

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

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<sup>\*</sup>Board terms expired August 31, 2022.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Appointed to serve terms beginning September 1, 2022.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Board term ended on June 23, 2023, pursuant to Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 7.01.

## FROM THE CHAIR

On behalf of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals (BODA), I am pleased to submit the Annual Report for Fiscal Year June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023 to the Supreme Court of Texas and to the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors. I couldn't be more proud of the work BODA is doing. As the bar has come to expect, BODA members and staff have devoted countless hours toward our mission of maintaining the integrity of the legal profession, and we have resolved the matters before us with dedication, fairness, and integrity. We welcomed and trained four new members of BODA last fiscal year. We are also adjusting our processes to better accommodate our members and the attorneys who appear before us, as well as to conform to new statutory amendments and



changes to the Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. We adjudicated more than 1,000 matters during the last fiscal year, including:

- Disposing of 1,168 matters
- · Deciding 31 disciplinary cases resulting in final judgment
- Holding three in-person en banc meetings and one via Zoom
- Conducting en banc hearings in which BODA sat as a trial court and heard evidence from witnesses, issuing judgments in 14 reciprocal discipline, seven compulsory discipline, and two probation revocation cases
- Deciding eight evidentiary appeals, sitting as an appellate court, and issuing judgments
- Holding 38 telephone panel conferences to render classification appeal decisions in threemember panels
- Reversing the dismissal of 70 grievances, returning them for investigations and just-cause determinations
- Keeping the docket current
- Having all appeals to the Texas Supreme Court affirmed

The members of BODA are committed to being an integral part of our professional disciplinary process and appreciate the Supreme Court appointing us to serve. We believe our dedication and experience continues to have lasting, positive benefits for the Bar, the legal profession, and the public.

Kelli Hinson

Chair of the Board of Disciplinary Appeals, 2021-present

## THE BASICS

The Board of Disciplinary Appeals is a tribunal of 12 attorneys appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas to hear certain attorney discipline cases and to promote consistency in interpretation and application of the rules governing the practice of law. Each member is appointed to serve a three-year term and is eligible for reappointment to a second three-year term. Members represent diverse geographic and law practice areas, ensuring that BODA draws on a broad range of experience and expertise in deciding cases.

Since September 1, 2021, the Honorable Jimmy Blacklock has served as the Supreme Court of Texas liaison to BODA. As liaison to the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, the Professional Ethics Committee, and the Grievance Oversight Committee, Justice Blacklock has a thorough understanding of the disciplinary system and the types of cases BODA adjudicates. BODA and its staff are



Justice Jimmy Blacklock, BODA Liaison

grateful to Justice Blacklock for supporting us and the important work it does to maintain the highest standard of legal professionalism in Texas.

BODA operates under the State Bar Act, the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure (TRDP), the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct (TDRPC), the Board of Disciplinary Appeals Internal Procedural Rules (IPR), and case law. BODA has both appellate and original jurisdiction. In the last fiscal year, BODA disposed of 1,168 matters, consistently maintaining a current docket. The Board meets en banc quarterly and confers weekly in three-member panels by telephone conference.

BODA is supported by three full-time staff members: an executive director and general counsel, a deputy director and counsel, and an executive assistant. Together, the staff manage BODA's operations and budget, handle the BODA docket and records, advise BODA on legal issues, coordinate hearings and conferences, communicate with litigants and the public, maintain the BODA website and YouTube channel, produce the annual report, and work with related groups in the attorney disciplinary system in Texas and in other states.

BODA maintains a website at txboda.org. In addition to all published opinions, the website provides information about BODA members, jurisdiction, operations, and resources to assist litigants. Copies of the BODA annual report beginning in 2005 are available on the website. The current docket is posted, and all recent and archived decisions since 2002 are searchable. Videos of en banc hearings and oral arguments are available on the BODA website for most public cases and are posted on BODA's YouTube channel. Current versions of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, and BODA Internal Procedural Rules can be accessed from the BODA website.





Back row: Arthur D'Andrea, Courtney Schmitz, Jason Boatright, W.C. Kirkendall, Andrew Graham, Jennifer Caughey, David Iglesias
Front row: Bill Ogden, Mike Gross, Kelli Hinson, Nancy Stone, Rudy Metayer

# THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

## **MEMBERS 2022-2023**



Jessica Z. Barger of Houston is a partner at Wright Close & Barger, LLP. She is board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She graduated from South Texas College of Law in 2001, where she was on the law review as the notes and comments editor. In addition to being a Texas Super Lawyer since 2019, Ms. Barger was named one of the Best Lawyers of America for appellate law and one of the top 100 female lawyers in appellate law. She serves the Houston Bar Association (HBA) as a member of the pro bono committee, a member of the council for HBA's appellate section, as chair of the speakers committee for HBA's appellate section, and as chair of the outreach committee. Ms. Barger was appointed to BODA in 2019 and served through August 2022.



**Jason Boatright** is special counsel at Duane Morris LLP in Dallas. Previously, he was a justice on the 5th Court of Appeals in Dallas, director of the Railroad Commission's General Counsel Section, and chair of the Attorney General Opinions Committee. He is a graduate of Middlebury College, the University of St. Andrews, and the University of Texas School of Law. Mr. Boatright was appointed to BODA in 2021.



Jennifer Caughey is the Chair of Appellate Practice and a partner at Jackson Walker LLP. In that role, she handles complex appeals on wide-ranging subjects. At the state level, she represents or has successfully represented clients in major matters across Texas, including at the Supreme Court of Texas, in various Texas Courts of Appeals, and in trial courts. In federal court, she represents or has successfully represented clients in U.S. Court of Appeals for the First, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Ninth, and Tenth Circuits, as well as matters in federal district courts and at the U.S. Supreme Court. Previously, she served as a Justice on the 1st Court of Appeals in Houston, where she handled a broad docket of civil, criminal, family, and probate appeals. Ms. Caughey obtained her undergraduate degree from Princeton University and her law degree from Harvard Law School. She then clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. In addition to her private practice, she is an appointee to the Texas Judicial Council, the policy-making body for the state judiciary. Ms. Caughey was appointed to BODA in 2022.

## **MEMBERS 2022-2023**



**Guy Choate** is a partner at Webb, Stokes & Sparks, L.L.P. in San Angelo and has been board certified in personal injury law since 1985. He graduated from the University of Houston Law Center, where he was a member of the Order of the Barons Honor Society. Mr. Choate has served on the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors and on its Executive Committee. He received a State Bar of Texas Presidential Citation in 2008 and the John Howie Spirit of Mentorship Award in 2007. He is a sustaining member of the Texas Trial Lawyers Association and served as its president during the 2005 legislative session. He is a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, a sustaining member of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and served as the president of the Texas American Board of Trial Advocates in 2016. He is a sustaining member of the American Association for Justice and a sustaining member of the Tom Green County Bar Association, having served as president from 1994 to 1995. He has been a Texas Super Lawyer since 2003. Mr. Choate was appointed to BODA in 2019 and served through August 2022.



Joseph F. Cleveland, Jr. of Fort Worth is a partner at Brackett & Ellis, P.C. He graduated from Mississippi College School of Law with special distinction. He has practiced in the area of commercial and intellectual property litigation for more than 20 years. He is board certified in civil trial law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He is a fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and a fellow of the Tarrant County Bar Foundation and serves as its chair. Mr. Cleveland served as chair of the Trade Secrets Committee of the Intellectual Property Law Section of the State Bar of Texas and received the Chair's Award in 2018 for outstanding service to the section. He has been named a Texas Super Lawyer since 2005 and recognized as one of the Best Lawyers in America for commercial litigation and intellectual property litigation since 2011. Mr. Cleveland was appointed to BODA in 2019 and served through August 2022.



Arthur C. D'Andrea is a litigator in Austin. Previously, he was a commissioner and chair of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, assistant general counsel for the Office of the Governor, assistant solicitor general in the Office of the Attorney General, and an associate in the Supreme Court and Appellate Litigation section of Weil Gotshal & Manges LLP. After law school, he clerked for Judge Garwood and Judge Higginbotham on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Mr. D'Andrea is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, with a B.S. in chemical engineering and molecular biology, and the University of Texas School of Law. Mr. D'Andrea was appointed to BODA in 2022.



Andrew D. Graham of Dallas serves as senior counsel and vice president for academic affairs and strategic affairs at the Alliance Defending Freedom. He is also a senior fellow at the Religious Freedom Institute in Washington, D.C.; an elected member and trustee of the Philadelphia Society; an elected member of the Mont Pelerin Society; a member of the Federalist Society, where he serves on the executive committee for the Professional Responsibility & Legal Education Practice Group; a member of the board of governors of the John Jay Institute; and a member of the advisory council for the Dallas Forum on Law, Politics, and Culture. Previously, he was a litigation partner at Jackson Walker LLP and was named a "Super Lawyers—Rising Star" multiple times. He earned his bachelor's degree summa cum laude at Southern Methodist University, where he was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and the Hyer Society. He then earned master's degrees at Oxford University (Oriel College) and the University of Chicago before returning home to Texas to earn his law degree at the University of Texas School of Law. Mr. Graham was appointed to BODA in 2022.



**Michael C. Gross**, Vice Chair, is a partner in Gross & Esparza, P.L.L.C. in San Antonio. He graduated from Trinity University in 1984 and received his J.D. from St. Mary's University in 1987. He served as a judge advocate in the United States Marine Corps from 1988 to 1992. He is board certified in criminal trial advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and is board certified in criminal law and criminal appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He was named Defender of the Year by the San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association in 2008 and again in 2009. He served as president of the San Antonio Criminal Defense Lawyers Association in 2011. He currently serves as an officer with the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. Mr. Gross was appointed to BODA in 2018.

## **MEMBERS 2022-2023**



**Kelli M. Hinson**, Chair, is a partner at the Dallas law firm of Carrington Coleman Sloman & Blumenthal, LLP and serves as the firm's general counsel. She practices in the areas of commercial litigation and professional liability, representing law firms, hospitals, companies, and the professionals who run them. She received a BBA, summa cum laude, from McMurry University and a J.D., magna cum laude, from Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, where she was a member of the SMU Law Review and Order of the Coif. She was a member of the District 6 Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Texas from 2017 to 2018 and has served as chair of the Dallas Bar Association Legal Ethics Committee and the Dallas Bar Association Professionalism Committee. Ms. Hinson was appointed to BODA in 2018.



**David Iglesias** is the principal attorney at Iglesias Law Firm in Tyler, Texas. He is a native East Texan who graduated from Austin College in Sherman, Texas, and the Texas Tech University School of Law. He began his legal career as a law clerk to the Honorable Sam R. Cummings of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas. Since entering private practice, Mr. Iglesias has devoted much of his career to defending municipalities and public servants against civil actions. He has tried a number of cases in federal and state courts, and he has represented clients in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court. He has argued before panels of the Fifth Circuit on multiple occasions and has also argued before the Court sitting en banc. Mr. Iglesias also serves as a Commissioner of the Texas State Library and Archives, and on the boards of trustees of UT Health Tyler and the Tyler ISD Foundation. Mr. Iglesias was appointed to BODA in 2021.



**W.C. Kirkendall** is an attorney and mediator in Seguin, Texas. From 2005 to 2017, he served as a District Court Judge presiding over the 2nd 25th Judicial District Court. He was recognized by the Texas Center for the Judiciary in 2012 with the Exemplary Judicial Faculty Award and in 2015 with the Chair's Award of Excellence. Prior to his judicial service, he served as the district attorney for the 25th Judicial District from 1984 to 2004 and was recognized as the Prosecutor of the Year by the State Bar of Texas in 1996 and received the Political Courage Award, John Ben Sheppard Public Leadership Forum in 1993. He also maintained a private law practice where he practiced general litigation, including family law, oil and gas law, and real estate law. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 1974. Mr. Kirkendall was appointed to BODA in 2021.



Rudy K. Metayer of Austin is a civil litigator at Graves Dougherty Heron & Moody. He is the chair of the African-American Lawyers Section of the State Bar of Texas and a Fellow to the Texas Bar Foundation, in addition to numerous other past and present leadership positions within the legal profession. He has been the recipient of numerous awards recognizing his service to the bar, the legal profession, and the community, including Texas Young Lawyers Association President's Award of Merit in 2016, Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce Advocate of the Year in 2017, Travis County Recognition of Service Award in 2018, Austin Bar Association Outstanding Young Lawyer in 2019, and the LBJ School of Public Affairs Outstanding Young Alumni "Rising Leader" Award in 2019. He served on the District 9 Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Texas from 2013 to 2020, during which time he served as a panel chair. In the community, he was elected to the city council of the City of Pflugerville in 2017 and serves the community through a number of other civic engagements. He received a B.A., masters degree, and J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Metayer was appointed to BODA in 2020 and served through June 23, 2023.

## **MEMBERS 2022-2023**



William W. (Bill) Ogden is of counsel to Kean Miller, L.L.P. in Houston. He has had a trial and appellate practice in Houston since 1977, originally as a partner in a predecessor firm to Locke Lord, then as a founding partner in his own firm, Ogden, Gibson, Broocks & Hall, for 25 years before its merger with Kean Miller. He has been board certified in civil appellate law since 1996 and has been named to Woodward-White's "Best Lawyers in America" in First Amendment Law since 1991. He has previously served as a Director, District 4, State Bar of Texas (2008-11), and served two terms as a Trustee of the Texas Center for Legal Ethics (2013-19). He is a sustaining life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the Houston Bar Foundation. He has both his undergraduate degree (B.A. in mathematics with highest honors, 1973) and law degree (J.D. with honors, 1977) from the University of Texas at Austin. Mr. Ogden was appointed to BODA in 2020.



**Courtney Schmitz** of McKinney is a partner at Johnson, Loyd & Schmitz, PLLC. She is double board certified in Family Law and Child Welfare by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. She graduated from Texas Wesleyan School of Law, which is now Texas A&M School of Law, in 2010 and received her B.A. from Southern Methodist University in 2007. Ms. Schmitz has been recognized as a Rising Star by Super Lawyers since 2020. She is a fellow of the Collin County Bench Bar Foundation and served as the Co-Chair for the Bench Bar Conference in 2022. Ms. Schmitz was appointed in 2022.



Nancy J. Stone practices complex commercial law in Amarillo. She received a B.S. with honors from the University of Texas, a master of science degree from the University of Houston, and a J.D. from South Texas College of Law, where she was a member of Phi Delta Phi and the South Texas Law Journal, 1982–1983. She is a member of the Civil Justice Reform Act Advisory Committee. She is a member of the Amarillo and American Bar Associations, Texas Trial Lawyers Association, and The Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Ms. Stone was appointed to BODA in 2018.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

BODA began with nine attorney members in 1992 and was expanded in 1994 to 12 attorney members. During the term from June 2022 through May 2023, BODA members represented the Amarillo, Austin, Dallas, Fort Worth, McKinney, Houston, San Angelo, San Antonio, Seguin, and Tyler areas, though their legal practices extend far beyond those borders. Practice concentrations and expertise include civil trial, administrative, civil appellate, business and commercial litigation, criminal prosecution and defense, criminal appellate, family law, personal injury, insurance, Constitutional and First Amendment, intellectual property, public interest, and legal ethics and malpractice. Members' firms include the full range of size from solo practitioners to multi-state firms. In addition to members in private practice, BODA members include a former district attorney, former District Court judge, former Court of Appeals justices, former Public Utility Commission chair/commissioner, and a city council member.

During the June 2022 through May 2023 term, three BODA members' terms ended, and three new members were appointed. BODA thanks Jessica Barger, Guy Choate, and Joe Cleveland for their years of service and dedication.

Service on BODA requires a substantial time commitment from each member. Board members spend several hours each month reviewing classification appeals and participating in telephone conferences. In addition, members read case files and records as well as conduct research to prepare for quarterly en banc hearings. BODA's consistent record of timely case disposition would not be possible without the dedication of its members, who serve without compensation.

## **BODA STAFF**

The BODA staff has extensive experience supporting the board, appearing before the board, reviewing the board's decisions on appeal, working within the attorney disciplinary system, working within the judicial system, and advising judges deciding contested cases.

Jenny Hodgkins joined BODA as executive director and general counsel in April 2020. With more than 20 years in public and private law practice, Ms. Hodgkins brings a wealth of specialized legal and administrative experience to BODA. She served the Supreme Court of Texas for more than 15 years as staff attorney to Justice Paul W. Green, where she advised the Court and managed a team that helped write opinions on cutting-edge legal issues. Before that, she served as staff attorney for Original Proceedings, handling mandamus and other emergency matters. In her time at the Supreme Court, she worked with 22 justices, supervised the drafting of more than 185 published opinions, and managed countless appeals — including BODA appeals. Ms. Hodgkins practiced administrative and environmental law in private practice for several years before entering public service. Ms. Hodgkins graduated summa cum laude from Texas Tech School of Law, where she was editor-in-chief of the Texas Tech Law Review and Order of the Coif.

Matt Greer has served as BODA's deputy director and counsel since June 2020. Mr. Greer brings to BODA significant civil and appellate litigation experience, with extensive experience with the attorney disciplinary system. He is board certified in civil appellate law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization and previously served as appellate counsel in more than 70 disciplinary appeals before BODA, the courts of appeals, and the Supreme Court. His expertise with the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, along with his knowledge of appellate practice and procedure, are valuable assets to BODA.

Having worked for BODA since 2000, executive assistant Jackie Truitt provides the board with continuity and a wealth of knowledge about BODA processes and procedures. Ms. Truitt manages the BODA office and is the first point of contact for litigants and the public. She assists with case intake and management, docket control, record management, coordination of classification panels and en banc hearings, and much more.



BODA Staff: Matthew Greer, Jenny Hodékins, Jackie Truitt

## LEGISLATION AFFECTING BODA

During the regular session of the 88th Legislature, the Texas Legislature considered a few bills with the potential to impact BODA's operations. HB 5010, the bill with the most significant impact, was enacted by the Legislature and signed into law. That bill amended section 81.073(b) of the State Bar Act in two important respects:

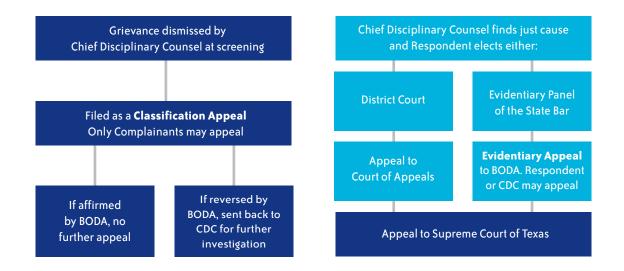
- The amendment reinstates the right of respondent attorneys to appeal the CDC's classification of grievances against them. This right had been eliminated by 2004 amendments to the State Bar Act, which followed the 2003 Sunset review of the State Bar. Under the new amendments to the State Bar Act, for grievances filed on or after September 1, 2023, either a complainant or a respondent may appeal the classification of a grievance to BODA.
- 2. The amendment imposes a standard that must be satisfied for a grievance to be upgraded and classified as a complaint. Under the new amendments to the State Bar Act, a grievance may be classified as a complaint only if submitted by one of the following:
  - A family member of a ward in a guardianship proceeding that is the subject of the grievance
  - · A family member of a decedent in a probate matter that is the subject of the grievance
  - A family member of a ward in a guardianship proceeding that is the subject of the grievance
  - · A family member of a decedent in a probate matter that is the subject of the grievance
  - A trustee of a trust or an executor of an estate if the matter that is the subject of the grievance relates to the trust or estate
  - The judge, prosecuting attorney, defense attorney, court staff member, or juror in the legal matter that is the subject of the grievance
  - A trustee in a bankruptcy that is the subject of the grievance
  - Any other person who has a cognizable individual interest in or connection to the legal matter or facts alleged in the grievance.

If the complainant does not satisfy that standard, the grievance must be classified as an inquiry and dismissed.

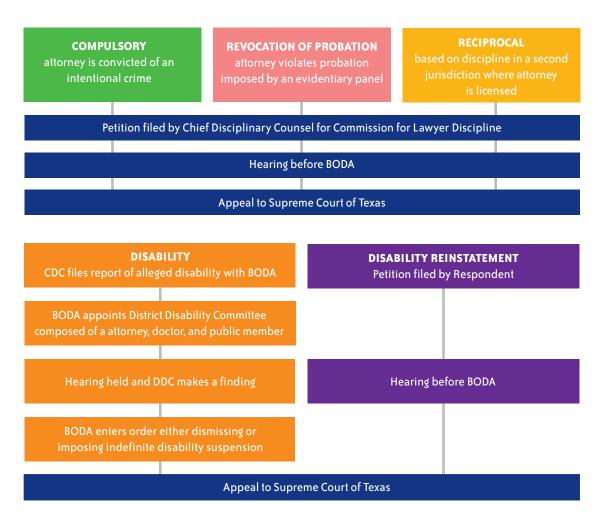
These statutory amendments will be implemented through amendments to the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure and BODA's Internal Procedural Rules.

## APPELLATE JURISDICTION

#### **GRIEVANCES FILED WITH STATE BAR OF TEXAS BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023**



# ORIGINAL JURISDICTION



# **JURISDICTION**

BODA has jurisdiction to decide six types of disciplinary matters: compulsory discipline cases, reciprocal discipline cases, revocation-of-probation cases, disability and reinstatement cases, appeals from evidentiary judgments, and appeals from classification decisions. TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 81.072–.0751; TRDP Part VII–IX, XII. "BODA shall have and exercise all the powers of either a trial court or an appellate court, as the case may be, in hearing and determining disciplinary proceedings." *In re State Bar of Tex.*, 113 S.W.3d 730, 734 (Tex. 2003) (citing BODA IPR § 1.02). With the exception of appeals from classification screening decisions, which are final, BODA'S decisions are appealable directly to the Supreme Court of Texas. TEX. GOV'T CODE § 81.0751(a)(2); TRDP 7.11. The Board may render judgment in any disciplinary matter with or without written opinion. BODA IPR § 1.11.

## ORIGINAL JURISDICTION

### COMPULSORY DISCIPLINE (TRDP PART VIII; BODA IPR PART VI)

BODA has exclusive original jurisdiction to hear petitions for compulsory discipline filed by the State Bar of Texas Chief Disciplinary Counsel (CDC) on behalf of the Commission for Lawyer Discipline when an attorney has been convicted of, or placed on deferred adjudication for, an "Intentional Crime" as defined in TRDP § 1.06(V) — that is, any "Serious Crime" that requires proof of knowledge or intent as an essential element or any crime involving misapplication of money or other property held as a fiduciary. "Serious Crime," as defined in TRDP § 1.06(GG), includes barratry; any felony involving moral turpitude; any misdemeanor involving theft, embezzlement, or fraudulent or reckless misappropriation of money or other property; or any attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation of another to commit any of these. Compulsory discipline results in either suspension of the attorney's license for the term of the criminal sentence or disbarment.

If an attorney convicted of an Intentional Crime has been sentenced to prison, BODA must disbar the attorney. If the attorney's criminal sentence is fully probated or the attorney has been placed on deferred adjudication, BODA has discretion to either disbar the attorney or suspend for the term of the criminal probation. If an attorney convicted of an Intentional Crime has appealed the conviction and the appeal is pending at the time the CDC files the compulsory discipline action, BODA will place the attorney on interlocutory suspension pending the outcome of the appeal; BODA then retains jurisdiction to enter final judgment when the appeal of the conviction becomes final.

## RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE (TRDP PART IX; BODA IPR PART VII)

BODA has exclusive original jurisdiction to hear petitions for reciprocal discipline filed by the CDC on behalf of the Commission for Lawyer Discipline. Texas attorneys who are licensed in another jurisdiction, including a federal court or federal agency, are subject to identical discipline, to the extent practicable, in Texas following a disciplinary sanction in that other jurisdiction. Upon the filing of a petition for reciprocal discipline, BODA issues a show-cause order giving the respondent attorney 30 days to file an answer opposing the imposition of reciprocal discipline. The attorney may raise any of five defenses in that answer; if proven by clear and convincing evidence, BODA may issue any order that it deems necessary and appropriate.

## REVOCATION OF PROBATION (TRDP PART II; BODA IPR PART V)

BODA has exclusive original jurisdiction for the full term of a probated suspension imposed by a State Bar of Texas grievance committee to hear petitions to revoke the probation if the attorney violates a term or condition of probation. If revoked, the attorney is suspended for the full term of the suspension without credit for time served on probation.

#### DISABILITY AND REINSTATEMENT (TRDP PART XII; BODA IPR PART VIII-IX)

BODA has exclusive original jurisdiction to suspend indefinitely an attorney who is found to be suffering from a disability: any physical, mental, or emotional condition, with or without a substantive rule violation, which results in the attorney's inability to practice law or otherwise carry out his or her professional responsibilities to clients, the courts, the profession, or the public. A district disability committee appointed

by BODA holds a hearing to determine whether the attorney is disabled and certifies its finding to BODA. Upon receiving a finding of disability, BODA shall immediately enter an order suspending the attorney indefinitely. BODA has concurrent jurisdiction with district courts to hear petitions for reinstatement to terminate a disability suspension.

## **APPELLATE JURISDICTION**

#### APPEAL FROM AN EVIDENTIARY JUDGMENT (TRDP PART II; BODA IPR PART IV)

BODA has appellate jurisdiction to review a judgment by a State Bar of Texas district grievance committee evidentiary panel. Either the Commission for Lawyer Discipline or an attorney against whom discipline has been imposed may appeal the judgment from an evidentiary proceeding, challenging the dismissal of a complaint, findings of professional misconduct, or sanction imposed. Appeals to BODA from evidentiary judgments proceed similarly to civil appeals, with a notice of appeal, record, briefs, and oral argument. BODA reviews evidentiary questions under a substantial-evidence standard, reviews questions of law de novo, and reviews sanctions for abuse of discretion. Evidentiary appeals are decided en banc, and BODA may decide an evidentiary appeal with or without oral argument. BODA may affirm in whole or in part, modify the judgment and affirm as modified, reverse the judgment in whole or in part and render the judgment it determines should have been entered, or reverse the judgment and remand the complaint for a new hearing.

#### CLASSIFICATION APPEALS (TRDP PART II; BODA IPR PART III)

The CDC screens every writing received that alleges professional misconduct by an attorney. The CDC analyzes grievances to determine whether the writing describes conduct which, if true, constitutes professional misconduct cognizable under the TDRPC. If the CDC determines that the writing does not allege misconduct or is otherwise not actionable and dismisses the grievance, the complainant can appeal that decision to BODA. In fiscal year 2023-24, this process will be expanded pursuant to the recent statutory changes addressed above, and BODA will also consider and decide classification appeals filed by respondent attorneys.

BODA provides a one-page form in English and Spanish that the CDC includes with the notice letter to complainants when grievances are dismissed. To appeal the dismissal, the complainant need only sign the form and send it to BODA by email, regular mail, or fax within 30 days of receipt of the notice. BODA then notifies the complainant and the respondent attorney that an appeal was filed and requests a copy of the original grievance from the CDC. The CDC transmits the grievance to BODA, and in the event of an amended grievance, the CDC also sends the original grievance. BODA considers only the information sent to the CDC before screening. If a complainant sends new information to BODA, the documents are returned to the complainant, and the complainant is informed that BODA cannot consider them.

If the attorney against whom a grievance is filed has been disbarred, has resigned, or is deceased, BODA notifies the complainant that the disciplinary system no longer has jurisdiction.

Once BODA receives the grievance from the CDC, on average 10 days after the request, the grievance is assigned to a three-member panel for decision. The panel and at least one of BODA's staff attorneys discuss the grievance by telephone conference, on average 31 days after the original grievance is received from the CDC. Panel members vote to either affirm or reverse the dismissal of the grievance, and BODA will take action in accordance with the majority vote. Reversal requires a finding that the grievance alleges a violation of one or more specific rules under the TDRPC, and results in the upgrade of a grievance to a complaint. Any panel member may refer a grievance to the entire board for en banc consideration.

Once BODA has decided a classification appeal, the complainant, the respondent attorney, and the CDC are notified of the decision. If BODA reverses the dismissal, the notice includes the specific TDRPC rule alleged to have been violated, and the complaint is returned to the CDC for investigation as to just cause. If BODA affirms the dismissal, the notice states that the decision as to that appeal is final and not appealable. After the notice is sent, the appeal is complete and BODA closes its file. BODA does not make public its disposition as to any grievance, and its deliberations are confidential.

During fiscal year 2022 – 2023, BODA reversed 6.1 percent of the classification appeals.

# **DISPOSITIONS**

JUNE 1, 2022 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023

#### **COMPULSORY DISCIPLINE**

During the last fiscal year, BODA disposed of the following seven petitions for compulsory discipline and motions for entry of final judgment. Additional case details are available on BODA's website at txboda.org.

**Erik James Burris**, 24061360, was convicted of Assault, Rape, Sexual Assault, Sodomy, and Other Sexual Misconduct under the Uniform Code of Military Justice and was sentenced to confinement for 20 years. Mr. Burris appealed his convictions. The conviction was affirmed and is now final. He is disbarred. Case No. 59817.

**Paul Houston Lavalle**, 11998625, was convicted of Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence and was sentenced to five years in prison, with the sentence of confinement suspended. Mr. Lavalle appealed his criminal conviction. The conviction was affirmed and is now final. He is disbarred. Case No. 64480.

**Donald Edward Little**, 24076191, was convicted of Misapplication of Fiduciary Property greater than \$30,000 but less than \$150,000 and was sentenced to five years in prison. Mr. Little has appealed his criminal convictions. BODA entered an Interlocutory Order of Suspension suspending Mr. Little from the practice of law pending his appeal. BODA retains jurisdiction to enter a final judgment if the criminal conviction becomes final. Case No. 66182.

**John Bennett White**, 21309800, pleaded guilty to Willful Failure to Collect or Pay Over Tax and was sentenced to 18 months in prison. During the pendency of this compulsory discipline action, Mr. White resigned in lieu of discipline. Case No. 66184.

**Tricia Steele Boutros**, 24045535, pleaded guilty to Bank Fraud and was sentenced to 30 months in prison. The judgment is final. She is disbarred. Case No. 66335.

**William S. Hart**, 09151500, pleaded guilty to Wire Fraud and was sentenced to probation for a term of five years. During the pendency of this compulsory discipline action, Mr. Hart resigned in lieu of discipline. Case No. 66645.

**Phillip Wayne Hayes**, 24012803, pleaded guilty to Solicitation of Prostitution and was sentenced to one year in prison with the sentence probated for one year. The Commission for Lawyer Discipline filed a notice of nonsuit, and this compulsory discipline case was dismissed without prejudice. Case No. 67002.

#### **RECIPROCAL DISCIPLINE**

During the last fiscal year, BODA disposed of the following 14 petitions for reciprocal discipline. Additional case details are available at txboda.org.

## ARIZONA:

**David Irwin**, 24091127, by agreement, received an admonition and was placed on probation for 18 months by the Attorney Discipline Probable Cause Committee of the Supreme Court of Arizona. Mr. Irwin agreed that, in a criminal matter where he served as a prosecutor, he violated Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona: Rule 42, ER 4.4(a) (use of means with no substantial purpose other than to embarrass, delay, or burden another person) and ER 8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice). By agreement, he is suspended from the practice of law in Texas for 18 months with the suspension fully probated. Case No. 67817.

**Aaron Mark Wesbrooks**, 21191850, by agreement, received a reprimand and was placed on probation for one year by the Presiding Disciplinary Judge for the Supreme Court of Arizona. Mr. Wesbrooks agreed that he violated Rules of the Supreme Court of Arizona: Rule 42, ER 1.5(c) (entering into a contingency fee agreement without a written fee agreement) and ER 1.15(a), (b)(1) (safekeeping property) and Rule 43(a), (b), (d), and (f) (trust account violations). He is publicly reprimanded in Texas and suspended from the practice of law for one year with the suspension fully probated. Mr. Wesbrooks appealed BODA's judgment to the Supreme Court of Texas. The judgment was affirmed. Case No. 66186. Supreme Court Case No. 23-0132.

#### CALIFORNIA:

**Daniel Ray Gamez**, 24034451, was disbarred by the Supreme Court of California. Mr. Gamez was found in violation of California Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 (communication) and California Business and Professional Code sections 6068(m) (communication) and 6068(i) (failure to respond to State Bar investigation). During the pendency of this reciprocal discipline matter, Mr. Gamez resigned in lieu of discipline. Case No. 66712.

Nathan V. Hoffman, 09785490, was suspended by the Supreme Court of California for four years with three years of active suspension and the remainder probated. Mr. Hoffman was disciplined pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 9.10(a), and Rules of Procedure of State Bar, rule 5.340 et seq., following his conviction of manufacturing at least 50 marijuana plants, in violation of Title 21 United States Code section 841(a)(1). By agreement, he is suspended for four years with three years active suspension and the remainder probated. Case No. 67182.

#### **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA:**

Wesley Lindon Clarke, 24014254, by agreement, was disbarred by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. Mr. Clarke agreed he violated District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct 1.15(a) (safekeeping of property), 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and 8.4(d) (conduct that seriously interferes with the administration of justice). He is disbarred. Case No. 65865.

**Jeffrey M. Sherman**, 18243550, by agreement, was disbarred by the District of Columbia Court of Appeals. During the pendency of this reciprocal discipline matter, Mr. Sherman resigned in lieu of discipline. Case No. 66187.

#### FLORIDA:

A Texas Attorney, by agreement, received an admonishment for minor misconduct by the Supreme Court of Florida. The attorney agreed that they violated Rule 4-8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice) of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar. By agreement, the attorney received a private reprimand in Texas. Case No. 67421.

**David John Pettinato**, 24080035, by agreement, was suspended for 10 days by the Supreme Court of Florida. Mr. Pettinato agreed he violated Rules 4-4.1(b) (truthfulness in statements to others), 4-3.3(a)(1) (candor toward the tribunal), 4-3.4(c) (fairness to opposing party and counsel), and 4-8.4(d) (misconduct) of the Rules Regulating The Florida Bar. By agreement, he was suspended from the practice of law in Texas for 10 days. Case No. 67468.

**David Luther Woodward**, 21975640, by agreement, was suspended for 75 days followed by a two-year probation by the Supreme Court of Florida. Mr. Woodward agreed he violated Rules 4-1.3 (diligence), 4-1.4 (communication), 4-3.2 (expediting litigation), 4-3.4(c) (knowingly disobeying an obligation under the rules of a tribunal), 4-8.4(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice), and 4-8.4(g) (failure to respond to the Florida Bar) of the Rules Regulating the Florida Bar. By agreement, he is suspended for two years and 75 days with the 75 days active suspension and the remainder probated. Case No. 67040.

#### IOWA:

Jessica Michelle Dean, 24040777, was reprimanded by the Iowa Supreme Court Attorney Disciplinary Board. The court found that Ms. Dean violated Iowa Rules of Professional Conduct 32:1:3 (diligence), 32:5:1 (responsibilities of a partner or supervisory lawyer), 32:5:3 (responsibilities regarding nonlawyer assistants), and 32:8:4(a), (c), and (d) (misconduct). By agreement, Ms. Dean received a public reprimand in Texas. Case No. 67844.

#### **LOUISIANA:**

**Bryce J. Denny**, 05755450, by agreement, was suspended for six months with the suspension deferred, subject to a one-year probation by the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Mr. Denny agreed he violated Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (diligence), 1.4(a)(2), (3), and (4) (communication), 3.2 (expediting litigation), and 8.4(a) (violation of or attempt to violate rules). By agreement, he is suspended from the practice of law in Texas for one year with the suspension fully probated. Case No. 67335.

**Michael L. Hebert**, 09364300, by agreement, received a public reprimand from the Supreme Court of Louisiana. Mr. Hebert agreed he violated Louisiana Rule of Professional Conduct 1.15(d) (safekeeping property). By agreement, he received a public reprimand in Texas. Case No. 67227.

## **NEW JERSEY**:

**Peter Johnathan Cresci**, 24005767, was disbarred by the Supreme Court of New Jersey. The court found that he violated New Jersey Rules of Professional Conduct 1.3 (lack of diligence), 1.4(b) (failure to communicate with client), 1.15(a) (failure to safeguard funds of a third person and commingling of funds), 1.15(b) (failure to make a prompt disposition of funds in which a client or third person has an interest), 1.5(c) (on conclusion of a contingent fee matter, failure to provide the client with a written statement of the outcome, showing any remittance to the client and its method of determination), 1.15(d) (failure to comply with recordkeeping requirements), 5.5(a)(1) (practicing law while suspended), 8.1(a) (false statement of material fact to a disciplinary authority), 8.1(b) (failure to cooperate with disciplinary authorities), 8.4(b) (commission of a criminal act that reflects adversely on the lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects), and 8.4(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation). Although duly cited and noticed, Mr. Cresci failed to appear. He is disbarred. Mr. Cresci has appealed the judgment of disbarment to the Supreme Court of Texas. The appeal remains pending. Case No. 65262. Supreme Court Case No. 23-0352.

#### UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE:

**Daoyou Tim Liu**, 24076878, was ordered excluded from practice before USPTO in patent, trademark, and other non-patent matters by a United States Administrative Law Judge. Mr. Liu was found to have violated 37 C.F.R. §§ 11.103 (diligence), 11.303(a)(1) (false statement to a tribunal), 11.303(a)(3) (offer of evidence known to be false), 11.801(b) (failure to cooperate with disciplinary investigation), 11.804(c) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and 11.804(d) (conduct prejudicial to the administration of justice). Mr. Liu is suspended from the practice of law in Texas for 5 years. BODA Case No. 67306.

#### **REVOCATION OF PROBATION**

During the last fiscal year, BODA disposed of the following two petitions for revocation of probation. Additional case details are available on BODA's website at txboda.org.

**Andrew Jaiah Kai Kai**, 24055757, was suspended from the practice of law for ONE year, ending on February 2, 2024, after he materially violated the terms and conditions of a judgment of fully probated suspension. Case No. 67420.

**Emmanuel U. Obi**, 24058347, remained on disciplinary probation after the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel filed, but later nonsuited, a revocation proceeding. Case No. 67710.

#### **EVIDENTIARY APPEALS**

During the last fiscal year, BODA disposed of the following eight evidentiary appeals. Additional case details are available on BODA's website at txboda.org.

**Cheryl D. Brown-Raines**, 03211050. Dismissed for want of prosecution Ms. Brown-Raines's appeal from a judgment of active suspension entered by the District 6-4 Grievance Committee for violations of TDRPC 1.01(b)(1) (neglect), 1.03(a) and (b) (communication), 1.08(h) (conflict of interest in which lawyer acquires proprietary interest in litigation), 1.14(a) and (b) (safekeeping property), and 8.04(a)(8) (misconduct involving failure to provide a required response to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office or a district grievance committee). Ms. Brown-Raines appealed BODA's dismissal order to the Supreme Court of Texas. That appeal was dismissed for want of prosecution. Case No. 66093. Supreme Court Case No. 22-0840.

**Michael L. Davis**, 05528760. Dismissed for want of prosecution Mr. Davis's appeal from a judgment of active suspension entered by the District 3-2 Grievance Committee for violations of TDRPC 1.01(b)(1) (neglect), 1.03(a) and (b) (communication), 8.04(a)(3) (misconduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation), and 8.04(a)(8) (misconduct involving failure to provide a required response to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office or a district grievance committee). Case No. 66372.

**Crystal Danielle Henderson**, 24050742. Affirmed a judgment of public reprimand entered by the District 4-3 Grievance Committee for a violation of TDRPC 8.04(a)(3) (conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation). Case No. 66402.

Joe Jesse Ponce, III, 24014329. Affirmed a judgment of partially probated suspension entered by the District 10-3 Grievance Committee for violations of TDRPC 1.05(b)(1)(ii) (breach of confidentiality) and 1.14(b) (failure to render accounting). Case No. 62308.

**Kerry Lee Prisock**, 24082005. Dismissed pursuant to an Agreed Motion to Dismiss after the evidentiary panel granted in part a motion for new trial. Case No. 67181.

**Roy Lee Reeves**, 24027770. Dismissed for want of prosecution Mr. Reeves's appeal from a judgment of partially probated suspension entered by the District 1-2 Grievance Committee for a violation of TDRPC 8.04(a)(8) (misconduct involving failure to provide a required response to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's office or a district grievance committee). Case No. 66337.

**Ronald T. Spriggs**, 00792853. Dismissed for want of prosecution Mr. Spriggs's appeal from a judgment of partially probated suspension entered by the District 13-2 Grievance Committee for a violation of TDRPC 1.01(b)(1) (neglect). Case No. 66307.

**Kenneth Shane Walker**, 24003130. Dismissed for want of prosecution Mr. Walker's appeal from a judgment of active suspension entered by the District 6-1 Grievance Committee for violations of TDRPC 1.04(d) (contingent fees), 1.14(a) and (b) (safekeeping property), 1.15(d) (protection of client's interests upon termination), and 8.04(a)(3) (misconduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation). Case No. 65803.

#### **CLASSIFICATION APPEALS**

During the last fiscal year, BODA decided 1,137 appeals reviewing grievance classification decisions. Of those, BODA reversed 70, upgrading those grievances to complaints and returning them to the CDC for investigation as to just cause.

#### APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

All decisions by BODA, other than classification appeals, may be appealed to the Supreme Court of Texas. Unlike an ordinary appeal to the Supreme Court, appeals from BODA's judgments are not subject to discretionary review, but instead are taken as a matter of right. Each appeal is adjudicated by the Court on the merits. From June 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023, three appeals were filed with the Court from BODA's judgments. As of October 15, 2023, the Court affirmed the judgment in two of the three pending appeals, and one appeal remains pending.

## **STATISTICS**

JUNE 1, 2022 THROUGH MAY 31, 2023

## **ALL CASES FILED AND DECIDED**

	Filed	Decided
Appeal of a dismissed grievance	1,193	1,137
Appeal of an evidentiary panel judgment	5	8
Compulsory discipline	3	7
Reciprocal discipline	12	14
Revocation of probation	3	2
Disability	3	0
Total cases	1,219	1,168

# **HEARINGS AND CONFERENCES**

En banc conferences	4
En banc hearings	3
Weekly panel telephone conferences	38
Average panel docket	30

## **APPEALS TO SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

Affirmance rate by Supreme Court	100%
Appeals from FY22-23 still pending	1
Cases decided by Supreme Court as of Oct. 15, 2023	5
Appeals pending before Supreme Court from FY21-22	3
Decisions appealed to Supreme Court during FY22-23	3

# **APPEAL OF DISMISSED GRIEVANCES (CLASSIFICATION APPEALS)**

Grievances screened by CDC*	8,082
Upgraded for investigation by CDC*	2,520
Dismissed by CDC*	5,562

Appeals from dismissal\* 1,137/5,562 (20% of cases dismissed)
Dismissal reversed by the Board 70/1,137 (6.1% of classification appeals)

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas

## **CLASSIFICATION APPEAL TIMELINE**

Average time to receive file from CDC	10 days
Average time to decide appeal after file received	31 days
Average total time from filing to decision	41 days

# CLASSIFICATION APPEAL REVERSALS: RULES CITED BY THE BOARD

Most Common TDRPC Violations Alleged		Reversals	
1.03	Communication	30	
1.14	Safekeeping Property	15	
1.15(d)	Return of File or Unearned Fee	13	
8.04(a)(3)	Conduct Involving Dishonesty	9	
1.01	Competent and Diligent Representation	8	

# CLASSIFICATION APPEAL REVERSALS: RULES CITED BY THE BOARD

# Violations Cited	Reversals
1	40
2	26
3	4
	70 Total



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