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Before the Evidentiary Panel 4-6 of the State Bar District No. 4 Grievance Committee

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER	§	2023-06618
DISCIPLINE,	§	[Alexander Michael Wolf]
Petitioner,	§	_
	§	
V.	§	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
CARL W. GORDON,	§	
Respondent.	§	

NOTICE OF APPEAL

This Notice of Appeal is filed by Respondent, Carl W. Gordon, a party to this proceeding whom seeks to alter the Oct. 15, 2025 judgment.

- 1. The cause number, parties and style of this case are shown in the caption above.
- 2. The Judgment appealed from was signed on Oct. 15, 2025. See Exhibit A.
- 3. This appeal is being brought to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals.

Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Carl W. Gordon
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pro Se

I certify that on October 17, 2025 a true and correct copy of *Respondent's Notice of Appeal* was served in accordance with TRCP on each party.

/s/ Carl W. Gordon
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STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

October 17, 2025

Via Email CGordon@GordonLawyers.com and CarlWGordon@gmail.com

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RE: Case No. 202306618 [Alexander M. Wolf], Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Carl Wesley Gordon, Before the Evidentiary Panel 4-6 of the State Bar District 4 Grievance Committee

Dear Mr. Gordon:

After considering all of the evidence and testimony presented in the above-referenced Evidentiary Proceeding, the Evidentiary Panel determined that you have committed Professional Misconduct as set forth in the enclosed *Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension*.

Pursuant to the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, you have a right to appeal the judgment. An appeal, if taken, is perfected when a written notice of appeal is filed with the Board of Disciplinary Appeals ("BODA"), P. O. Box 12426, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas, 78711. The notice of appeal must be filed with BODA within thirty (30) days of the date the chair of the evidentiary panel signed the judgment. See BODA Internal Procedural Rule 4.01(d). Appeals are further governed by Tex. R. Disciplinary P. 2.23 and Section 4 of BODA's Internal Procedural Rules.

Please be advised that any judgment conditions requiring compliance, including payment of attorneys' fees and costs, will be regularly monitored and enforced by the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel. <u>Contact Compliance Monitor, Heather White, at 512-427-1334, or Special Programs Coordinator, Jennifer Ibarra, at 512-427-1343, for further information.</u>

4801 Woodway Drive, Suite 315-W Houston, Texas 77056 Phone: 713-758-8200 Fax: 713-758-8254 If any sanction other than a private reprimand has been imposed, all documents, statements, and other information coming to the attention of the Evidentiary Panel may be made public.

Sincerely,

E. William Nichols II

Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

EWN/cv

Enclosure



10/15/2025

BEFORE THE DISTRICT 4 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE **EVIDENTIARY PANEL 4-6** STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Houston Office

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, Petitioner

Chief Disciplinary Counsel

V.

CARL WESLEY GORDON,

Respondent

202306618 [ALEXANDER WOLF]

JUDGMENT OF PARTIALLY PROBATED SUSPENSION

Parties and Appearance

On October 8, 2025, came to be heard the above-styled and numbered cause. Petitioner, Commission for Lawyer Discipline, appeared by and through its attorney of record and announced ready. Respondent, Carl Wesley Gordon, Texas Bar Number 24047659, appeared in person and announced ready.

Jurisdiction and Venue

The Evidentiary Panel 4-6 having been duly appointed to hear this complaint by the chair of the Grievance Committee for State Bar of Texas District 4, 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 all of the pleadings, evidence, stipulations, and argument, finds Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06(CC) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Findings of Fact

The Evidentiary Panel, having considered the pleadings, evidence and argument of counsel, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law:

- 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 Harris County, Texas.
- 3. Respondent brought and defended a proceeding where he reasonably should have known or believed that the basis for doing so would be frivolous.
- 4. Respondent in the course of litigation took a position that unreasonably increased the costs or other burdens of the case or that unreasonably delayed resolution of the matter.
- 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 \$7,517.

Conclusions of Law

The Evidentiary Panel concludes that, based on foregoing findings of fact, the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct have been violated: Rules 3.01 and 3.02.

Sanction

The Evidentiary Panel, having found that Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct, heard and considered additional evidence regarding the appropriate sanction to be imposed against Respondent. After hearing all evidence and argument, the Evidentiary Panel finds that the proper discipline of the Respondent for each act of Professional Misconduct is a Partially Probated Suspension.

Accordingly, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that Respondent be suspended from the practice of law for a period of three (3) years, beginning November 1, 2025, and ending October 31, 2028. Respondent shall be actively suspended from the practice of law for a period of one (1) year beginning November 1, 2025, and ending October 31, 2026. If Respondent complies with all of the following terms and conditions timely, the two (2) year period of probated suspension shall begin on November 1, 2026, and shall end on October 31, 2028:

- 1. Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorneys' fees and direct expenses to the State Bar of Texas in the amount of \$7,517 on or before May 1, 2026.
- 2. In addition to complying with the Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirements of the State Bar of Texas, Respondent shall complete three (3) out of the nine (9) additional hours of continuing legal education in the area of Ethics between November 1, 2025, and October 31, 2026.
- 3. Further, in addition to complying with the Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirements of the State Bar of Texas, Respondent shall complete six (6) out of the 18 additional hours of continuing legal education in the areas of Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, and Family Law between November 1, 2025, and October 31, 2026.
- 4. Respondent shall make contact with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Compliance Monitor at 512-427-1334 and Special Programs Coordinator at 512-427-1343, not later than seven (7) days after receipt of a copy of this judgment to coordinate Respondent's compliance.

Should Respondent fail to comply with all of the above terms and conditions timely, Respondent shall remain actively suspended until the date of compliance or until October 31, 2028, whichever occurs first.

Terms of Active Suspension

It is further ORDERED that during the term of active suspension ordered herein, or that may be imposed upon Respondent by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals as a result of a probation revocation proceeding, Respondent shall be prohibited 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; appearing as counsel or in any representative capacity in any proceeding in any Texas or Federal court or before any administrative body; or holding himself out to others or using his name, in any manner, in conjunction with the words "attorney at law," "attorney," "counselor at law," or "lawyer."

It is further ORDERED that, on or before November 1, 2025, Respondent shall notify each of Respondent's current clients and opposing counsel in writing of this suspension.

In addition to such notification, it is further ORDERED that Respondent shall return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to current clients in Respondent's possession to the respective clients or to another attorney at the client's request.

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) on or before November 1, 2025, an affidavit stating all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of Respondent's suspension and that all files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to all current clients have been returned as ordered herein. If it is Respondent's assertion that at the time of suspension he possessed no current clients and/or Respondent was not in possession of any files, papers, unearned monies or other property belonging to clients, Respondent shall submit an affidavit attesting that, at the time of suspension, Respondent had no current clients and did not possess any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to clients.

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall, on or before November 1, 2025, 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.

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701) on or before November 1, 2025, an affidavit stating Respondent has notified in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer, and chief justice of each and every court 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 in Court. If it is Respondent's assertion that at the time of suspension he was not currently listed as counsel or co-counsel in any matter pending before any justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer, or chief justice of any court or tribunal, Respondent shall submit an affidavit attesting to the absence of any such pending matter before any justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, administrative judge or officer, or chief justice.

It is further ORDERED that, on or before November 1, 2025, Respondent shall surrender his law license and permanent State Bar Card to the State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), to be forwarded to the Supreme Court of Texas.

Terms of Probated Suspension

It is further ORDERED that during the period of probated suspension (and all periods of suspension), Respondent shall be under the following terms and conditions:

- 1. Respondent shall not violate any term of this judgment.
- 2. Respondent shall not engage in professional misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06(CC) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.
- 3. Respondent shall not violate any state or federal criminal statutes.
- 4. Respondent shall keep State Bar of Texas membership department notified of current mailing, residence and business addresses and telephone numbers.
- 5. Respondent shall comply with Minimum Continuing Legal Education requirements.
- 6. Respondent shall comply with Interest on Lawyers Trust Account (IOLTA) requirements.
- 7. Respondent shall promptly respond to any request for information from the Chief Disciplinary Counsel in connection with any investigation of any allegations of professional misconduct.

- 8. In addition to complying with the Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirements of the State Bar of Texas, Respondent shall complete the remaining six (6) out of the nine (9) additional hours of continuing legal education in the area of Ethics. Three (3) of those six (6) remaining additional hours of CLE shall be completed between November 1, 2026, and October 31, 2027. The final three (3) additional hours of CLE shall be completed between November 1, 2027, and October 31, 2028.
- 9. Further, in addition to complying with the Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirements of the State Bar of Texas, Respondent shall complete the remaining 12 out of the 18 additional hours of continuing legal education in the areas of Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, and Family Law. Six (6) of those 12 remaining additional hours of CLE shall be completed between November 1, 2026, and October 31, 2027. The final six (6) additional hours of CLE shall be completed between November 1, 2027, and October 31, 2028.
- 10. Respondent shall make contact with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Compliance Monitor at 512-427-1334 and Special Programs Coordinator at 512-427-1343, not later than seven (7) days after receipt of a copy of this judgment to coordinate Respondent's compliance.

Probation Revocation

Upon information that Respondent has violated a term of this judgment, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel may, in addition to all other remedies available, file a motion to revoke probation pursuant to Rule 2.22 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure with the Board of Disciplinary Appeals ("BODA") and serve a copy of the motion on Respondent pursuant to Tex.R.Civ.P. 21a.

BODA shall conduct an evidentiary hearing. At the hearing, BODA shall determine by a preponderance of the evidence whether Respondent has violated any term of this Judgment. If BODA finds grounds for revocation, BODA shall enter an order revoking probation and placing Respondent on active suspension from the date of such revocation order. Respondent shall not be given credit for any term of probation served prior to revocation.

It is further ORDERED that any conduct on the part of Respondent which serves as the basis for a motion to revoke probation may also be brought as independent grounds for discipline

as allowed under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Additional CLE

In addition to complying with the Minimum Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) requirements of the State Bar of Texas, Respondent shall complete nine (9) additional hours of continuing legal education in the area of Ethics and 18 additional hours in the areas of Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, and Family Law. These additional hours of CLE are to be completed as outlined in the terms and conditions listed in the preceding sections entitled Sanctions and Terms of Probated Suspension. Within ten (10) days of the completion of each of these additional CLE hours, Respondent shall verify completion of the course to the State Bar of Texas, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711 (1414 Colorado St., Suite 200, Austin, TX 78701).

Respondent shall make contact with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Compliance Monitor at 512-427-1334 and Special Programs Coordinator at 512-427-1343, not later than seven (7) days after receipt of a copy of this judgment to coordinate Respondent's compliance.

Attorneys' Fees and Expenses

It is further ORDERED Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and direct expenses to the State Bar of Texas in the amount of \$7,517. The payment shall be due and payable on or before May 1, 2026, and shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order. Respondent shall forward the funds, made payable to the State Bar of Texas, to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701).

It is further ORDERED that all amounts ordered herein are due to the misconduct of

Respondent, are assessed as a part of the sanction in accordance with Rule 1.06(FF) 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.

It is further ORDERED that Respondent shall remain actively suspended from the practice

of law as set out above until such time as Respondent has completely paid attorney fees and direct

expenses in the amount of \$7,517 to the State Bar of Texas.

Publication

This suspension 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 15th day of October, 2025.

EVIDENTIARY PANEL 4-6

DISTRICT NO. 4 STATE BAR OF TEXAS

LINDA J. WHITE

District 4-6 Presiding Member

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