



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

**IN THE MATTER OF
RICHARD ANTHONY PATTI
STATE BAR CARD NO. 14667390**

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CAUSE NO. 73114

JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 31st day of July, 2026, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, appeared by attorney and announced ready. Richard Anthony Patti, Respondent, despite being duly notified of the hearing, waived his opportunity to participate in the hearing and declined to appear. All questions of fact and all issues 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, conclusions, and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, State Bar Card Number 14667390, is licensed and authorized by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On November 13, 2025, the 262nd District Court, Harris County, Texas, issued an Order of Deferred Adjudication in Cause Number 189792501010, styled *The State of Texas v. Ricardo Anthony Patti*, reflecting that Ricardo Anthony Patti pleaded guilty to “THEFT/AGG >=300k ELDERLY/NONPROFIT,” a First Degree Felony. Patti was placed on Deferred Adjudication Community Supervision for a period of ten (10) years and was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$207,587.93.

- (3) On March 2, 2026, the 262nd District Court, Harris County, Texas, issued 1st Amended Conditions of Community Supervision, modifying some of Patti's payment obligations and waiving \$750,000.00 in restitution in light of a civil court judgment.
- (4) Respondent was served the Petition for Compulsory Discipline by email on May 20, 2026, and he confirmed receipt by email on May 26, 2026.
- (5) Through his motions filed with the Board of Disciplinary Appeals, Respondent has acknowledged that he is subject of the underlying criminal case described above as well as the Order of Deferred Adjudication described above.
- (6) Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, has gone by other names, including Richard Anthony Munisteri, Riccardo Patti, Ric Patti, and Ricardo Anthony Patti.
- (7) Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, is the same person as the Ricardo Anthony Patti 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. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 7.08(G).
- (2) Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, pleaded guilty to and was placed on deferred adjudication for an Intentional and Serious Crime, as defined by Texas Rule of Disciplinary Procedure 1.06(V) and (GG).
- (3) The Order of Deferred Adjudication is final.
- (4) Compulsory discipline is warranted in this case. TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 8.05.
- (5) The Board has discretion to enter an order of disbarment or suspend Respondent's license for the duration of the term of deferred adjudication probation. *In re Caballero*, 272 S.W.3d 595, 601 (Tex. 2008); *see* TEX. RULES DISCIPLINARY P. R. 8.05, 8.06.
- (6) The Board declines to exercise discretion to suspend Respondent from the practice of law.

It is, accordingly, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED** that Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, State Bar Card No. 14667390, 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, Richard Anthony Patti, is prohibited 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 at law,” “attorney,” “counselor at law,” “Esquire,” “Esq.” or “lawyer.”

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, shall remain subject to all terms and conditions of the Order of Deferred Adjudication and 1st Amended Conditions of Community Supervision, including the requirement that restitution be paid, and nothing in this Judgment shall relieve Respondent of any outstanding requirement under those orders.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, shall 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, if any, in which Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, has any legal matter pending, if any, of his disbarment, of the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and of the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in that court. Respondent is also **ORDERED** to mail copies of all such notifications to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, shall file with the State Bar of Texas, Statewide Compliance Monitor, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, an affidavit stating that 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 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 in that court or tribunal.

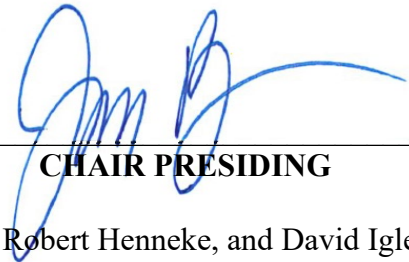
It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, shall notify each of his current clients and opposing counsel, if any, in writing, of his disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is **ORDERED** to return all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and property which are in his possession or control but which belong to current or former clients, if any, to those respective clients or former clients within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment.

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It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Richard Anthony Patti, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, shall surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Statewide Compliance Monitor, Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

It is further **ORDERED** that this Judgment of Disbarment shall be made a matter of public record and notice of this judgment shall be published in the *Texas Bar Journal*.

Signed this 6th day of August 2026.



CHAIR PRESIDING

Board members Arthur D'Andrea, Scott Fredricks, Robert Henneke, and David Iglesias did not participate in this decision.