SUSPENSION

On March 6, 2018, **Michael W. Eaton** [#06383800], 60, of Conroe, agreed to 36-month, active suspension, effective April 15, 2020. The District 7 Grievance Committee found that in representing Complainant, Eaton neglected the legal matters entrusted to him and frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations Eaton owed to Complainant as Eaton failed to amend the lawsuit to include additional allegations and allowed the lawsuit in its entirety to be dismissed for want of prosecution. Eaton failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of his lawsuit and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainant. Further, when communicating with Complainant and when communicating with the State Bar of Texas in connection to this grievance, Eaton engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit or misrepresentation. Eaton violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$2,350.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Dallas Attorney 03/06/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 3.04(d)

A Lawyer shall not, knowingly disobey, or advise the client to disobey, an obligation under the standing rules of or a ruling by a tribunal except for an open refusal based either on an assertion that no valid obligation exists or on the client's willingness to accept any sanctions arising from such disobedience.

# Gjesvold, Jennifer K.: #24076175 02/12/2019-Public Reprimand

On February 12, 2019, **Jennifer K. Gjesvold** [#24076175], 43, of Hurst, received a public reprimand. The 352nd Judicial District Court of Tarrant County found that Gjesvold committed Professional Misconduct by violating Rule 4.04(a) [In representing a client, a lawyer shall not use 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 rights of such a person.]

### Green, Loren Craig: #24029179 03/25/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On March 25, 2019, **Loren Craig Green** [#24029179], 53, of Arlington, agreed to a public reprimand. The District 7 Grievance Committee found that Green had direct supervisory authority over a non-lawyer and failed to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the non-lawyer's conduct was compatible with the professional obligations of Green. Green shared fees with a non-lawyer. Green paid a person not licensed to practice law for referring clients or prospective clients to Green. The fees paid were not for advertising or public relation services rendered in accordance with Rule 7.03. The fees paid were not the usual charges of a lawyer referral service that meets the requirements of Occupational Code Title 5, Subtitle B, Chapter 952. Green violated Rules 5.03(a), 5.04(a), and 7.03(b). He was ordered to pay attorneys' fees and direct expenses in the sum of \$1200.00.

# Loyd, Annette R.: #16731100 02/14/2019-Fully Probated Suspension 02/04/2019-02/03/2021: PROBATED

On February 14, 2019, **Annette R. Loyd** [#16731100], 56, of Fort Worth, received a two-year, fully probated suspension. An evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that while representing clients in a civil matter, Loyd neglected the case and violated a disciplinary judgment. Loyd failed to promptly comply with the clients' reasonable requests for case information, and failed to explain the legal matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the clients to make informed decisions about the representation. Loyd also failed to timely provide a response to the grievance. Loyd violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), 8.04(a)(7) and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in restitution and \$4,000.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

### Dallas Attorney 04/08/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

#### Rule 1.01b(1)

for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer

#### Rule 1.14(b)

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

#### Rule 1.15(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 8:

# Smith, Cynthia Borgfeld: #18553650 03/20/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 03/15/2019-03/14/2020: PROBATED

On March 20, 2019, **Cynthia Borgfeld Smith** [#18553650], 71, of Georgetown, accepted a one year probated suspension, effective March 15, 2019. An evidentiary panel of the District 8 Grievance Committee found that while representing a client in a child support modification, Smith told her client that she filed a petition on his behalf, however, no such petition was filed. Smith then ceased all communication with her client. Smith failed to respond to her client's request for a copy of his file, an accounting of any earned fees, and the return of any unearned fees and further failed to file a response to the grievance as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Smith violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d) and 8.04(a)(8). Smith was ordered to pay \$580.50 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses and \$400.00 in restitution.

# DISTRICT 9:

# Armstrong, J. Gaylord: #01320000 03/11/2019-Active Suspension 08/23/2012-03/22/2019: SUSPENSION

On March 11, 2019, **J. Gaylord Armstrong** [#01320000], 79, of Austin, accepted a 79-month, active suspension, effective August 23, 2012. An evidentiary panel of the District 9 Grievance Committee found that Armstrong was formerly of counsel at an Austin law firm and was an authorized signatory on a Political Action Committee ("PAC") checking account of his firm's client. Armstrong was authorized to write checks for political contributions to elected officials from the PAC account. Beginning in March 2011, Armstrong misappropriated funds from the PAC account by writing checks to himself without the client's knowledge or authorization. Armstrong spent the misappropriated funds on his own personal expenses. By his conduct, Armstrong engaged in conduct constituting theft and misapplication of fiduciary property Armstrong violated Rules 8.04(a)(2), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(1).

#### Dominguez, William Alfred: #24006209 04/30/2019-Resignation in Lieu of Discipline

On April 30, 2019, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **William Alfred Dominguez** [#24006209], 56, of Austin. At the time of Dominguez's resignation, three disciplinary cases were pending against him involving one probate matter and two family law matters. Dominguez neglected his clients' legal matters, failed to keep clients reasonably informed about the status of the matters and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. He further failed to promptly render full accountings when requested. When terminated, Dominguez failed to surrender papers and property to which the clients were entitled and failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Dominguez also failed to timely furnish a written response to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office in one case. Dominguez violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(b), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

### Sarfo, Samuel Adjei: #24071896 02/21/2019-Disbarment

On February 21, 2019, **Samuel Adjei Sarfo** [#24071896], 56, of Austin, received a judgment of disbarment. The 201st District Court of Travis County found that Sarfo violated Rule 8.04(a)(7) [a lawyer shall not violate any disciplinary or disability order or judgment] 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]. Sarfo was ordered to pay \$11,673.59 in attorneys' fees and costs. Sarfo has filed a Notice of Appeal.

# DISTRICT 10:

# Baez, Edgardo Rafael: #24048334 04/16/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 04/22/2019-04/21/2021: PROBATED

On April 16, 2019, **Edgardo Rafael Baez** [#24048334], 48, of San Antonio, accepted a 28-month, fully probated suspension, effective April 22, 2019. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Baez accepted a legal matter beyond his competence, failed to keep his client reasonably informed and failed to promptly render a full account regarding client's funds. Baez violated Rules 1.01(a)(1), 1.03(b) and 1.14(b), and agreed to pay \$1,512.50 in restitution, and \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# San Antonio Attorney 02/06/2019-Private Reprimand

# Rule 1.08(a)

A lawyer shall not enter into a business transaction with a client unless, the transaction and terms on which the lawyer acquires the interest are fair and reasonable to the client and are fully disclosed in a manner which can be reasonably understood by the client.

#### Rule 8.04(a)(1)

A lawyer shall not violate these rules, knowingly assist or induce another to do so, or do so

through the acts of another, whether or not such violation occurred in the course of a clientlawyer relationship.

#### San Antonio Attorney 05/13/2019-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.

#### San Antonio Attorney 04/23/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 4.02(a)

In representing a client, for communicating, causing or encouraging 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.

# Hamner, Brian Anthony: #24041050 04/11/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 03/27/2019-03/30/2023: PROBATED

On April 11, 2019, **Brian Anthony Hamner** [#24041050], 43, of San Antonio, agreed to a four-year, fully probated suspension, effective March 27, 2019. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Hamner violated the terms of a prior disciplinary judgment. Hamner violated Rules 8.04(a)(7) and 8.04(a)(10) and was ordered to pay \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

#### San Antonio Attorney 04/29/2019-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.

# LaHood, Nicolas A.: #24030360 03/05/2019-Fully Probated Suspension 03/05/2019-03/04/2020: PROBATED

On March 5, 2019, **Nicolas A. LaHood** [#24030360], 46, of San Antonio, received a one-year, fully probated suspension, effective March 5, 2019. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that LaHood made an extrajudicial statement that a reasonable person would expect to be disseminated by means of

public communication when he knew or reasonably should have known that it will have a substantial likelihood of materially prejudicing an adjudicatory proceeding and used means that had no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay, or burden a third person. LaHood violated Rules 3.07, and 4.04(a), and was ordered to pay \$9,700.92 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

### San Antonio Attorney 05/14/2019-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.

#### Madrigal, Pascual: #12802150 03/15/2019-Disbarment

On March 15, 2019, **Pascual Madrigal** [#12802150], 64, of San Antonio, was disbarred. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Madrigal failed to respond to a grievance timely. Madrigal violated Rule 8.04(a)(8) and was ordered to pay \$4,910.66 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Martin, Dennis R.: #13059400 05/01/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 06/01/2019-05/31/2022: PROBATED

On May 1, 2019, **Dennis R. Martin** [#13059400], 70, of San Antonio, accepted a three-year, fully probated suspension, effective June 1, 2019. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Martin neglected client's matters, failed to keep clients reasonably informed and failed to refund the unearned portion of a fee. Martin violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d), and agreed to pay \$3,000.00 in restitution and \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

#### San Antonio Attorney 05/09/2019-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 04/09/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.03(b)

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

# Rambhotla, Kaushik: #24079175 05/10/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension 05/15/2019-08/15/2019: SUSPENSION 08/15/2019-11/15/2020: PROBATED

On May 10, 2019, **Kaushik Rambhotla** [#24079175], 36, of San Antonio, agreed to an 18-month, partially probated suspension, effective May 15, 2019, with the first three months actively served and the remainder probated. The District 10-4 Grievance Committee Panel found that Rambhotla neglected a client's matter and failed to keep a client reasonably informed. Rambhotla violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and 1.03(a), was ordered to pay \$400.00 in in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Rambhotla, Kaushik: #24079175 05/10/2019-Agreed Partially Probated Suspension 05/15/2019-08/15/2019: SUSPENSION 08/15/2019-11/15/2020: PROBATED

On May 10, 2019, **Kaushik Rambhotla** [#24079175], 36, of San Antonio, agreed to an 18-month, partially probated suspension, effective May 15, 2019, with the first three months actively served and the remainder probated. The District 10-4 Grievance Committee Panel found that Rambhotla neglected a client's matter and failed to keep a client reasonably informed. Rambhotla violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and 1.03(a), was ordered to pay \$400.00 in in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Scrivner-Tibbs, Regina M.: #17931200 03/14/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 04/01/2019-03/31/2020: PROBATED

On March 14, 2019, **Regina M. Scrivner-Tibbs** [#17931200], 59, of San Antonio, agreed to a one-year, fully probated suspension, effective April 1, 2019. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Scrivner-Tibbs failed to hold funds in trust, failed to promptly notify and deliver funds to the client's health care provider. Scrivner-Tibbs violated Rules 1.14(a)&(b).

# DISTRICT 11:

# San Antonio Attorney 05/07/2019-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.

#### Rule 8.04(a)(8)

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

# Brown, Veryl E.: #03177050 05/03/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 05/01/2019-04/30/2021: PROBATED

On May 3, 2019, **Veryl E. Brown** [#03177050], 62, of Seguin, accepted a two-year, fully probated suspension, effective May 1, 2019. The District 11 Grievance Committee found that Brown neglected client's matters, failed to keep clients reasonably informed, failed to comply with a prior disciplinary judgment, failed to comply with cessation of practice rules and practiced law while his license was suspended and failed to respond to grievances timely. Brown violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a)&(b), and 8.04(a)(7),(8),(10) & (11) and agreed to pay \$150.00 in restitution, and \$300.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# De Pena, Hector Jr.: #05656500 03/06/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 03/01/2019-02/28/2020: PROBATED

On March 6, 2019, **Hector De Pena, Jr.** [#05656500], 75, of Corpus Christi, accepted one-year, fully probated suspension, effective March 1, 2019. The District 11 Grievance Committee found that De Pena failed to keep a client reasonably informed and failed to return the unearned portion of a fee timely. Pena violated Rules 1.03(a), and 1.15(d) and agreed to pay \$250.00 in restitution.

# San Antonio Attorney 04/09/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

Rule 1.15(a)(3)

lawyer shall decline to represent a client or, where representation has commenced, shall withdraw from the representation of a client, if the lawyer is discharged, with or without good cause.

# Inmon, Gary W.: #00789393 02/26/2019-Resignation in Lieu of Discipline

On February 26, 2019, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in lieu of discipline, of **Gary W. Inmon** [#00789393], 51, of Cibolo. At the time of his resignation, Inmon had one grievance pending alleging Inmon failed to safeguard client funds, failed to deliver client's funds they were entitled to receive, misrepresented facts to the court and failed to respond to a demand for information from a disciplinary authority. Inmon violated Rules 1.14(a)&(b), 8.01(b), & 8.04(a)(2)&(3).

# Perez, Refugio Rafael: #24051893 02/28/2019-Agreed Active Suspension 10/01/2018-06/30/2019: SUSPENSION

On February 28, 2019, **Refugio Rafael Perez** [#24051893], 41, of Corpus Christi, accepted a nine-month, active suspension, effective October 1, 2018. The District 11 Grievance Committee found that Perez failed to return an unearned fees, failed to respond to the grievance and engaged in the practice of law while his license was suspended. Perez violated Rules 1.15(d) and 8.04(a)(8)&(11), and was ordered to

pay \$2,000.00 in restitution, and \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Sanchez, Zenaida: #17573800 03/15/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 05/01/2019-10/31/2019: PROBATED

On March 15, 2019, **Zenaida Sanchez** [#17573800], 58, of Alice, accepted a six-month, fully probated suspension, effective May 1, 2019. The District 11 Grievance Committee found that Sanchez neglected a client's matter, failed to keep a client reasonably informed, failed to comply with a prior disciplinary judgment and failed to respond to the grievance timely. Sanchez violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and 1.03(a) and 8.04(a)(7)&(8), and agreed to pay \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# DISTRICT 12:

# Brandmiller, Linda Alice: #24043566 03/26/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 06/01/2019-05/31/2021: PROBATED

On March 26, 2019, **Linda Alice Brandmiller** [#24043566], 60, of San Antonio, accepted a two-year, fully probated suspension, effective June 1, 2019. The District 12 Grievance Committee found that Brandmiller failed to communicate with clients, failed to maintain client's funds in a trust account and practiced law under an improper trade name. Brandmiller violated Rules 1.03(a)&(b), 1.14(a), 7.01(a)&(f), and 7.02(a)(1), and agreed to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Hole, Cheryl Denise: #13857300 08/07/2015-Public Reprimand

On August 7, 2015, **Cheryl Denise Hole** [#13857300], 72, of McAllen, received a public reprimand. The 92nd District Court of Hidalgo County found that Hole violated Rule 7.01(a) [a lawyer in private practice shall not practice under a trade name, a name that is misleading as to the identity of the lawyer or lawyers practicing under such name, or a firm name containing names other than those of one or more of the lawyers in the firm]; and 7.01(c) [the name of a lawyer occupying a judicial, legislative, or public executive or administrative position shall not be used in the name of a firm, or in communications on its behalf, during any substantial period in which the lawyer is not actively and regularly practicing with the firm]. Hole violated Rules 7.01(a)&(c) and was ordered to pay \$1,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Hole, Ronald G.: #09834200 08/07/2015-Public Reprimand

On August 7, 2015, **Ronald G. Hole** [#09834200], 64, of McAllen, received a public reprimand. The 430th District Court of Hidalgo County found that Hole violated Rule 7.01(a) [a lawyer in private practice shall not practice under a trade name, a name that is misleading as to the identity of the lawyer or lawyers practicing under such name, or a firm name containing names other than those of one or more of the lawyers in the firm]; and 7.01(c) [the name of a lawyer occupying a judicial, legislative, or public

executive or administrative position shall not be used in the name of a firm, or in communications on its behalf, during any substantial period in which the lawyer is not actively and regularly practicing with the firm]. Hole violated Rules 7.01(a)&(c) and was ordered to pay \$1,500.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# Padilla, Selvino Jr.: #15406250 04/24/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 05/01/2019-10/31/2020: PROBATED

On April 24, 2019, **Selvino Padilla, Jr.** [#15406250], 64, of McAllen, accepted an 18-month, fully probated suspension, effective May 1, 2019. The 93rd District Court of Hidalgo County found that Padilla violated Rule 5.03(a) [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]. Padilla was ordered to pay \$10,000.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

# DISTRICT 13:

# McKibben, Dallas E.: #24028450 03/25/2019-Agreed Fully Probated Suspension 03/15/2019-12/14/2019: PROBATED

On March 25, 2019, **Dallas E. McKibben** [#24028450], 42, of Amarillo, received a nine-month, fully probated suspension, effective March 15, 2019. An Investigatory Panel of the District 13 Grievance Committee found that in September 2017, McKibben was appointed to represent Complainant in a criminal matter. During McKibben's representation of Complainant, McKibben failed to keep Complainant reasonably informed about the status of his criminal matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Complainant about his criminal matter. McKibben violated Rule 1.03(a). He was ordered to pay \$675.00 in attorneys' fees and costs.

# DISTRICT 15:

# McGinnis, Jack Lee II: #13630990 02/25/2019-Partially Probated Suspension 02/20/2019-02/20/2021: SUSPENSION 02/21/2021-02/19/2029: PROBATED

On February 25, 2019, **Jack Lee McGinnis** [#13630990], 53, of Helotes, received a ten-year, partially probated suspension, effective February 20, 2019, with the first two-years actively served and the remainder probated. The District 15 Grievance Committee Panel found that McGinnis engaged in the practice of law while his law license was suspended and failed to respond to the grievance. McGinnis violated Rules 8.04(a)(8), and 8.04(a)(11) and was ordered to pay \$705.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

#### San Antonio Attorney 05/01/2019-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 16:

#### San Antonio Attorney 05/14/2019-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 17:

#### San Antonio Attorney 03/27/2019-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.

#### Rule 8.04(a)(8)

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

### Groves, John Michael: #24092460 03/19/2019-Agreed Public Reprimand

On March 19, 2019, **John Michael Groves** [#24092460], 31, of El Paso, accepted a public reprimand. The District 17 Grievance Committee found that Groves neglected client's matters, failed to keep clients reasonably informed, failed to refund an unearned fee, failed to properly safeguard client funds and failed to respond to grievances timely. Groves violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a)&(b), 1.15(d) and 8.04(a)(8), and agreed to pay \$1,006.00 in restitution and \$800.00 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

#### BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS:

# Castillo, Julie: #24092232 04/16/2019-Active Suspension 04/16/2019-02/26/2023: SUSPENSION

On April 16, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a judgment of suspension against San Antonio attorney **Julie Ann Castillo**, 31, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24092232. On February 27, 2018, Castillo pled guilty to conspiracy to prepare false federal income tax returns in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371, an Intentional Crime as defined in the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, in the case styled, United States of America v. Julie Ann Lopez, Aliases: Lopez, Julie; Lopez Julie A.; Castillo, Julie A. Cause No. 5:16-CR-00239-FB(2), United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division. Ms. Castillo was placed on probation for five years and ordered to pay restitution on the amount of \$91,220.009. Ms. Castillo is suspended from the practice of law in the State of Texas for the term of her criminal probation.

# Cornejo, Derrick Duane: #24048049 04/16/2019-Active Suspension 04/16/2019-10/15/2020: SUSPENSION

On April 16, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a judgment of suspension against Parker, CO attorney **Derrick Duane Cornejo**, 48, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24048049. On June 26, 2015 the Supreme Court of Colorado entered an Amended Order and Notice of Suspension in a matter styled, Complainant: The People of the State of Colorado, respondent: Derrick Duane Cornejo, #29438, Case Number 13PDJ066 and suspended Cornejo from the practice of law for 18 months for his violation of Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct 3.4(c) (knowingly disobey an order of a tribunal); 5.5(a)(1) (practice law without a license); and 8.4(c) (dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. Mr. Cornejo is suspended from the practice of law in Texas for 18 months, beginning April 16, 2019.

# Grissom, James P.: #08511900 03/26/2019-Resignation in Lieu of Discipline

On March 26, 2019, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in Lieu of discipline, of **James P. Grissom** [#08511900], 71 of Pharr. It is alleged Grissom committed "serious" crimes as defined by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, Rule 1.06GG and in violation of Rules 8.04(a)(2)&(3) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional conduct.

### BODA Attorney 04/02/2019-Agreed Private Reprimand

On April 2, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an agreed judgment of private reprimand against a Texas attorney. On January 16, 2019, the Fifth District, Section III Subcommittee of the Virginia State Bar signed an Order of Private Reprimand of the attorney for his or her failure to maintain proper trust account records in accordance with Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15.

# Krummel, Kasey Cathryn: #24097957 04/29/2019-Indefinite Disability Suspension

On April 29, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a judgment of Indefinite Disability Suspension of Dallas attorney **Kasey Cathryn Krummel**, 31, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24097957.

# Lanier, Patrick: #11933500 03/26/2019-Resignation in Lieu of Discipline

On March 26, 2019, the Supreme Court of Texas accepted the resignation, in Lieu of discipline, of **Patrick Lanier** [#11933500], 70, of Austin. At the time of Lanier's resignation, a Judgment in a Criminal Case had been entered in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, wherein Lanier was found guilty of Count 1S - Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud; Counts 2S through 13S and Count 15S - Wire Fraud; Count 16S - Harboring and Concealing a Person from Arrest; and Count 17S - Assisting a Federal Offender. Lanier was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons for a total of 204 months, and also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$37,544,944.16. This conviction would subject Lanier to compulsory discipline.

# Rodriguez, Juan R.: #24055914 04/16/2019-Agreed Active Suspension 04/16/2019-11/27/2019: SUSPENSION

On April 16, 2019, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed a judgment of suspension against Pearland attorney **Juan R. Rodriguez**, 41, State Bar of Texas Card No. 24055914. On November 28, 2018 Rodriguez pled guilty to Theft of Property greater than \$100.00 and less than \$750.00 an Intentional Crime as defined in the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, in the case styled, The State of Texas v. Juan Rodriguez, Cause No. 234991 in the County Court at Law No. 1 in Brazoria County, Texas. By an order of deferred adjudication, the court placed him on community supervision for 12 months. He was ordered to pay restitution on the amount of \$682.23 and a fine of \$400.009. Mr. Rodriguez is suspended from the practice of law in the State of Texas for the term of his community supervision.