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REINSTATEMENTS

Luis Fulgencio Suarez [#19455800], 61, of Houston, has petitioned the 215th District Court of Harris County for reinstatement as a member of the State Bar of Texas.

BODA ACTIONS

On Jan. 23, 2008, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals revoked the probation of **Booker T. Morris III** [#14507500], 53, of Houston, and suspended him from the practice of law for two years, beginning Jan. 23, 2008. On Jan. 20, 2006, Morris consented to an agreed judgment of fully probated suspension signed by the District 4-I Grievance Committee. The agreed order found that Morris committed professional misconduct and suspended him from the practice of law for two years. The two-year suspension was probated, beginning Feb. 1, 2006, and ending Jan. 31, 2008. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals found that Morris materially violated the terms and conditions of probation. BODA cause number 40934.

On Dec. 6, 2007, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals signed an order granting a joint motion to reverse and remand for rendition and entry of an agreed judgment in the appeal of **Andrew Piekalkiewicz** [#00789766], 42, of Lawrence, Kan., of a judgment of disbarment issued by an evidentiary panel of the District 4-C Grievance Committee in Case No. H0110521386 on April 16, 2007. The disbarment is reversed and the committee is ordered to render judgment according to the agreed judgment suspending Piekalkiewicz from the practice of law from April 16, 2007 until April 15, 2010. BODA cause number 40142.

DISBARMENTS

On Jan. 24, 2008, **Jay T. Wilhite** [#00795770], 43, of Navasota, was disbarred. In two separate matters, an evidentiary panel of the District 4-F Grievance Committee found that Wilhite was retained to represent clients in separate criminal matters. Wilhite failed to attend court appearances or to perform any meaningful legal services, failed to respond to requests for information from his clients, failed to provide the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office with written responses to the grievances, and violated terms of a prior disciplinary judgment.

Wilhite violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and (b)(2), 1.03(a), and 8.04(a)(7) and (a)(8). He was ordered to pay restitution in the first matter in the amount of \$600 and in the second matter in the amount of \$1,400, \$1,702 in attorney's fees, and \$292.50 in costs.

On Dec. 7, 2007, **Jack Anthony, Jr.** [#01273000], 64, of Dallas, was disbarred after a finding of professional misconduct by a panel of the District 6-A Grievance Committee. The panel found that after being hired in a probate matter, Anthony failed to take any action and failed to return the complainant's requests for information about the status of the matter. The complainant terminated the attorney-client relationship and requested the return of the file and the fee. Anthony failed to return the file or the unearned fee.

Anthony violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), and 1.15(d). He was ordered to pay \$1,981.50 in attorney's fees and costs and \$750 in restitution.

On Jan. 17, 2008, **Ngoyi Paul Ngoyi** [#24031593], 45, of Dallas, was dis-



barred after a finding of professional misconduct by a panel of the District 6-A Grievance Committee. Ngoyi was employed in a personal injury matter. Ngoyi settled the matter without the complainant's authority or consent and signed the complainant's and the complainant's spouse's names to the settlement check without their consent. Ngoyi failed to notify the complainant he had received the settlement funds, failed to pay settlement funds to the complainant, failed to disburse payments to medical providers, failed to keep disputed funds separate until there was an accounting and severance of the interests, and failed to respond to phone calls from the complainant.

Ngoyi violated Rules 1.02(a)(2), 1.03(a), 1.14(b) and (c), and 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$2,988.91 in attorney's fees and costs.

On Feb. 29, 2008, **Jean Sudduth** [#00795674], 59, of Fort Worth, was disbarred after a finding of professional misconduct by a panel of the District 7-A Grievance Committee. On Dec. 3, 2003, Sudduth filed a motion to modify the parent-child relationship. At the time Sudduth filed the motion, she was administratively suspended from the practice of law. Sudduth failed to respond to the grievance.

Sudduth violated Rules 8.04(a)(8) and (a)(11). She was ordered to pay \$1,713.93 in attorney's fees.

SUSPENSIONS

On Jan. 25, 2008, **Angel O. Cruz** [#24048412], 32, of Dallas, received a one-year, partially probated suspension, with the first three months actively served and the remainder probated. A panel of the District 6-A Grievance Committee found that on March 14, 2006, the complainant employed Cruz to appeal a removal order from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). The complainant received notice from the USCIS that a \$110 filing fee was required to process the

appeal, and the complainant provided Cruz with the \$110 filing fee. Thereafter, Cruz failed to properly file the complainant's appeal. Cruz neglected the matter by failing to provide the fee to the USCIS and by allowing the expiration of the complainant's time to appeal.

Cruz violated Rule 1.01(b)(1). He was ordered to pay \$1,259.64 in attorney's fees and costs.

On Feb. 13, 2008, **Donald Wesley Linnenbank** [#00786064], 53, of Sugar Land, agreed to a three-year, partially probated suspension effective May 1, 2008, with the first six months actively served and the remainder probated. An evidentiary panel of the District 5-A Grievance Committee found that Linnenbank was hired by the complainant and her husband to represent them in a bankruptcy matter. Linnenbank then failed to keep his client apprised of the status of the bankruptcy case and failed to comply with her reasonable requests for information. Linnenbank also failed to obtain his client's consent prior to representing her spouse in divorce proceedings against her.

Linnenbank violated Rules 1.03(a) and 1.09(a)(3). He agreed to pay \$1,850 in attorney's fees and costs.

On Feb. 13, 2008, **Ramon Noyola** [#15129450], 53, of Houston, accepted a one-year, fully probated suspension effective Feb. 1, 2008. The 127th District Court of Harris County found in the first count that Noyola formed a partnership with a non-lawyer and some of the activities of the partnership consisted of the practice of law. Further, Noyola failed to ensure that the conduct of his non-lawyer employees was compatible with the professional obligations of a lawyer. In another count, Noyola filed an affidavit with a court that contained statements that he knew to be untrue.

Noyola violated Rules 3.03(a)(1), 5.03(a), and 5.04(b). He agreed to pay \$10,000 in attorney's fees and costs.

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DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

On Feb. 29, 2008, **Jeffrey Mark Bragg** [#02859100], 45, of Plano, entered into an agreed judgment of a six-month, fully probated suspension effective March 1, 2008. An evidentiary panel of the District 1-A Grievance Committee found that in January 2005, the complainant hired Bragg to represent her son in a criminal matter involving three separate charges. The complainant paid a retainer of \$5,000. In February 2005, the complainant paid Bragg an additional \$3,000 to represent her son in a petition to terminate parental rights. During the period of the representations, Bragg failed to respond to his client's reasonable requests for information about the status of the client's cases.

Bragg violated Rule 1.03(a). He was ordered to pay \$3,146.25 in attorney's fees, \$254.24 in costs, and \$5,000 in restitution.

On Feb. 15, 2008, **Brent Dornburg** [#24003930], 39, of Conroe, accepted a two-year, partially probated suspension effective March 1, 2008, with the first six months actively served and the remainder probated. The 9th District Court of Montgomery County found that Dornburg committed a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, to wit: violation of V.T.C.A., Penal Code §36.04, improper influence.

Dornburg violated Rule 8.04(a)(2). He agreed to pay \$4,087.50 in attorney's fees and costs.

On March 4, 2008, **Michael L. Gregory** [#00790003], 59, of Arlington, received a one-year, fully probated suspension after a finding of professional misconduct by a panel of the District 7-A Grievance Committee. Gregory, as attorney for one of the parties in a divorce, was ordered to hold community funds in his trust account and pay community debts. Gregory failed to timely pay all of the debts as directed by the court. Further, several of the checks writ-

ten for the debts were returned by the bank due to insufficient funds. Gregory failed to maintain the community funds in his trust account.

Gregory violated Rules 1.14(a) and (b). He was ordered to pay \$1,355 in attorney's fees.

On March 4, 2008, **Richard N. Jeffrey** [#24036839], 32, of Georgetown, accepted a two-year, fully probated suspension effective March 1, 2008. The District 8-C Grievance Committee found that in five different criminal representations, Jeffrey failed to communicate with clients, failed to convey plea offers to clients, neglected the representations, took a position that unreasonably increased costs and other burdens, failed to return unearned fees, made misrepresentations to his client, and failed to respond to grievances.

Jeffrey violated Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.02(a)(2), 1.03(a) and (b), 1.15(d), 3.02, 8.04(a)(3), and 8.04(a)(8). He was ordered to pay \$1,500 in restitution and \$1,200 in attorney's fees and expenses.

On March 4, 2008, **Jon Randall Alworth** [#01133070], 48, of South Padre Island, accepted a two-year, fully probated suspension effective Nov. 1, 2007. The District 12-B Grievance Committee found that in two cases Alworth failed to communicate with his clients and neglected the representations.

Alworth violated Rules 1.01(b)(1) and (2) and 1.03(a) and (b). He was ordered to pay \$1,000 in attorney's fees and expenses.

On March 6, 2008, **Orlando S. Mata** [13184500], 65, of Austin, accepted a one-year, fully probated suspension effective March 1, 2008. An evidentiary panel of the District 9-A Grievance Committee found Mata, in a child custody modification matter, engaged in conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation.

Mata violated Rule 8.04(a)(3). He was ordered to pay \$1,200 in attorney's fees. *