

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



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**Mar. 25, 2019**

THE BOARD of DISCIPLINARY APPEALS  
Appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas

**IN THE MATTER OF**

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**JUAN R. RODRIGUEZ**

**CAUSE NO. 61642**

**STATE BAR CARD NO. 24055914**

**RESPONDENT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER**

COMES NOW the Respondent, Juan R. Rodriguez, and files this Respondent's Original Answer to the Petition for Compulsory Discipline, filed by Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, in the above styled cause and would state as follows:

**I. ADMISSIONS AND DENIALS**

1. Respondent admits the allegations of Paragraphs 1-9 of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline.
2. Respondent denies the allegations of Paragraph 10 of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline.
3. Respondent denies the allegations of the "Prayer" of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline.

**II. AFFIRMATIVE REQUEST**

4. Respondent requests that under the facts of his plea, Order Deferring Adjudication and his present good moral character and fitness, that the Board of Disciplinary Appeals, after hearing the evidence, exercise its discretion under Rule 8.05, *Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure*, to suspend his law license to practice law under Rule 8.06, *Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure*, during the term of his probation, rather than disbar Respondent.

**III. PRAYER**

5. WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONOSIDERED, Respondent requests the Board of Disciplinary Appeals suspend his law license under Rule 8.06, *Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure*, in lieu of disbaring Respondent, after hearing the evidence, and for such other relief as may be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing *Respondent's Original Answer* has been served upon all interested counsel and parties on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of **March 2019** via electronic transmission and/or hand delivery.



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