

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

IN THE MATTER OF	§	
LOUIS JEROME STANLEY	§	CAUSE NO. 58337
STATE BAR CARD NO. 00797734	§	

AGREED JUDGMENT OF PUBLIC REPRIMAND

On the 28 day of April 2017, the above-styled and numbered reciprocal disciplinary action was called for hearing before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals. Petitioner appeared by attorney and Respondent appeared in person as indicated by their respective signatures below and announced that they agree to the findings of fact, conclusions of law and orders set forth below. The Board of Disciplinary Appeals, having reviewed the file and in consideration of the agreement of the parties, is of the opinion that Petitioner is entitled to entry of the following findings and orders:

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

- (1) Respondent, Louis Jerome Stanley, whose State Bar Card number is 00797734, is licensed by the Supreme Court of Texas to practice law and is authorized to practice law in the State of Texas;
- (2) On or about March 1, 2016, the Ruling of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board was entered before the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board in a matter styled: *In Re: Louis Jerome Stanley*, Number 14-DB-042, which states in pertinent part as follows:

...The Board adopts the factual findings of the Committee. The Board also adopts the legal conclusions of the Committee and finds that Respondent violated Rules 1.4, 1.15(d), 8.4(a), but not Rule 1.15(a). With regard to the sanction, the Board adopts the Committee's recommendation and orders that Respondent be publically reprimanded...

- (3) The Ruling of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board established that

the hearing committee found that Louis Jerome Stanley violated Rules of Professional Conduct 1.4 in that he did not "keep the client reasonably informed about the status of the receipt and distribution of proceeds from her lawsuit" and he did not "promptly comply with reasonable requests for information". Further, the Committee found that he violated Rule 1.15(d) in that he did not promptly deliver to Ms. Fernandez the funds she was entitled to receive. The Committee found that Mr. Stanley did not violate Rule 1.15(a) because he separated his attorney's fees from the remainder of the awarded funds within a reasonable time. Obviously, because the Committee believes he violated the Rules as set out, he is in violation of Rule 8.4(a).


- (4) Respondent, Louis Jerome Stanley, is the same person as the Louis Jerome Stanley, who is the subject of the Ruling of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board entered by the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board; and
- (6) The Ruling of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board entered by the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board is final.

Conclusions of Law. Based upon the foregoing findings of facts the Board of Disciplinary Appeals makes the following conclusions of law:

- (1) This Board has jurisdiction to hear and determine this matter. Rule 7.08(H), Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure;
- (2) Reciprocal discipline identical to that imposed by the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board is warranted in this case.

It is, accordingly, ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that Respondent, Louis Jerome Stanley, State Bar Card No. 00797734, is hereby PUBLICLY REPRIMANDED as an attorney at law in the State of Texas.

Signed this 1 day of May 2017.

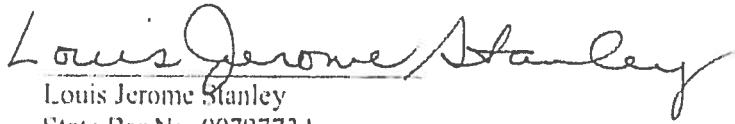


CHAIRMAN PRESIDING
BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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Respondent