

# Top Ten Common Causes For A Grievance Filing

## 10. Federal Court is not an Island Unto Itself.

- CDC can communicate and share files with DHS, EOIR, U.S. Attorneys Office and all other state and federal agencies
- Order denying practice in immigration courts does not limit right to practice in other areas of law in State Court

## 9. Grievance Panel is not a mutual admiration society

- Evidentiary Panel: Generally consists of 4 attorney members and 2 public members
- Quorum Requirements: At least 4 members present and at least 1 public member for every 2 attorneys present

## 8. Pick Your Battles

- Low dollar fee disputes
- Suing client for nonpayment of legal services
- Referring client's bounced check to District Attorney's Office

## 7. Crash & Burn

- Recognize the signs
- Assess your physical and emotional health
- Texas Lawyer Assistance Program

## 6. Any hint of IOLTA = Red Flag

- Evidentiary Panel includes your peers
- Know your exposure regarding IOLTA
- Read TDRPC 1.14 (safekeeping of property);  
1.15(d) (requires the return of unearned fees)

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