

THE BOARD of DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
Appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas

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On May 28, 2026, the Commission appealed BODA's two most recent rejections in the matters of Mr. Afamefuna Ikenna Pride Okeke (Case No. 26-0546) and Mr. Hao Ni (Case No. 26-0545). Both appeals remain pending before the Supreme Court of Texas. The outcome of these two appeals could significantly affect Respondent's response to the Order to Show Cause and BODA's decision in this matter.

A plea in abatement does not challenge the merits of the underlying claim but asserts that the proceeding should not proceed at this time due to a pending event. Abating this matter will prevent undue prejudice, conserve Board resources, and allow the parties time to better resolve the matter.

Respondent has conferred with Mr. Ramiro Canales from the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel. Mr. Canales confirmed that the Commission does not oppose Respondent's Motion to Abate.

III. PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Respondent respectfully requests that this Board enter an order abating this proceeding pending the resolution of the appeals of Mr. Ni and Mr. Okeke's BODA decisions before the Supreme Court of Texas, and for such other and further relief to which Respondent may be justly entitled.

DATED: September 22, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon
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