

FILE NO. 201900403

IN THE MATTER OF:	§	INVESTIGATORY PANEL 5-1
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TYESHA YVETTE ELAM,	§	DISTRICT 5
BAR NO. 24026819)	§	
	§	GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

**AGREED JUDGMENT OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

**Agreement of Parties**

Chief Disciplinary Counsel and Tyesha Yvette Elam ("Respondent"), Texas Bar Number 24026819, announce that an agreement has been reached on all matters including the imposition of a Public Reprimand.

**Jurisdiction and Venue**

The Investigatory Panel 5-1, having conducted an Investigatory Hearing on September 11, 2019 on the Complaint filed by Jennifer Garza ("Garza"), finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action, and that venue is proper.

**Professional Misconduct**

The Investigatory Panel, having considered the testimony of Respondent and Complainant, and admissions, stipulations, and agreements of the parties, finds Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06(CC) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

**Findings of Fact**

Petitioner and Respondent agree to the following findings of fact. Accordingly, the Investigatory Panel finds:

1. Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

2. Respondent's Professional Misconduct occurred, in whole or in part, in Fort Bend County, Texas.
3. Respondent failed to abide by Garza's decisions concerning the objectives and general methods of representation.
4. Respondent failed to abide by Garza's decision whether to accept an offer of settlement on Garza's family law matter.
5. Respondent failed to keep Garza reasonably informed about the status of her family law matter.
6. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas has incurred reasonable attorney's fees associated with this Disciplinary Proceeding in the amount of \$1,000.00.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

Based on the agreed foregoing findings of fact, the Investigatory Panel finds that the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct have been violated: 1.02(a)(1), 1.02(a)(2), 1.03(a).

#### **Sanction**

It is AGREED and ORDERED that the sanction of a Public Reprimand shall be imposed against Respondent and is in accordance with Part XV of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

#### **Attorney's Fees**

It is further AGREED and ORDERED Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorney's fees, on or before **October 31, 2019**, to the State Bar of Texas in the amount of \$1,000.00. The payment of attorney's fees shall be made by certified or

cashier's check or money order, made payable to the State Bar of Texas and delivered to the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701).

It is further AGREED and ORDERED that all amounts ordered herein are due to the misconduct of Respondent, and are assessed as a part of the sanction in accordance with Rule 1.06(FF) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Any amount not paid shall accrue interest at the maximum legal rate per annum until paid and the State Bar of Texas shall have all writs and other post-judgment remedies against Respondent in order to collect all unpaid amounts.

**Publication**

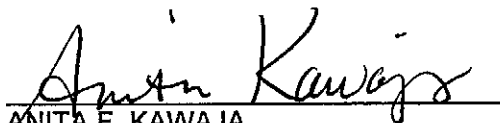
This reprimand shall be made a matter of public record and appropriately published in accordance with the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

**Other Relief**

All requested relief not expressly granted herein is expressly DENIED.


SIGNED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2019.

**INVESTIGATORY PANEL 5-1  
DISTRICT 5**

  
ANITA F. KAWAJA  
**INVESTIGATORY PANEL CHAIR**

**AGREED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:**

*Tyasha Elam*  
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TYESHA YVETTE ELAM  
State Bar No. 24026819  
**RESPONDENT**

  
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