

## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

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### BODA

On March 21, 2025, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered an agreed judgment of public reprimand in the reciprocal discipline case against Phoenix, Arizona, attorney **MARK DOSS WESBROOKS** [#21191850]. On January 5, 2024, a decision and order imposing sanctions was filed by the presiding disciplinary judge in a matter styled *In the Matter of a Member of the State Bar of Arizona, Mark Doss Wesbrooks, Bar No. 018690*, Case No. PDJ 2023-9040. Wesbrooks was reprimanded for violations of Arizona Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (communication), 3.2 (failure to expedite litigation), and 3.4(c) (failure to comply with court order). BODA Case No. 69414.

On February 5, 2025, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered a judgment of disbarment in the reciprocal discipline case against Reserve, Louisiana, attorney **AARON PAUL MOLLERE** [#24098122]. On April 9, 2024, the Supreme Court of Louisiana entered an order per curiam in the matter styled *In Re: Aaron P. Mollere*, No. 2024-B-00160, in which Mollere was disbarred in Louisiana. Mollere was found in violation of Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct 1.1(a) (competence), 1.3 (diligence), 1.4 (communication), 1.5(f)(5) (unearned or disputed fees), 1.15(a) (segregating property), 1.15(d) (property in which others have an interest), 1.16(d) (protecting client's interests upon termination), 3.2 (expediting litigation), 8.1(b) (failure to respond in disciplinary matter), 8.1(c) (failure to cooperate in disciplinary investigation), 8.4(a) (violation of Rules of Professional Conduct), 8.4(b) (criminal act), 8.4(c) (dishonest, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to administration of justice). BODA Case No. 70216.

On February 5, 2025, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered a judgment of disbarment in the reciprocal discipline case against Highlands Ranch, Colorado,

attorney **DERRICK DUANE CORNEJO** [#24048049]. On August 2, 2023, the Supreme Court, state of Colorado, through the office of the presiding disciplinary judge, entered an order and notice of disbarment in the matter styled *The People of the State of Colorado v. Derrick Duane Cornejo, #29438*, Case No. 21PDJ085 (consolidated with 22PDJ026 and 22PDJ057), in which Cornejo was disbarred in Colorado. Cornejo was found in violation of Colorado Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence and promptness), 1.4(a) (3) (communication), 8.4(b) (criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer), 1.15A(a) (failure to maintain client funds separate from lawyer's funds), 3.4(c) (violating court order or rule), 8.4(c) (dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and 8.4(d) (conduct that is prejudicial to the administration of justice). BODA Case No. 69445.

On February 5, 2025, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals issued a judgment revoking probation and actively suspending respondent from the practice of law against Austin attorney **CARL CAMP GOSSETT** [#24077759]. The revocation of probation followed an agreed judgment of probated suspension entered by an evidentiary panel of the District 9 Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Texas. Gossett agreed he violated Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct 1.03(a) (communication), 8.04(a)(8) (failure to respond to grievance), and 8.04(a)(11) (practice of law while on inactive status). Gossett is suspended from the practice of law for two years, beginning February 5, 2025, and extending through February 4, 2027. BODA Case No. 70467.

### DISBARMENTS

On February 6, 2025, **ARTHUR SCOT CHASE** [#04148550], of Houston, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Chase neglected his client's legal matter, 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. Chase also failed to promptly deliver settlement funds that the client was entitled to receive. Furthermore, Chase failed to notify his client about his active suspension and thereafter, continued the representation while on that active suspension. Additionally, Chase failed to respond to the grievance.

Chase violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(b), 8.04(a)(7), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$50,007 in restitution and \$3,250 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

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legal matter, 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. Additionally, Chase failed to respond to the grievance.

Chase violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$5,000 in restitution and \$3,330 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On March 5, 2025, **JILLIAN NICOLE KELLER** [#24107828], of San Antonio, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 10 Grievance Committee found that Keller neglected client matters entrusted to her, failed to keep clients reasonably informed and failed to promptly respond to reasonable requests for information, failed to withdraw from representation when discharged, failed to refund advance payments of fees, and failed to respond to grievances in a timely manner.

Keller violated Rules 1.01(b)(1),

1.03(a), 1.15(a)(3), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). She was ordered to pay \$21,500 in restitution and \$2,886 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**SUSPENSIONS**

On March 12, 2025, **JOHN WILLIAM TINDER II** [#24003060], of Corpus Christi, accepted a three-month fully probated suspension effective April 1, 2025. An investigatory panel of the District 11 Grievance Committee found that Tinder failed to carry out completely the obligations that he owed to a client, failed to explain the matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation, made a false statement of material fact or law to a tribunal, and engaged in conduct involving misrepresentation.

Tinder violated Rules 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(b), 3.03(a)(1), and 8.04(a)(3). He agreed to pay \$700 in attorneys' fees

and direct expenses.

On February 26, 2025, **CHRISTOPHER N. HOOVER** [#09965850], of Carrollton, received a six-month fully probated suspension beginning March 1, 2025, and ending on August 31, 2025. An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that the complainant hired Hoover in or about April 2023. In representing the complainant, Hoover neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to perform any work on behalf of the complainant after the initial consultation. Hoover failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed about the status of her criminal matter. Hoover failed to keep the complainant's funds in a separate trust account. Upon termination of representation, Hoover failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Hoover 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. Hoover did not in good faith timely assert a privilege or other legal ground for failure to do so.

Hoover violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$6,000 in restitution and \$4,485 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On March 6, 2025, **JOSE SALVADOR TELLEZ** [#19764760], of Laredo, accepted a six-month fully probated suspension effective April 1, 2025. An investigatory panel of the District 10 Grievance Committee found that Tellez failed to timely respond to the grievance.

Tellez violated Rule 8.04(a)(8). He agreed to pay \$800 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

**PUBLIC REPRIMANDS**

On February 18, 2025, **FERNANDO DUBOVE** [#06145150], of Dallas, received an agreed judgment of public reprimand. An investigatory panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Dubove was previously

retained by the complainant’s current client in an immigration matter. In representing the former client, Dubove neglected the legal matter entrusted to him. Dubove failed to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of his immigration matter. Dubove failed to explain the immigration matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation. In connection with the immigration matter, Dubove knowingly disobeyed an obligation under the standing rules of or a ruling by a tribunal.

Dubove violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), and 3.04(d). He was ordered to pay \$750 in attorneys’ fees and direct expenses.

On February 19, 2025, **L. VAN WILLIAMSON** [#21624550], of Amarillo, agreed to a public reprimand. Williamson was appointed to represent the complainant in multiple criminal matters. Williamson failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed about the status of his criminal matters and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from the complainant. Williamson failed to explain the criminal matters to the extent reasonably necessary for the complainant to make informed decisions regarding the representation.

Williamson violated Rules 1.03(a) and 1.03(b). He was ordered to pay \$750 in attorneys’ fees and direct expenses.

On March 13, 2025, **RICHARD JORDAN RILEY** [#24064424], of Houston, received an agreed judgment of public reprimand. An investigatory panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that Riley neglected the legal matter entrusted to him and failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of their legal matter and failed to comply with reasonable requests for information.

Riley violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and 1.03(a).

**PRIVATE REPRIMANDS**

Listed here is a breakdown of Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct violations for two 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.

1.14(a)—A lawyer shall hold funds and other property belonging in whole or in part to clients or third persons that are in a lawyer’s possession in connection with a representation separate from the lawyer’s own property. Such funds shall be kept in a separate account, designated as a “trust” or “escrow” account, maintained in the state where the lawyer’s office is situated, or elsewhere with the consent of the client or third person. Other client property shall be identified as such and appropriately safeguarded. Complete records of such account funds and other property shall be kept by the lawyer and shall be preserved for a period of five years after termination of the representation (1).

3.03(a)(1)—A lawyer shall not

knowingly make a false statement of material fact or law to a tribunal (1).

5.03(a)—A lawyer having direct supervisory authority over the non-lawyer shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that the person’s conduct is compatible with the professional obligations of the lawyer (1).

5.03(b)(1)—A lawyer shall be subject to discipline for the conduct of such a person that would be a violation of these rules if engaged in by a lawyer if the lawyer orders, encourages, or permits the conduct involved (1).

8.04(a)(3)—A lawyer shall not engage in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation (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 (1). **TBJ**

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