

CAUSE NO. 2020-18021

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, [SBOT #201902444]	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
Petitioner,	§	
vs.	§	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
JERRY L. SCHUTZA,	§	
Respondent.	§	129 th JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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, by and through its attorney of record, Melisa H. Jordan and Respondent, JERRY L. SCHUTZA ("Respondent"), Texas Bar Number 17853800, by and through his attorney of record, Wayne H. Paris, announce that an agreement has been reached in the above-styled matter.

Jurisdiction and Venue

On the 16th day of March, 2020, pursuant to Rule 3.02 of the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE, the SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS appointed the Honorable Jefferson Moore to preside over this disciplinary action. The Court finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action, and that venue is proper. Both Parties waived their rights to trial by jury.

Professional Misconduct

The Court, having considered the pleadings and the agreement of the parties, finds that Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06CC of the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE. Respondent has committed professional misconduct as defined by

Rule 1.06CC of the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE and in violation of Rule 1.14(a) [failure to keep and preserve complete records of account funds and other property kept by the lawyer for five years after termination of representation] of the TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT; Article X, Section 9, of the State Bar Rules.

Sanction

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

Attorneys' Fees and Expenses

It is further **AGREED** and **ORDERED** Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees and expenses, on or before December 15, 2021, to the STATE BAR OF TEXAS in the amount of One Thousand Five Hundred and No/100 Dollars (\$1,500.00). The payment of attorneys' fees and expenses shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order, made payable to the STATE BAR OF TEXAS and delivered to the STATE BAR OF TEXAS, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, Texas 78701).

It is further **AGREED** and **ORDERED** that all amounts ordered herein are due to the misconduct of Respondent, are assessed as a part of the sanction in accordance with Rule 1.06FF 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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of this Court shall forward a certified copy of the current *Disciplinary Petition* on file in this case, along with a copy of this *Agreed Judgment* to the following: (1) CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS, Supreme Court Building, Austin, Texas 78711; (2) The STATE BAR OF TEXAS, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P. O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711; and (3) Respondent, by and through his attorney of record Wayne H. Paris, Two Riverway, Suite 1080, Houston, Texas 77056.

IT IS ORDERED that all costs of court incurred in the prosecution of this lawsuit shall be taxed against Respondent, for which the Clerk may have execution if they are not timely paid.

All requested relief not expressly granted herein is expressly DENIED.

SIGNED this 24th day of NOVEMBER, 2021.



HON. JEFFERSON MOORE,
JUDGE PRESIDING

AGREED AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

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