BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
APPOINTED BY

THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

IN THE MATTER OF §

RAMON GERARDO RIOS § CAUSE NO. 64719

STATE BAR CARD NO. 24062966

AGREED ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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On this day, this Board considered the parties' Agreed Order of Suspension. Petitioner

appeared by attorney and Respondent appeared by and through his attorney of record, as indicated

by their respective signatures below, and announced that they agree to the terms of this Order of

Suspension.

A Petition for Compulsory Discipline was filed on September 9, 2020. On October 5, 2020,

Respondent filed an Uncontested Motion for Continuance seeking to continue the hearing

currently scheduled for October 23, 2020. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals, having reviewed

the file and in consideration of the agreement of the parties, issues the following Orders:

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent, Ramon

Gerardo Rios, State Bar Card No. 24062966, is hereby SUSPENDED from the practice of law in

the State of Texas effective October 31, 2020, and continuing hereafter until further order of this

Board.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, Ramon Gerardo

Rios, during said suspension is hereby prohibited from practicing law in Texas, holding himself

out as an attorney at law, performing any legal service for others, accepting any fee directly or

indirectly for legal services not completed before the date of this order, appearing as counsel in

any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body, or holding himself

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out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney,"

"counselor," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Ramon Gerardo Rios, shall notify in writing, no

later than October 31, 2020, each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice

of each and every court in which Respondent, Ramon Gerardo Rios, has any legal matter pending,

if any, of his suspension, of the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and of the name,

address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in that court.

Respondent is also ORDERED to mail copies of all such notifications to the Statewide Compliance

Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol

Station, Austin, Texas 78711. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the Statewide

Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box

12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, on or before November 13, 2020, an affidavit stating

either (a) that each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and

every court in which Respondent, Ramon Gerardo Rios, has any legal matter pending, if any, of

his suspension, has been notified or (b) that Respondent has no legal matters pending in any court.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Ramon Gerardo Rios, shall, no later than October

31, 2020, notify each of his current clients, if any, in writing, of his suspension. In addition to such

notification, Respondent is ORDERED to return all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance,

and all other monies and properties which are in his possession but which belong to current or

former clients with active cases pending, if any, to those respective clients or former clients with

active cases pending no later than October 31, 2020. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with

the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas,

P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, on or before November 13, 2020, an

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affidavit stating either (a) that all current clients have been notified of his suspension and that all

files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties belonging to

clients and former clients with active cases pending have been returned as ordered herein or (b)

that Respondent has no current clients, files, or papers, and that any unearned fees paid in advance

or other monies or properties belonging to clients have previously been returned to the appropriate

client. If Respondent is unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to any client or

former client with active cases pending, Respondent's affidavit shall state with particularity the

efforts made by Respondent with respect to each particular client and the cause of his inability to

return to said client any file, paper, money or other property. Respondent is also ORDERED to

mail a copy of all notification letters to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief

Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent, Ramon Gerardo Rios, on or before November

13, 2020, surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide

Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487,

Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

It is further ORDERED that a certified copy of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on

file herein, along with a copy of this Order, be sent to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State

Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 13th<sub>day of</sub> October

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CHAIR PRESIDING

**BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS** 

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