



**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
Appointed By
THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

**CYRIL O. CHUKWURAH
Texas Bar Card No. 24048394**

V.

**COMMISSION FOR
LAWYER DISCIPLINE OF THE
STATE BAR OF TEXAS**

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CAUSE NO. 49938

**JUDGMENT AFFIRMING IN PART AND REVERSING IN PART
AND REMANDING FOR NEW SANCTIONS HEARING**

On February 1, 2013 the Board of Disciplinary Appeals heard the appeal by Respondent below Cyril O. Chukwurah, Texas Bar Card No. 24048394, from the Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension (SBOT Case No. H0071031213) signed November 21, 2011 by the 4D Evidentiary Panel of the District 4 Grievance Committee of the State Bar of Texas. Having considered the record and briefs of the parties and having heard oral argument, the Board determines that:

1. There is substantial evidence to support the findings and conclusion that Chukwurah violated Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct ("TDRPC") 1.01(a), and the Board AFFIRMS those findings and conclusion.

2. There is substantial evidence to support the findings and conclusion that Chukwurah violated TDRPC 3.01, and the Board AFFIRMS those findings and conclusion.
3. There is substantial evidence to support the findings and conclusion that Chukwurah violated TDRPC 8.04(a)(3), and the Board AFFIRMS those findings and conclusion.
4. The conclusion that Chukwurah violated TDRPC 2.01 is erroneous as a matter of law, and the Board REVERSES that conclusion.

Having reversed one of the findings of misconduct, the Board REVERSES the sanction in all respects, including the suspension from the practice of law for 60 months, the awards of expenses and attorney's fees to the State Bar, and the requirement that the Respondent complete additional hours of continuing legal education.

The Board AFFIRMS the remainder of the judgment.

The Board ORDERS that the case be REMANDED to the 4D Evidentiary Panel for a new hearing to determine sanction based on the affirmed findings of misconduct.

SIGNED this 4th day of February 2013.


VICE CHAIR PRESIDING