

**BEFORE THE DISTRICT 10 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE
EVIDENTIARY PANEL 10-3
STATE BAR OF TEXAS**

**COMMISSION FOR LAWYER
DISCIPLINE,
Petitioner**

V.

**JOHN BLAKE ETHERIDGE,
Respondent**

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FILE NO. 201703526

AGREED JUDGMENT OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

Parties and Appearance

Petitioner and Respondent, John Blake Etheridge, Texas Bar Number 24063290 announce that an agreement has been reached on all matters including the imposition of a Public Reprimand.

Jurisdiction and Venue

The Evidentiary Panel 10-3 having been duly appointed to hear this complaint by the chair of the Grievance Committee for State Bar of Texas District 10 finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action, and that venue is proper.

Professional Misconduct

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

Findings of Fact

Petitioner and Respondent agree to the following findings of fact. Accordingly, the Evidentiary 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 resides in and maintains his principal place of practice in Bexar County, Texas.
3. Respondent met with Complainant on March 6, 2017 and hired the same day to represent Complainant in a traffic ticket case.
4. Respondent failed to file a response in this matter to the State Bar of Texas as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.
5. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas has incurred reasonable attorneys' fees and direct expenses associated with this Disciplinary Proceeding in the amount of \$400.00

Conclusions of Law

Petitioner and Respondent agree that, based on the foregoing findings of fact, the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct have been violated. Accordingly, the Evidentiary Panel concludes that the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct have been violated: 8.04(a)(8).

Sanction

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

Attorney's Fees and Expenses

It is further AGREED and ORDERED Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and direct expenses to the State Bar of Texas in the amount of \$400.00. The payment of attorney's fees and direct expenses shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order and made payable to the State Bar of Texas. The payment shall be submitted 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) on or before August 1, 2021.

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(Z) 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 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 28th day of July, 2021.

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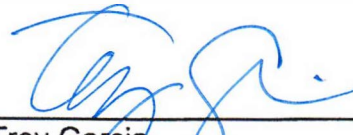


Lawrence Morales
District 10-3 Presiding Member

AGREED AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:



John Blake Etheridge
State Bar No. 24063290
Respondent



Troy Garcia
State Bar No. 24055527
Counsel for Petitioner