BEFORE THE DISTRICT 7 GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE EVIDENTIARY PANEL 7-1 STATE BAR OF TEXAS

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, Petitioner		
v .	9 9 8	CASE NO. 201606353
KARL LEONARD LARSON, Respondent	9	

AGREED JUDGMENT OF PRIVATE REPRIMAND

Parties and Appearance

On this day, came to be heard the above-styled and numbered cause. Petitioner, Commission for Lawyer Discipline (Petitioner), and Respondent, KARL LEONARD LARSON (Respondent), Texas Bar Number 24053600, announce that an agreement has been reached on all matters including the imposition of a Private Reprimand.

Jurisdiction and Venue

The Evidentiary Panel 7-1, having been duly appointed to hear this complaint by the chair of the Grievance Committee for State Bar of Texas District 7, finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this action and that venue is proper.

Professional Misconduct

The Evidentiary Panel, having considered the pleadings, admissions, stipulations and agreements of the parties, finds Respondent has committed Professional Misconduct as defined by Rule 1.06(W) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Findings of Fact

Petitioner and Respondent agree to the following findings of fact. Accordingly, the Evidentiary Panel finds:

- 1. Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.
- 2. Respondent resides in and maintains his principal place of practice in Tarrant County, Texas.
- 3. Between approximately November 2014 and January 2016, Respondent, while practicing before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), failed to deposit approximately \$12,480 in advance fees for legal services and USPTO fees into a client trust account.
- 4. The Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas has incurred reasonable attorney's fees and direct expenses associated with this Disciplinary Proceeding in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Five and no/100 Dollars (\$225.00).

Conclusions of Law

Petitioner and Respondent agree that, based on the foregoing findings of fact, the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct have been violated. Accordingly, the Evidentiary Panel concludes that the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct have been violated: Rule 1.14(a).

Sanction

It is AGREED and ORDERED that a Private Reprimand shall be imposed against Respondent in accordance with the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

Attorney's Fees and Expenses

It is further AGREED and ORDERED Respondent shall pay all reasonable and necessary attorney's fees and direct expenses to the State Bar of Texas in the amount of Two Hundred Twenty Five and no/100 Dollars (\$225.00). The payment of attorney's fees

and direct expenses shall be made by certified or cashier's check or money order and made payable to the State Bar of Texas. Said attorney's fees and expenses shall be paid by cashier's check or money order, made payable to the State Bar of Texas, and submitted contemporaneously with the signing of this judgment, to the State Bar of Texas, Chief Disciplinary Counsel's Office, 14651 Dallas Parkway, Suite 925, Dallas, Texas 75254.

It is further AGREED and ORDERED that all amounts ordered herein are due to the misconduct of Respondent, are assessed as a part of the sanction in accordance with Rule 1.06(Z) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. Any amount not paid shall accrue interest at the maximum legal rate per annum until paid and the State Bar of Texas shall have all writs and other post-judgment remedies against Respondent in order to collect all unpaid amounts.

Publication

This reprimand shall remain confidential as to the identity of the reprimanded attorney except that, in accordance with the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, a photocopy of this judgment shall be forwarded to the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas. This judgment may be made public for the purposes of enforcement, contempt or used as the basis of a complaint for a violation of Rule 8.04(a)(7) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct in the event Respondent fails to comply with any term of this judgment.

Other Relief

All requested relief not expressly granted herein is expressly DENIED.

SIGNED this 20 day of August, 2017.

EVIDENTIARY PANEL 7-1 DISTRICT NO. 7 STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Mark Gant Daniel

District 7, Panel 7-1 Presiding Member

AGREED AS TO BOTH FORM AND SUBSTANCE:

Karl Leonard Larson State Bar No. 24053600

Respondent

Kristin V. Brady

State Bar No. 24082719 Counsel for Petitioner