

REINSTATEMENT

CYRIL OKEY CHUKWURAH

[#24048394], of Houston, filed a petition in the 295th District Court of Harris County for reinstatement as a member of the State Bar of Texas.

SUSPENSIONS

On August 14, 2023, **PEJMAN MAADANI** [#24052152], of Bellaire, received a four-year judgment of active suspension effective September 1, 2023. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that, in representing a client, Maadani used means that have no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay, or burden a third person, or used methods of obtaining evidence that violated the legal rights of such a person, and Maadani threatened to present disciplinary charges solely to gain an advantage in connection with a civil matter.

Maadani violated Rules 4.04(a) and 4.04(b)(1). He was ordered to pay \$3,897.50 in attorneys' fees.

Maadani has filed an appeal.

On October 2, 2023, **JUAN R. MOLINA** [#14256550], of Weslaco, agreed to an interim suspension of his law license effective October 2, 2023. The 332nd District Court of Hidalgo County ordered Molina suspended from the practice of law pending the final disposition of a disciplinary action or disciplinary proceeding.

PUBLIC REPRIMANDS

On October 6, 2023, **JOHN LEE MOTLEY** [#14595950], of Richardson, received an agreed judgment of public reprimand. An investigatory panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that Motley was hired to represent the complainant in a custody matter. In representing the complainant, Motley frequently failed to carry out completely the obligations he owed to the complainant. Motley failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from the complainant. Motley failed to

explain the custody matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the complainant to make informed decisions regarding the representation. Upon request by the complainant, Motley failed to promptly render a full accounting. Upon termination of representation, Motley failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Motley engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. Motley also failed to timely furnish a response to the grievance.

Motley violated Rules 1.01(b)(2), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), 1.14(b), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$740 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On October 20, 2023, **DAVID S. SPRECHER** [#18965300], of Waller, accepted a judgment of public reprimand. An investigatory panel of

the District 5 Grievance Committee found that while representing his client, Sprecher neglected a legal matter entrusted to him and failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of their legal matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Sprecher violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and 1.03(a). He was ordered to pay \$1,000 in attorneys' fees and expenses.

On October 13, 2023, **CLARENCE EDMUND WALKER JR.** [#00793158], of Lubbock, accepted a public reprimand. An investigatory panel of the District 16 Grievance Committee found that Walker neglected client matters, failed to respond to his client's request for information, and upon termination, failed to return the file and the unearned fees.

Walker violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d). He agreed to pay

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PRIVATE REPRIMANDS

Listed here is a breakdown of Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct violations for three 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)—In representing a client, a lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer (2).

1.01(b)(2)—Frequently fail to carry out completely the obligations that the lawyer owes to a client or clients (1).

1.03(a)—A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information (2).

1.14(a)—Failing to hold funds and other property belonging in whole or

part to clients or third persons in a lawyer's possession separate from the lawyer's own property (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 (1).

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

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