

BEFORE THE EVIDENTIARY PANEL OF THE
STATE BAR DISTRICT NO. 4-4 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, § 201701383 [AMY HOLSWORTH]
§ 201704620 [JUAN CASTILLO]
Petitioner, §
v. § HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
JARED RYKER WOODFILL, V, §
Respondent. §

AGREED JUDGMENT OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Parties and Appearance

On this day, came to be heard the above-styled and numbered cause. Petitioner, the COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, and Respondent, JARED RYKER WOODFILL, V (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent"), Texas Bar Number 00788715, announce that an agreement has been reached on all matters including the imposition of a Public Reprimand.

Jurisdiction and Venue

The Evidentiary Panel 4-4, having been duly appointed to hear this complaint by the chair of the Grievance Committee for STATE BAR OF TEXAS District 4, finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action, and that venue is proper.

Professional Misconduct

The Evidentiary Panel, having considered the pleadings, admissions, stipulations and agreements of the parties, finds Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct as defined by Rule 106(W) of the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE.

Findings of Fact

Petitioner and Respondent agree to the following findings of fact. Accordingly, the Evidentiary Panel finds:

1. Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the STATE BAR OF TEXAS.
2. Respondent resides in and maintains his principal place of practice in Harris County, Texas.
3. Respondent had direct supervisory authority over members of his firm who violated the TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT during the representation in a divorce. Respondent failed to take reasonable action.
4. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the STATE BAR OF TEXAS has incurred reasonable attorneys' fees and direct expenses associated with this Disciplinary Proceeding in the total amount of Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety and No/100 Dollars (\$3,490.00).

Conclusions of Law

Petitioner and Respondent agree that, based on the foregoing findings of fact, the following TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT have been violated. Accordingly, the Evidentiary Panel concludes that the following TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT have been violated: 5.01(b).

Sanction

It is AGREED and ORDERED that a Public Reprimand shall be imposed against Respondent in accordance with the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE.

It is AGREED and ORDERED that in addition to complying with the Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirements of the STATE BAR OF TEXAS, Respondent shall complete three (3) additional hours of continuing legal education and/or self-study in the areas of billing, trust accounts, and/or law practice management. These additional hours of CLE are to be completed by November 30, 2018. Within ten (10) days of the completion of these additional CLE hours.

Respondent shall verify completion of the course to the State Bar of Texas, via USPS: Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, STATE BAR OF TEXAS, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487; or via Delivery: Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, STATE BAR OF TEXAS, 1414 Colorado St., Suite 200, Austin, Texas 78701

Respondent shall make contact with the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office's Compliance Monitor at 877-953-5535, ext. 1334 and Special Programs Coordinator at 877-953-5535, ext. 1323, not later than seven (7) days after receipt of a copy of this *Agreed Judgment* to coordinate Respondent's compliance.

Attorneys' Fees and Expenses

It is further **AGREED** and **ORDERED** Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees and direct expenses to the STATE BAR OF TEXAS in the amount of Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety and No 100 Dollars (\$3,490.00). The payment of attorneys' fees and direct expenses shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order and made payable to the STATE BAR OF TEXAS. The payment shall be submitted to the STATE BAR OF TEXAS, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office on or before the date this *Judgment* is presented to the Evidentiary Panel for execution.

It is further **AGREED** and **ORDERED** that all amounts ordered herein are due to the misconduct of Respondent, and are assessed as a part of the sanction in accordance with Rule 106(Z) of the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE. Any amount not paid shall accrue interest at the maximum legal rate per annum until paid and the STATE BAR OF TEXAS shall have all writs and other post-judgment remedies against Respondent in order to collect all unpaid amounts.

Publication

This reprimand shall be made a matter of record and appropriately published in accordance with the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE.

Other Relief

All requested relief not expressly granted herein is expressly DENIED.

SIGNED this 20th day of September, 2018.

EVIDENTIARY PANEL
DISTRICT NO. 4-4
STATE BAR OF TEXAS



ROGER G. JAIN
District 4-4 Presiding Member

AGREED AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

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