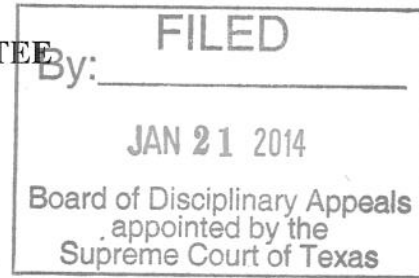


BEFORE THE DISTRICT 9 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE  
EVIDENTIARY PANEL 9-1  
STATE BAR OF TEXAS



COMMISSION FOR LAWYER  
DISCIPLINE,  
Petitioner

§ A0011214264  
§ A0041214472  
§ A0041214473  
§ A0111114139

V.

LESTER L. HOOD, III  
Respondent

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RESPONDENT'S NOTICE OF APPEAL

**TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS:**

COMES NOW, Respondent Lester L. Hood, III (SBOT No. 09943410 and hereafter "Respondent") and gives notice of his appeal pursuant to Rule 2.24, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, and respectfully shows the Board the following:

1. Lester L. Hood, III, the Respondent in the above proceeding, files this notice of appeal to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas, in Austin, Texas.
2. Respondent desires to appeal from that part of the judgment rendered against Respondent by Evidentiary Panel 9-1 of the District 9 Grievance Committee in a judgment signed December 20, 2013, in Cause Nos. A0011214264, A0041214472, A0041214473, A0111114139, finding violations of various Texas Rules of Disciplinary Conduct, including:
  - a. Rules 1.03 (8), 1.15 (d), 8.04 (a)(1), and 8.04 (a)(8) in the grievance filed by Waller Burns, II;
  - b. Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.15(d), 8.04(a)(1), and 8.04(a)(8) in the grievance filed by Damien Gilbertson;
  - c. Rules 8.04(a)(1) and 8.04(a)(8) in the grievance filed by Deanna Morales; and
  - d. Rules 8.04(a)(1) and 8.04(a)(8) in the grievance filed by Julio Vasquez.
3. Additionally, or in the alternative, Respondent appeals the Evidentiary Panel finding that the proper discipline for each act of alleged professional misconduct is a "Partially Probated Suspension," consisting of one year active suspension, followed by a five-year period of probated suspension. Respondent also appeals the required terms and conditions of the probation.
4. A true and correct copy of the Judgment of Partially Probated Suspension received by Respondent on or about January 3, 2014, is attached as Exhibit "A".

Respectfully Submitted,

By:

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has been forwarded to counsel of record, via 1<sup>st</sup> Class Mail and fax, on this the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2014.

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Please find attached Respondent's Notice of Appeal ready for filing in the above named case. a copy of this notice was sent under separate cover and via fax to Assistant Disciplinary Counsel Judith Gres DeBerry. (512) 427-4167

If you have any questions with respect to the filing, please contact me at the number below. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance.

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