

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

**IN THE MATTER OF
ERNESTO MALDONADO**

State Bar of Texas Card No. 12855100

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CAUSE NO. 57430

AGREED JUDGMENT OF INDEFINITE DISABILITY SUSPENSION

The Chief Disciplinary Counsel ("CDC"), upon investigation of four disciplinary complaints, reasonably believes that Ernesto Maldonado ("Respondent") is suffering from a Disability and has been authorized by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline to enter into this Agreed Judgment of Disability Suspension.

Respondent has entered into this Agreed Judgment of Disability Suspension and has submitted a Waiver (attached as Exhibit "A") in which he specifically waives the appointment of a District Disability Committee and the right to appointed counsel.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED, pursuant to TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE Part XII, that Respondent, **Ernesto Maldonado**, State Bar Card No. 12855100, is hereby **SUSPENDED** from the practice of law in the State of Texas immediately as of the date of this judgment and continuing thereafter until reinstated by this Board or by a court of competent jurisdiction.

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, **Ernesto Maldonado**, is hereby prohibited during said suspension from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services not completed before the date of this judgment, appearing as counsel in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body, or holding himself 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, **Ernesto Maldonado**, shall, within thirty (30) days from the date of this judgment, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent 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.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent shall immediately 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 that are in his possession but which belong to current or former clients, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within thirty (30) days after the date on which this Judgment is signed by the Board.

Respondent, **Ernesto Maldonado**, is **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, within the same thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel 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 have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, money or other property to any client or former client, 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 clients to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

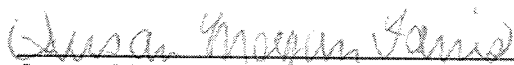
It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Signed this 11 day of April, 2016.




CHAIR PRESIDING

AGREED AS TO BOTH FORM
AND SUBSTANCE:



Susan Morgan Farris
Senior Trial Attorney
State Bar of Texas
State Bar No. 14452450



Ernesto Maldonado
Respondent
State Bar No. 12855100

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BEFORE ME, THE UNDERSIGNED AUTHORITY, on this day personally appeared Ernesto Maldonado, State Bar No. 12855100, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed below, and who after being duly sworn, stated on his oath:

"My name is Ernesto Maldonado. I am over 18 years of age and am competent to make this waiver and am personally acquainted with the facts herein stated.

"It is my understanding that the Chief Disciplinary Counsel is willing to stipulate to the facts and existence of the disability from which I suffer. I hereby stipulate to same.

"I hereby waive the right to be separately noticed of a disability complaint by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel and I waive the right to any disciplinary hearing resulting there from. I further waive the right to have the Board of Disciplinary Appeals review the record and findings of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel regarding the disability from which I suffer, and waive the right to the appointment of a District Disability Committee as provided in Rule 12.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. I further waive the right to a hearing before a District Disability Committee. I have been advised of the right to have counsel appointed to represent me in this matter and I waive that right.

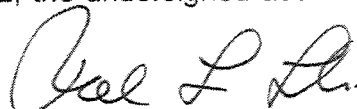
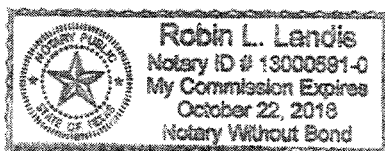
"I accept and stipulate to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's findings that I suffer from a disability and request that the Board of Disciplinary Appeals enter an Order of my indefinite suspension from the practice of law.

"I acknowledge the above to be true and correct."



Ernesto Maldonado

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, this 5th day of April, 2016.



Notary Public, State of Texas

Waiver - Maldonado

