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**DISBARMENTS**

On Sept. 27, 2010, **David Lashford** [#11966850], 59, of Texarkana, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that in representing the complainant, Lashford neglected the complainant's matter and failed to adequately communicate with the complainant and to respond to the complainant's grievance.

Lashford violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,955.39 in attorney's fees and costs.

Lashford did not file an appeal.

On Oct. 9, 2010, **John L. Fritz** [#00796584], 44, of Dallas, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in a criminal case, Fritz failed to abide by his client's decision regarding a plea to be entered, to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of his criminal matter, and to explain various aspects of the criminal matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his client to make informed decisions regarding the representation. Fritz engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

Fritz violated Rules 1.02(a)(3), 1.03(a) and (b), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$5,465.53 in attorney's fees and costs.

On Oct. 21, 2010, **Donald L. Harvey** [#00787658], 44, of Houston, was disbarred. An evidentiary panel of the District 4-A Grievance Committee found that Harvey received a two-year suspension effective April 1, 2009. The

judgment required that Harvey notify all clients of his suspension and return all client files by April 1, 2009. However, Harvey failed to inform one of his clients of his suspension and further failed to return her client file. Additionally, Harvey failed to file a response to the grievance.

Harvey violated Rules 1.15(d) and 8.04(a)(7) and (a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$600 in attorney's fees and costs.

**SUSPENSIONS**

On Nov. 2, 2010, **Charles P. Jones** [#10866900], 63, of San Antonio, accepted a five-year, partially probated suspension effective July 28, 2010, with the first two years actively served and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 10-1 Grievance Committee found that Jones, in connection with seven complaints, neglected his clients' cases and failed to keep his clients reasonably informed, to respond to reasonable requests for information, and to return unearned fees. In one of these matters, Jones also failed to notify the client and withdraw from representation when Jones was placed under administrative suspension. Jones also failed to respond in writing to one grievance.

Jones violated Rules 1.01(b)(1); 1.03(a) and (b); 1.15(a)(1) and (d); and 8.04(a)(3), (a)(8), and (a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$3,665 in attorney's fees and costs and \$2,992 in restitution.

On Oct. 21, 2010, **James O. Okorafor** [#15241710], 52, of Houston, received a two-year, active suspension effective Dec. 1, 2010. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee



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found that while representing himself and purporting to represent clients that he did not in fact represent, Okorafor knowingly made a false statement of material fact to a third person and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

Okorafor violated Rules 4.01(a) and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$2,473 in attorney's fees and costs.

Okorafor filed an appeal on Nov. 18, 2010.

On Oct. 15, 2010, **Robert M. Jones** [#10951000], 66, of Dallas, received a one-year, fully probated suspension effective Oct. 1, 2010. The 44th Judicial District Court found that Jones was administratively suspended from the practice of law for nonpayment of State Bar dues and the Texas Attorney Occupation Tax. After being suspended, Jones appeared in court on behalf of his client, represented his client at a deposition, and signed pleadings.

Jones violated Rule 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$2,235.39 in attorney's fees.

On Nov. 15, 2010, **Kathleen Collins** [#04613232], 47, of Galveston, received a three-year, fully probated suspension effective Nov. 15, 2010. An evidentiary panel of the District 5 Grievance Committee found that Collins failed to hold funds belonging to the complainant that were in her possession in connection with the representation separate from Collins' own property. Collins failed to keep the complainant's funds in a separate account designated as a trust or escrow account for the benefit of the complainant.

Collins violated Rules 1.14(a) and (c). She was ordered to pay \$1,200 in attorney's fees.

On Nov. 8, 2010, **Karen Fryer** [#00787501], 49, of Plano, received a one-year, fully probated suspension

effective Oct. 1, 2010. An evidentiary panel of the District 1 Grievance Committee found that in representing the complainant, Fryer neglected the legal matter entrusted to her. Fryer failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed about the status of his child custody and visitation modification matter. Upon termination of representation, Fryer failed to surrender papers and property to which the complainant was entitled.

Fryer violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d). She was ordered to pay \$1,293.95 in attorney's fees and \$600 in restitution.

On Nov. 10, 2010, **Kevin C. Loudon** [#24049812], 53, of Victoria, agreed to a three-year, partially probated suspension effective Nov. 20, 2010, with the first two months actively served and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 11-2 Grievance Committee found that Loudon neglected his client's case and failed to properly communicate with his client, to abide by his client's decisions regarding the acceptance of a settlement, to keep settlement money separate from his own property, and to promptly deliver funds that his client was entitled to receive.

Loudon violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.02(a)(2), 1.03(a), and 1.14(a) and (b). He was ordered to pay \$800 in attorney's fees and direct expenses.

On Nov. 22, 2010, **V. Antonio Aninao** [#01264500], 57, of Houston, accepted a three-year, four-month, fully probated suspension effective Dec. 1, 2010. An evidentiary panel of the District 4-C Grievance Committee found that Aninao neglected a legal matter entrusted to him and failed to keep his client reasonably informed about the status of his legal matter and to explain the status of his client's case to the extent reasonably necessary to permit his client to make informed decisions regarding the representation.

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Aninao violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and 1.03(a) and (b). He was ordered to pay \$1,400 in attorney's fees and \$70 in costs.

On Oct. 19, 2010, **Keith Alan Ward** [#00797625], 39, of Austin, received a two-year, fully probated suspension effective July 9, 2010, with the first year actively served and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 9 Grievance Committee found that Ward received notice of a complaint from the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel with direction to furnish a written response to the complaint within 30 days. Ward failed to furnish a written response to the complaint as directed.

Ward violated Rules 8.04(a)(1) and (a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,106.79 in attorney's fees.

On Oct. 21, 2010, **Edward Wade Garrison** [#24010559], 46, of San Antonio, received a four-year, partially probated suspension effective July 9, 2010, with the first year actively served and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 10-1 Grievance Committee found that in connection with three traffic ticket clients and two clients with criminal matters, Garrison neglected the cases, failed to keep his clients reasonably informed, failed to respond to reasonable requests for information and failed to return unearned fees. In one criminal law matter, Garrison misrepresented to the client that he resolved the case when no resolution had been reached. During trial in another criminal matter, Garrison made sexually harassing and inappropriate comments to opposing counsel. Garrison failed to timely provide a written response to six grievances.

Garrison violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), 4.04(a), 5.08(a), and 8.04(a)(3) and (a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$3,205 in attorney's fees and costs and \$2,100 in restitution.

On Nov. 23, 2010, **Laura Gayle Nelson** [#14903550], 51, of Corpus Christi, accepted a three-year, fully probated suspension effective Dec. 1, 2010. An evidentiary panel of the District 11-1 Grievance Committee found that Nelson failed to keep her client reasonably informed, to comply with her client's reasonable request for information, to provide an accounting, and to timely file a written response to the grievance.

Nelson violated Rules 1.03(a), 1.14(b), and 8.04(a)(8) and she was ordered to pay \$5,272.95 in restitution.

On Dec. 2, 2010, **M. Kip Morgan** [#14449200], 52, of Dallas, received a two-year, full probated suspension effective

Dec. 1, 2010. An evidentiary panel of the District 6-A1 Grievance Committee found that Morgan failed to hold funds belonging to the complainant that were in Morgan's possession in connection with the representation separate from Morgan's own property, to keep funds belonging to the complainant in a separate trust account, to promptly deliver to the complainant funds that the complainant was entitled to receive, and to disburse funds only to those entitled to receive them.

Morgan violated Rules 1.14(a), (b), and (c). He was ordered to pay \$2,000 in attorney's fees and costs.

## REPRIMAND

On Oct. 12, 2010, **Caron D. Avery** [#00789135], 49, of Corsicana, received a public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 2-1 Grievance Committee found that between Oct. 30, 2008, and Nov. 5, 2008, Avery practiced law while she was administratively suspended from the practice of law.

Avery violated Rule 8.04(a)(11)

Avery did not file an appeal.

On Nov. 6, 2010, **Michael K. Slider** [#24010404], 42, of Houston, accepted a public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 4-B Grievance Committee found that Slider was hired to represent his client regarding a criminal matter. During the representation, Slider was administratively suspended from the practice of law.

Slider violated Rule 8.04(a)(11). He agreed to pay \$400 in attorney's fees and costs.

On Nov. 24, 2010, **Kenton P. Campbell** [#00783782], 48, of Austin, accepted a public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 9 Grievance Committee found that in a civil matter, Campbell, acting under the mistaken belief that he had consent, communicated with a per-

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son he knew was represented by another lawyer. In addition, Campbell acted as an intermediary when he assisted two parties in closing an agreed transaction but failed to consult with each party concerning the implications of the common representation and obtain each party's written consent to his role.

Campbell violated Rules 1.07(a)(1) and 4.02(a). He agreed to pay \$6,673.82 in attorney's fees and expenses.

On Oct. 19, 2010, **Kenneth Chuks Onyenah** [#24007779], 51, of Dallas, received a public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 6-A1 Grievance Committee found that Onyenah engaged in the practice of law when his right to practice had been administra-

tively suspended for failure to timely pay required fees.

Onyenah violated Rule 8.04(a)(11). He was ordered to pay \$975 in attorney's fees and costs.

On Nov. 19, 2010, **William M. Gatewood, Jr.** [#07755000], 76, of Floresville, accepted a public reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 10-1 Grievance Committee found that Gatewood failed to promptly deliver settlement funds to third parties entitled to receive funds and to hold client funds in a trust account separate from his own funds.

Gatewood violated Rules 1.14(a) and (b). He agreed to pay \$1,000 in attorney's fees and expenses and \$8,335.07 in restitution. ✘



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