

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
APPOINTED BY
THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

FILED



Jan. 19, 2018

Board of Disciplinary Appeals

**IN THE MATTER OF
ERIK JAMES BURRIS
STATE BAR CARD NO. 24061360**

CAUSE NO. 59817

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RESPONDENT'S ORIGINAL ANSWER

TO THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS:

Comes now, Erik James Burris, Respondent in the above-entitled and numbered cause, and for answer to the Petitioner's pleading on file herein, would respectfully show unto the Board as follows:

I.

Subject to such stipulations and admissions as may hereafter be made, Respondent asserts a General Denial and Respondent respectfully request that the Petitioner be required to prove the charges and allegations against this Respondent as is required by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Texas.

II.

Respondent has always denied and continues to deny that he is guilty of the offenses for which he has been convicted. Respondent further asserts that a wrongful conviction should not be grounds for disbarment under Rule 8.05 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Respondent, Erik James Burris, prays that upon final hearing hereof, this action be dismissed and he may be permitted to remain in "inactive"

status until such time as his wrongful convictions are overturned, and for such other and further relief to which Respondent may show himself justly entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Respondent's Original Answer has been served in compliance with Rules 21 and 21a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure on the 19th day of January 2018.

____/s/____Rachel Anthony Collins____
RACHEL ANTHONY COLLINS