

FILE NO. 202000382

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	INVESTIGATORY PANEL 1-4
C. BRUCE ABRAHAM,	§	DISTRICT 1
BAR NO. 00819800	§	GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

AGREED JUDGMENT OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Agreement of Parties

Chief Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent, **C. BRUCE ABRAHAM**, Texas Bar Number **00819800** (Respondent), announce that an agreement has been reached on all matters including the imposition of a Public Reprimand.

Jurisdiction and Venue

The Investigatory Panel 1-4, having conducted an Investigatory Hearing on September 23, 2020, on the Complaint filed by Amos Odum, finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action, and that venue is proper.

Professional Misconduct

The Investigatory Panel, having considered the admissions, stipulations and agreements of the parties, finds Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06(CC) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Findings of Fact

Chief Disciplinary Counsel and Respondent agree to the following findings of fact.

Accordingly, the Investigatory 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's Professional Misconduct occurred, in whole or in part, in Harrison County, Texas.

3. On or about March 8, 2019, Complainant Amos Odum (Odum) hired Respondent to represent him in a divorce case.
4. In representing Odum, Respondent neglected the legal matter entrusted to him.
5. Respondent failed to keep Odum reasonably informed about the status of his divorce case and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from Odum.
6. Respondent 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. Respondent did not in good faith timely assert a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so.
7. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas has incurred reasonable attorney's fees and direct expenses associated with this Disciplinary Proceeding in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

Conclusions of Law

Based on the agreed foregoing findings of fact, the Investigatory Panel finds that the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct have been violated: Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8).

Sanction

It is **AGREED** and **ORDERED** that the sanction of a Public Reprimand shall be imposed against Respondent and is in accordance with Part XV of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Attorney's Fees and Expenses

It is further **AGREED** and **ORDERED** Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and direct expenses to the State Bar of Texas in the amount of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). The payment of attorney's fees and direct expenses shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order, made payable to the State

Bar of Texas and delivered contemporaneously with the signing of this judgment, to the State Bar of Texas, 14651 Dallas Parkway, Suite 925, Dallas, Texas 75254.

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 1.06(FF) 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 public 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 9 day of November, 2020.

**INVESTIGATORY PANEL 1-4
DISTRICT 1**



**ROBERT COLLIN UNDERWOOD
PRESIDING MEMBER**

AGREED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:



C. Bruce Abraham
State Bar No. 00819800
RESPONDENT

/s/ Rachel Craig

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State Bar No. 24090049
ASSISTANT DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL