



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

**IN THE MATTER OF
RICO C. REYES
STATE BAR CARD NO. 00786855**

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CAUSE NO. 73069

JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT

On the 30th day of July, 2026, the above-styled and numbered disciplinary action was considered by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Respondent, Rico C. Reyes, by letter dated July 8, 2026, waived his appearance for the hearing, and the Board issued an order on July 14, 2026, removing the case from the hearing docket and setting it for submission on the pleadings. 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, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals makes the following findings, conclusions, and orders:

Findings of Fact. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals finds:

- (1) Respondent, Rico C. Reyes, State Bar Card Number 00786855, is licensed but not currently authorized to practice law in the State of Texas.
- (2) On November 19, 2024, the 179th District Court, Harris County, Texas, issued an Order of Deferred Adjudication in Cause Number 155998201010, styled *The State of Texas v. Reyes, Rico C*, reflecting that Respondent waived his right to trial and pleaded guilty to Misapplication of Fiduciary Property valued at \$100,000 or more but less than \$200,000, a 2nd Degree Felony. Respondent was placed on Deferred Adjudication Community Supervision for a period of ten (10) years. Respondent was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$200,000.00, court costs in the amount of \$290.00, and a reimbursement fee in the amount of \$1,070.00.
- (3) Respondent was personally served the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on May 19, 2026.

- (4) Respondent, Rico C. Reyes, is the same person as the Rico C. Reyes 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, Rico C. Reyes, 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, Rico C. Reyes, State Bar Card No. 00786855, 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, Rico C. Reyes, 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, Rico C. Reyes, 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, Rico C. Reyes, 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, Rico C. Reyes, 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.

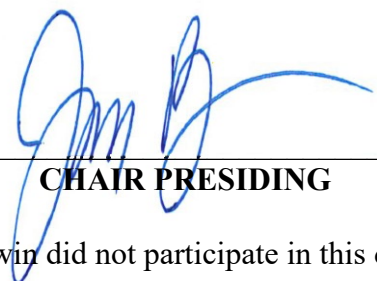
It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Rico C. Reyes, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, shall notify each of his current clients and opposing counsel, if any, in writing, of his disbarment. In addition to such notification, Respondent is **ORDERED** to return all files, papers, 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.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Rico C. Reyes, within thirty (30) days of the date of this judgment, 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), an affidavit stating that all current clients and opposing counsel have been notified of Respondent's disbarment and that all files, papers, monies, and other property belonging to all current and former clients have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, money, or other property to any client or former client, Respondent's affidavit shall state with particularity the efforts made by Respondent with respect to each particular client and the cause of such inability to return to said client any file, paper, money, or other property.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Rico C. Reyes, 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 3rd day of August 2026.



CHAIR PRESIDING

Board members Scott Fredricks and Melissa Goodwin did not participate in this decision.