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Jan. 20, 2021

THE BOARD of DISCIPLINARY APPEALS  
Appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas

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

**IN THE MATTER OF  
RAMON GERARDO RIOS  
STATE BAR NO. 2402966**

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**CAUSE NO. 64719**

RESPONDENT'S FIRST ORIGINAL ANSWER

Comes now, Respondent, Ramon Gerardo Rios, and files this, his First Original Answer, showing as follows:

I.

The Petition for Compulsory Discipline correctly identifies the Respondent as the same lawyer who has been convicted of the offense identified as "Misapplication of Fiduciary" in Exhibits 1 and 2 to the Petition for Compulsory Discipline on file in this case.

II.

Respondent does not contest that Misapplication of Fiduciary may be properly classified as an offense that involves moral turpitude for Texas attorney disciplinary purposes.

III.

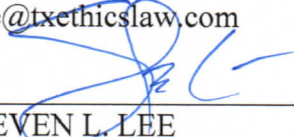
Respondent respectfully shows that the sentence imposed upon him in Cause No. D-1-DC-14900131, as demonstrated by review of Exhibit 3 to the Petition for Compulsory Discipline, is fully probated. Accordingly, Mr. Rios is entitled to resist disbarment and instead seek the suspension of his law license in the manner permitted by Rule 8.06, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, and *In re Caballero*, 272 S.W. 3d 595 (Tex. 2008).

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Respondent respectfully prays that, after consideration of evidence and the argument of counsel, this honorable tribunal enter

judgment that his Texas license to practice law be suspended during the term of his probation and that he have such other and further relief to which he is entitled in law or equity.

Respectfully submitted,

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#### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Respondent's First Original Answer was sent email, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021, to:

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