

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
APPOINTED BY
THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

**IN THE MATTER OF
MATTHEW BRETT REEVES,
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24073353**

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CAUSE NO. 72009

AGREED JUDGMENT OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On this day the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner appeared by attorney and Respondent appeared in person as indicated by their respective signatures below and announced that they agree to the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and orders set forth below solely for the purposes of this proceeding which has not been fully adjudicated. Respondent waives any and all defenses that could be asserted under Rule 9.04 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals, having reviewed the file and in consideration of the agreement of the parties, is of the opinion that Petitioner is entitled to entry of the following findings, conclusions, and orders:

Findings of Fact. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals finds that:

- (1) Respondent, Matthew Brett Reeves, Bar Card number 24073353, is an attorney licensed and authorized by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On or about July 23rd, 2025, an Order was entered in a matter styled, Cause No. 2:21-cv-1701-AMM, *Frankie Johnson, Plaintiff, v. Jefferson S. Dunn, et. Al., Defendants*, United States District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division, wherein Respondent was Publicly Reprimanded “for making false statements to the court,” stemming from citing purported legal authority that “were hallucinations of a popular generative artificial intelligence (“AI”) application, ChatGPT.
- (3) More specifically, Respondent admitted to using ChatGPT and citing four hallucinated citations in a motion for leave to take the deposition of an incarcerated person under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2)(B), and

citing one hallucinated citation in a motion to compel interrogatory answers and document production from Plaintiff Johnson. He also admitted that he “failed to verify the case citations returned by ChatGPT through independent review in Westlaw or PACER before including them in the Motion for Leave and Motion to Compel”; and that the citations at issue are inaccurate or do not exist.

- (4) Respondent, Matthew Brett Reeves, who is a subject of the Order entered in a matter styled, Cause No. 2:21-cv-1701-AMM, *Frankie Johnson, Plaintiff, v. Jefferson S. Dunn, et al., Defendants*, United States District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division; and
- (5) The public reprimand entered against Matthew Brett Reeves by the United States District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division, is final.

Conclusions of Law. Based upon the foregoing findings of facts the Board of Disciplinary

Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

- (1) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 7.08(H).
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical, to the extent practicable, to that imposed by the United States District Court, Northern District of Alabama, Southern Division, is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED** that Respondent, Matthew Brett Reeves, State Bar Card No. 24073353, is hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED as an attorney at law in the State of Texas.

Signed this 4th day of November 2025.

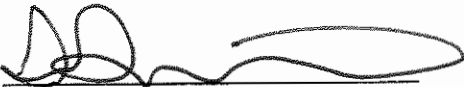


CHAIR PRESIDING

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND CONTENT:

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Matthew Brett Reeves
State Bar No. 24073353
Respondent

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