

REINSTATEMENTS

LEIROI M. DANIELS [#05374900], of Sugar Land, has filed a petition in the 458th District Court in Fort Bend County for reinstatement as a member of the State Bar of Texas.

BENJAMIN J. DURANT [#06273900], of Houston, has filed a petition in the 281st District Court in Harris County for reinstatement as a member of the State Bar of Texas.

DISBARMENTS

On June 14, 2022, **BLAKE DANIEL ALLRED** [#24069292], of Bayou Vista, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Allred neglected a legal matter, frequently failed to carry out completely his obligations, and failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of the case. Allred further failed to promptly render a full accounting of paid fees and failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Additionally, Allred engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or

misrepresentation and further failed to timely respond to the grievance.

Allred violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), 1.14(b), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,500 in restitution and \$2,159 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

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Allred violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), 1.14(b), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution and \$1,806 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

SUSPENSIONS

On July 8, 2022, **WILLIAM O. GRIMSINGER JR.** [#00792151], of Houston, accepted a three-year probated suspension effective August 1, 2022. An investigatory panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that, in representing two clients, Grimsinger neglected the legal matters entrusted to him, failed to keep his clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, failed to hold funds belonging to his clients that were in Grimsinger's possession in connection with the representation separate from his own property, and failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Grimsinger also failed to timely furnish to the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and did not in good faith assert a privilege or other legal ground for failure to so do and engaged in the practice of law when his right to practice had been administratively suspended for failure to timely pay required dues. In one of those matters, while representing his client, Grimsinger frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations he owed to his client and failed to explain a legal matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his client to make informed decisions regarding the representation.

Grimsinger violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), 1.14(a), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(8), and 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$22,500 in restitution.

On July 22, 2022, **WILLIAM EARL PRICE** [#24003330], of Dallas, received a 12-month fully probated suspension, beginning August 1, 2022, and ending on July 31, 2023. An investigatory panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that on or about October 10, 2021, the complainant hired Price for representation in multiple criminal matters. Price failed to hold funds belonging to the complainant that were in Price's possession in connection with the representation separate from Price's own property. Price failed to keep the disputed portion of the retainer fee in his IOLTA account until the dispute was resolved.

Price violated Rules 1.14(a) and 1.14(c). He was ordered to pay \$250 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On August 16, 2022, **SUMMER AJA MCELROY** [#24042610], of Houston, accepted

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a two-year probated suspension effective August 1, 2022, and ending on July 31, 2024. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that, in representing her clients, McElroy neglected the legal matters entrusted to her, failed to keep her clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matters and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, and failed to timely furnish to the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and did not in good faith assert a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so.

McElroy violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$500 in attorneys' fees.

On August 8, 2022, **JERVAN STEVEN WILTZ** [#24084110], of Frisco, received an 18-month active suspension effective September 1, 2022, and ending February 29, 2024. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that in or around September 2019, the complainant hired Wiltz to represent him in a personal injury matter. In representing the complainant, Wiltz neglected the legal

matter entrusted to him by failing to file suit prior to the statute of limitations deadline. Wiltz frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations Wiltz owed to the complainant. Wiltz failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed about the status of his personal injury matter and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from the complainant about his personal injury matter. Upon termination of representation, Wiltz failed to take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect the complainant's interests.

Wiltz violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), and 1.15 (d). He was ordered to pay \$250 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

PUBLIC REPRIMANDS

On August 19, 2022, **CARL DAVID ADAMS** [#00850600], of Dallas, agreed to a public reprimand. An investigatory panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that the complainant hired and paid Adams \$15,000 for representation. Adams failed to hold funds belonging to the complainant that were in Adams' possession in connection with the representation separate from Adams' own property.

Adams violated Rule 1.14(a). He was ordered to pay \$500 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On July 29, 2022, **JUDY LOU BROWN** [#03149480], of Bellaire, received a public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Brown neglected a legal matter entrusted to her and failed to keep her clients reasonably informed about the status of their legal matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information about the case. Additionally, Brown failed upon request by her clients to render a full accounting. Lastly, upon termination of representation, Brown failed to surrender papers and property to which her clients were justly entitled and failed to refund any advance payments of fees that had not been earned.

Brown violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(b), and 1.15(d). She was ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution and \$1,200 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

PRIVATE REPRIMANDS

Listed here is a breakdown of Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct

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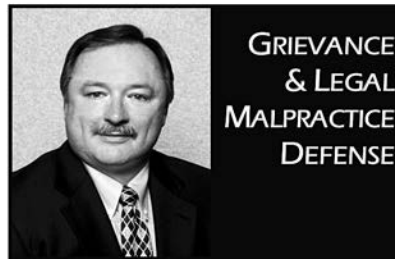
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violations for eight attorneys, with the number in parentheses indicating the frequency of the violation. Please note that an attorney may be reprimanded for more than one rule violation.

1.01(b)(1)—for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer (4).

1.01(b)(2)—In representing a client, a lawyer shall not frequently fail to carry out completely the obligations that the lawyer owes to a client or clients (1).

1.03(a)—for failing to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information (1).

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 (3).

1.04(f)—A division or agreement for division of a fee between lawyers who are not in the same firm shall not be made unless: (1) the division is: (iii) made, by written agreement with the client, with a lawyer who assumes joint responsibility for the representation (1).

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 (1).

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 fees that have 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 (3).

3.02—In the course of litigation, a lawyer shall not take a position that unreasonably increases the costs or other burdens of the case or that unreasonably delays resolution of the matter (1).

5.01(a)—For failing to supervise a partner lawyer, and orders, encourages, or knowingly permits the conduct involved (1).

8.04(a)(8)—A lawyer shall not fail to timely furnish to the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel or a district grievance committee a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, unless he or she in good faith timely asserts a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so (2). **TBJ**

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