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BODA

On January 7, 2016, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered an agreed order of indefinite disability suspension against **Rique Don Bobbitt** [#02534000], 69, of Cameron, in accordance with Part XII of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and section 8 of the Internal Procedural Rules of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. BODA Cause No. 57117.

DISBARMENTS

On January 14, 2016, **Raul H. Loya** [#00791142], 51, of Dallas, was disbarred. In a trial before a jury of 12 duly qualified and selected jurors in the 134th Judicial District Court of Dallas County, the jury found that Loya committed professional misconduct in violation of Rules 1.15(a)(3) and 3.03(a)(1) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Pro-

fessional Conduct.

Loya was ordered to pay \$10,525.12 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

Loya had until February 13, 2016, to file an appeal.

SUSPENSIONS

On January 11, 2016, **Johnnie Lee Almon Jr.** [#24043533], 48, of Fort Worth, received a two-year fully probated suspension effective February 1, 2016. In November 2009, complainants hired Almon in a personal injury matter. Almon neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep the complainants informed of the status of their case, and engaged in conduct involving misrepresentation.

Almon violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(b), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$950 in restitution and \$1,232 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On November 13, 2015, **Jose Angel Becerra** [#24026790], 41, of Laredo, received a one-year and 15-day partially probated suspension effective November 18, 2015, with the first 15 days actively served and the remainder probated (August 23, 2017, to August 22, 2018). The District 12 Grievance Committee found that Becerra failed to hold client funds separate from his own property, failed to promptly deliver an accounting to his client, failed to return an unearned fee, and failed to respond to the grievance.

Becerra violated Rules 1.14(a), 1.14(b), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$39,922.50 in restitution and \$12,412 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On January 26, 2016, **Cynthia Rachelle Wil Cole** [#24035579], 42, of Rockwall, agreed to a one-year probated suspension effective February 1, 2016. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that on or about June 1, 2012, Cole filed a civil lawsuit that was barred by the doctrine of res judicata. By filing such suit, Cole brought a proceeding, or asserted an issue therein, that Cole did not reasonably believe had a basis for doing so that was not frivolous. Furthermore, Cole, in the same civil action, failed to comply with orders of the court. Cole's non-compliance unreasonably increased the costs and burdens of the action and unreasonably delayed resolution of the matter.

Cole violated Rules 3.01 and 3.02. She was ordered to pay \$1,750 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On December 21, 2015, **Angel Ottoniel Cruz** [#24048412], 40, of Irving, received a 12-month partially probated suspension effective January 1, 2016, with the first three months actively served and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in representing the complainant in an immigration matter, Cruz neglected the legal matter entrusted to him by failing to comply with requests for more information for U.S. Citizenship and

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Immigration Services. Cruz failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from the complainant about the status of his immigration matter. Upon termination of representation, Cruz failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned. Cruz failed to timely furnish to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and did not in good faith timely assert a privilege or other legal ground for his failure to do so.

Cruz violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$600 in restitution and \$1,151.50 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On January 6, 2016, **Robert James Hayes** [#24057610], 43, of San Antonio, accepted a three-month fully probated suspension effective March 1, 2016. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Hayes neglected a client matter, failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information, and failed to refund unearned fees.

Hayes violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$1,500 in restitution and \$800 in attorneys' fees.

On January 14, 2016, **Alfred L. Isassi** [#24010124], 43, of Kingsville, accepted a four-month fully probated suspension effective February 1, 2016. The District 11 Grievance Committee found that Isassi communicated about the subject matter of the representation with someone represented by counsel.

Isassi violated Rule 4.02(a) and was ordered to pay \$800 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On January 21, 2016, **Matthew Scott Jones** [#24002374], 43, of Austin, accepted a one-year probated suspension effective January 1, 2016. An evidentiary panel of the District 9 Grievance Committee found that the complainant hired Jones in April of 2014 to convert a California corporation into a Texas corporation. The complainant paid Jones \$4,600, which included the necessary filing fees. Jones completed the required documents but

failed to file them with the Texas secretary of state or with the appropriate California entity. After July of 2014, the complainant was unable to contact Jones to ascertain the status of the matter. Jones failed to complete the work for which the complainant had hired him. Jones did not return either the unearned fees or the filing fees of \$671.88 that the complainant paid.

Jones violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(1). He was ordered to pay \$2,600 in restitution and \$284.17 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On November 24, 2015, **Frank Anthony Knight III** [#11598500], 63, of Baytown, received a 30-month partially probated suspension effective January 1, 2016, with the first six months actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee found that in two matters Knight neglected the legal matters entrusted to him and failed to

promptly comply with reasonable requests for information from the clients about their legal matters. In one of the matters, Knight failed to refund advance payments of fees that had not been earned and engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation. In the other matter, Knight failed to timely furnish to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. In a third matter, Knight again failed to timely furnish to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Knight violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$3,500 in restitution and \$1,535 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On January 20, 2016, **Marcus D. Norman** [#24007759], 45, of McKinney,

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received a one-year partially probated suspension effective January 15, 2016, with the first three months actively suspended and the remainder probated. The 417th Judicial District Court of Collin County found that Norman committed professional misconduct by violating Rule 1.03(a) [failed to keep complainant reasonably informed about the status of the case and failed to promptly comply with complainant's reasonable request for information].

Norman was ordered to pay \$1,500 in restitution and \$1,000 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On January 22, 2016, **Harold Brandon Price** [#24049263], 44, of Dallas, was sanctioned to a fully probated suspension for a period of six months beginning March 1, 2016. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Price neglected a legal matter entrusted to him and failed to keep the client reasonably informed about the status of her legal mat-

ter and to promptly comply with the client's reasonable requests for information regarding the case.

Price violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and 1.03(a). He was ordered to pay \$3,109.50 in attorneys' fees and \$890.50 in direct expenses.

On December 10, 2015, **Brian Wade Rogers** [#24041811], 40, of Victoria, received a one-year partially probated suspension effective December 9, 2015, with the first month actively served and the remainder probated. The District 11 Grievance Committee found that Rogers neglected a client matter, failed to keep a client reasonably informed, failed to promptly render a full accounting, failed to return unearned fees, and failed to return the client file.

Rogers violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a)(b), 1.14(b), and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$4,000 in restitution and \$2,132.10 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On January 22, 2016, **Kelvin L. Roquemore** [#24002867], 48, of Dallas, received a 24-month partially probated suspension effective February 1, 2016, with the first six months actively suspended and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that on or about February 3, 2012, the complainant hired Roquemore for representation in a civil matter. Roquemore failed to hold funds belonging to the complainant that were in Roquemore's possession in connection with the representation separate from Roquemore's own property. Roquemore failed to keep funds that belonged to the complainant in a separate trust account. Upon receiving funds in which the complainant had an interest, Roquemore failed to promptly notify the complainant. Roquemore failed to promptly deliver to the complainant funds that the complainant was entitled to receive.

Roquemore violated Rules 1.14(a), 1.14(b), and 1.14(c). He was ordered to pay \$2,287 in restitution, \$3,000 in attorneys' fees, and \$483.50 in direct expenses.

Roquemore had until February 21, 2016, to file an appeal.

On December 29, 2015, **Kimberly A. Stovall** [#19337000], 53, of Dallas, received a 12-month partially probated suspension effective December 20, 2015. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that Stovall failed to hold funds belonging in whole or in part to clients or third persons that were in Stovall's possession in connection with the representation separate from Stovall's own property. Stovall had direct supervisory authority over a non-lawyer assistant and failed to make reasonable efforts to ensure that the assistant's conduct was compatible with the professional obligations of Stovall.

Stovall violated Rules 1.14(a) and 5.03. She was ordered to pay \$6,448.50 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On December 16, 2015, **Roger Mathew Tafel** [#19607775], 53, of Euless, received a five-year active suspension effective December 2, 2015. An evidentiary panel of the District 7 Grievance Committee found that the complainant hired Tafel

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for representation in a personal injury matter. Tafel later represented the complainant in a credit matter. Tafel failed to communicate with the complainant and failed to file a response to the grievance.

Tafel violated Rules 1.03(a) and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,488 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On January 11, 2016, **Robert J. Truhill** [#20254500], 70, of El Paso, accepted a 12-month fully probated suspension effective April 15, 2016. The District 17 Grievance Committee found that Truhill neglected a client matter, failed to keep the client reasonably informed, upon termination failed to return unearned fees, engaged in conduct involving misrepresentation, failed to comply with a prior disciplinary judgment, and failed to respond to the grievance in a timely manner.

Truhill violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.03(b), 1.15(d), 8.01(b), 8.04(a)(3), 8.04(a)(7), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,000 in restitution and \$1,350 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

On January 6, 2016, **Winston N. Udeh** [#20369640], 54, of Dallas, agreed to a three-month probated suspension effective January 15, 2016. The District 6 Grievance Committee found that in representing the complainant, Udeh neglected the legal matter entrusted to him, failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed about the status of a matter, and failed to promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. Upon termination of representation, Udeh failed to refund payments of fees. Udeh failed to timely furnish to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Udeh did not in good faith timely assert a privilege or other legal ground for his failure to do so.

Udeh violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$100 in restitution and \$450 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses.

PUBLIC REPRIMANDS

On December 17, 2015, **Frank A. Denena II** [#00785815], 57, of Franklin, received an agreed judgment of public

reprimand. An evidentiary panel of the District 6 Grievance Committee found that in representing the complainant, Denena neglected the legal matter entrusted to him. In addition, Denena failed to keep the complainant reasonably informed about the status of his matter and promptly comply with his reasonable requests for information.

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

On December 15, 2015, **Sandra D. Laurel** [#11996800], 51, of San Antonio, accepted a judgment of public reprimand. The District 10 Grievance Committee found that Laurel failed to promptly deliver funds to parties entitled to receive funds and failed to hold the client's funds separate from her personal property.

Laurel violated Rules 1.14(a) and 1.14(b). She was ordered to pay \$3,675 in restitution and \$800 in attorneys' fees and direct expenses. **TBJ**

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