

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

**IN THE MATTER OF** §  
**RODOLFO DELGADO** § **CAUSE NO. 63669**  
**STATE BAR CARD NO. 05645550** §

**JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT**

On July 30, 2021, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals considered the Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment filed in the above case by Petitioner, Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the State Bar of Texas, against Respondent, Rodolfo Delgado. The Board finds that:

- (1) It has continuing jurisdiction of this matter pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 8.05 (“TRDP”);
- (2) The United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit affirmed Respondent, Rodolfo Delgado’s, conviction and sentence on or about January 5, 2021;
- (3) Petitioner filed its Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment on or about June 4, 2021, and served same on Respondent in accordance with TRDP 8.05; Petitioner filed its First Amended Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment on July 20, 2021;
- (4) Respondent’s conviction for the commission of an Intentional Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(V) and for a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(GG), for which he was sentenced in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, has become final and is not subject to appeal; and
- (5) Petitioner’s Motion for Entry of Judgment of Disbarment should be granted.

**Interlocutory Suspension**

On February 4, 2020, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals entered an Interlocutory Order of Suspension, which included the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- (1) Respondent, Rodolfo Delgado, whose State Bar Card number is 05645550, is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law and is authorized to practice law in the State of Texas.

- (2) On or about February 28, 2018, Respondent was charged by Indictment with Count 1 – Federal Program Bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B); Count 2 – Federal Program Bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B); Count 3 – Federal Program Bribery; Count 4 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952; Count 5 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952; and Count 6 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952, in Cause No. 18CR115, styled *United States of America v. Rodolfo “Rudy” Delgado*, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.
- (3) On or about June 19, 2018, Respondent was charged by Superseding Indictment with Count 1 – Conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371; Count 2 – Federal Program Bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B); Count 3 – Federal Program Bribery; Count 4 – Federal Program Bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B); Count 5 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952; Count 6 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952; and Count 7 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952, in Cause No. 18-cr-115 S, styled *United States of America v. Rodolfo “Rudy” Delgado*, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.
- (4) On or about July 25, 2018, Respondent was charged by Second Superseding Indictment with Count 1 – Conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371; Count 2 – Federal Program Bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B); Count 3 – Federal Program Bribery; Count 4 – Federal Program Bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B); Count 5 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952; Count 6 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952; Count 7 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952; and Count 8 – Obstruction of Justice in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2), in Cause No. 18-CR-115-S2, styled *United States of America v. Rodolfo “Rudy” Delgado*, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.
- (5) On or about November 15, 2018, Respondent was charged by Third Superseding Indictment with Count 1 – Conspiracy in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 371; Count 2 – Federal Program Bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B); Count 3 – Federal Program Bribery; Count 4 – Federal Program Bribery in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 666(a)(1)(B); Count 5 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952; Count 6 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952; Count 7 – Travel Act in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1952; and Count 8 – Obstruction of Justice in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1512(c)(2), in Cause No. H-18-cr-115-S3, styled *United States of America v. Rodolfo “Rudy” Delgado*, in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division.
- (6) On or about October 1, 2019, a Judgment in a Criminal Case was entered in Cause No. 4:18CR00115-001, styled *United States of America v. Rodolfo*

*“Rudy” Delgado* in the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, wherein Respondent was found guilty of Count 1SSS – Conspiracy; Count 2SSS – Federal Program Bribery; Count 3SSS – Federal Program Bribery; Count 4SSS – Federal Program Bribery; Count 5SSS – Travel Act; Count 6SSS – Travel Act; Count 7SSS – Travel Act; and Count 8SSS – Obstruction of Justice. Respondent was ordered to be committed to the custody of the Federal Bureau of Prisons for a term of sixty (60) months with the term consisting of 48 months as to each of Counts 1SSS, 5SSS, 6SSS, 7SSS, and 60 months as to Counts 2SSS, 3SSS, 4SSS and 8SSS. All terms to run concurrently, for a total term of 60 months. Respondent is ordered that upon release from imprisonment, to be on supervised release for a term of 2 years.

- (7) Respondent, Rodolfo Delgado, is the same person as the Rodolfo “Rudy” Delgado who is the subject of the criminal case described above.
- (8) Respondent has appealed the criminal conviction.
- (9) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. TEX. R. DISCIPLINARY P. (“TRDP”) 7.08(G);
- (10) Respondent, Rodolfo Delgado, having been found guilty of Count 1SSS – Conspiracy; Count 2SSS – Federal Program Bribery; Count 3SSS – Federal Program Bribery; Count 4SSS – Federal Program Bribery; Count 5SSS – Travel Act; Count 6SSS – Travel Act; Count 7SSS – Travel Act; and Count 8SSS – Obstruction of Justice, has been convicted of Intentional Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(V).
- (11) Respondent has also been convicted of a Serious Crime as defined by TRDP 1.06(GG).
- (12) Having been found guilty and convicted of Intentional and Serious Crimes and having appealed such conviction, Respondent, Rodolfo Delgado, should have his license to practice law in Texas suspended during the appeal of his criminal conviction. TRDP 8.04.
- (13) The Board retains jurisdiction to enter a final judgment in this matter when the criminal appeal is final.

### **Disbarment**

The Board has determined that disbarment of the Respondent is appropriate. It is, therefore, accordingly, **ORDERED**, **ADJUDGED**, and **DECREED** that Respondent, Rodolfo Delgado,

State Bar No. 05645550, be and hereby is DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas, and his license to practice law in this state be and hereby is revoked.

It is further **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Rodolfo Delgado, is hereafter prohibited, effective immediately, from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal service for others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel or in any representative capacity 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, Rodolfo Delgado, shall immediately notify each of his current clients in writing of this disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is **ORDERED** to return any files, papers, unearned monies, and other property, which belongs to clients and former clients and is in Respondent’s possession or control, to the respective clients or former clients or to another attorney at the client’s or former client’s request. Respondent is further **ORDERED** to file with the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel’s Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) within thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment by the Board, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of Respondent's disbarment and that all files, papers, monies, and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Rodolfo Delgado, shall, on or before thirty (30) days from the signing of this judgment by the Board, notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer, and chief justice of each and every court or tribunal in which Respondent has any matter pending of the terms of this judgment, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address, and telephone number of

the client(s) Respondent is representing. Respondent is further ORDERED to file with the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) within thirty (30) days of the signing of this judgment by the Board, an affidavit stating that each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer, and chief justice has received written notice of the terms of this judgment.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Rodolfo Delgado, if he has not already done so, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Statewide Compliance Monitor, State Bar of Texas, P. O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

It is further **ORDERED** that a certified copy of the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file herein along with a copy of this Final Judgment of Disbarment be sent to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.



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VICE CHAIR PRESIDING  
BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS