



THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
appointed by
THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

IN THE MATTER OF
RAFAEL SIERRA JR.

State Bar of Texas Card No. 24081494

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CAUSE NO. 67897

JUDGMENT OF INDEFINITE DISABILITY SUSPENSION

On 18th day of October 2024, a District Disability Committee appointed by the Board of Disciplinary Appeals heard the above-captioned disability case. The District Disability Committee considered whether the Respondent, Rafael Sierra Jr., suffers from a Disability as defined in Rule 1.06(I) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. As set forth in the attached Finding of Disability, incorporated herein by reference as if set out in full, the District Disability Committee found that Respondent suffers from a Disability.

All pending disciplinary cases, if any, are hereby abated for the duration of the suspension pursuant to Rule 12.05 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondent, Rafael Sierra Jr., is indefinitely suspended from the practice of law.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, Rafael Sierra Jr., during said suspension, is hereby enjoined from practicing law in Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services, appearing as counsel 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 conjunction with the words “attorney at law,” “counselor at law,” or “lawyer.”

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent, within thirty (30) days from the date of this Judgment, shall notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Respondent has any legal matter pending, if any, of this suspension, 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.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent shall immediately notify each of his current clients, if any, in writing, of this suspension. 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 after the date on which this Judgment is signed. Respondent is further **ORDERED** to file with the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701), within the same thirty (30) days, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of his suspension and that all files, papers, unearned fees paid in advance, and all other monies and properties belonging to clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein. If Respondent should be unable to return any file, papers, monies or other property to any client or former client, the affidavit shall state with particularity the efforts made with respect to each particular client and the cause of the inability to return to said client any file, paper, money or other property.

Respondent is also **ORDERED** to mail a copy of said affidavit and copies of all notification letters to clients to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487 (1414 Colorado St., Austin, TX 78701).

It is also **ORDERED** that Respondent shall immediately surrender his Texas law license and permanent State Bar Card to the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel, State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, TX 78711-2487, for transmittal to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

The Board adopts the recommendation of the District Disability Committee as to Petitioner's request for attorney's fees. Petitioner's request for attorney's fees is **DENIED**.

SIGNED this 28th day of October 2024.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'W. H. H.', is written above a horizontal line.

CHAIR PRESIDING