



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

**IN THE MATTER OF
IKECHUKWU NWEZE**

State Bar of Texas Card No. 00792725

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CAUSE NO. 58338

JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 28th day of April 2017, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner appeared by attorney and announced ready. Respondent, Ikechukwu Nweze, appeared in person and by attorney and announced ready. All matters of fact as well as all matters of law were submitted to the Board of Disciplinary Appeals for determination. Having considered the pleadings on file, having received evidence, and having heard the argument of counsel, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals makes the following findings and orders:

Findings of Fact. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals finds that:

- (1) Respondent, Ikechukwu Nweze, State Bar of Texas Card Number 00792725, is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- (2) On or about January 21, 2015, Respondent was charged by Indictment with Insurance Fraud, in Cause No. 1436421, styled *The State of Texas v. Ikechukwu Nweze*, in the 176th District Court of Harris County, Texas.
- (3) On or about July 7, 2016, a Waiver of Constitutional Rights, Agreement to Stipulate and Judicial Confession was entered in Cause No. 1436421, styled *The State of Texas v. Ikechukwu Nweze*, in the 176th District Court of Harris County, Texas, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Insurance Fraud \$20,000 - \$100,000.

- (4) On or about July 28, 2016, an Order of Deferred Adjudication was entered in Cause No. 143642101010, styled *The State of Texas v. Ikechukwu Nweze*, in the 185th District Court of Harris County, Texas, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Insurance Fraud \$20,000 - \$100,000 and was placed on community supervision for four (4) years and, as a condition of community supervision, ordered to surrender his law license by September 7, 2016.
- (5) On or about January 21, 2015, Respondent was charged by Indictment with Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, in Cause No. 1436422, styled *The State of Texas v. Ikechukwu Nweze*, in the 176th District Court of Harris County, Texas.
- (6) On or about July 7, 2016, a Waiver of Constitutional Rights, Agreement to Stipulate and Judicial Confession was entered in Cause No. 1436422, styled *The State of Texas v. Ikechukwu Nweze*, in the 176th District Court of Harris County, Texas, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity.
- (7) On or about July 28, 2016, an Order of Deferred Adjudication was entered in Cause No. 143642201010, styled *The State of Texas v. Ikechukwu Nweze*, in the 185th District Court of Harris County, Texas, wherein Respondent pled guilty to Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity and was placed on community supervision for four (4) years and, as a condition of community supervision, ordered to surrender his law license by September 7, 2016.
- (8) Respondent, Ikechukwu Nweze, is the same person as the Ikechukwu Nweze who is the subject of the Order of Deferred Adjudication described above.

Conclusions of Law. Based upon the foregoing findings of fact the Board of Disciplinary

Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

- (1) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Tex. R. Disciplinary P. 7.08(G).
- (2) Respondent, Ikechukwu Nweze has been convicted for purposes of TRDP 8.04 of Intentional Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(T). Such crimes are as well Serious Crimes as defined by TRDP 1.06(AA).
- (3) The convictions are final. Respondent, Ikechukwu Nweze, therefore, should be disbarred. TRDP 8.05.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent,

Ikechukwu Nweze, State Bar of Texas Card No. 00792725, be and he is hereby DISBARRED from the practice of law in the State of Texas and his license to practice law in this state be and is hereby revoked.

It is further ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that Respondent, Ikechukwu Nweze, is 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 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 Respondent 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 belonging to clients and former clients in the Respondent's possession 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 Respondent 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, Ikechukwu Nweze, immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

Signed this 3 day of May 2017.


CHAIRMAN