

NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION  
Disciplinary Committee  
104 East Aztec Avenue  
Gallup, New Mexico 87301



**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF THOMAS M. COREA**

This matter came before the Navajo Nation Bar Association Disciplinary Committee on July 24, 2009. All members of the Committee were present, with Chairman James Jay Mason presiding. The Respondent Thomas M. Corea appeared pro se. The Committee having heard the testimony of the Respondent and having reviewed the documents submitted by the Complainant, finds and orders as follows:

1. Respondent admitted that he had engaged in conduct that violated Rule 8.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct; however, Respondent submitted that his conduct was negligent rather than intentional.

2. Respondent stated that at the time the Complaint was filed in this matter, he had a case load of approximately 600 cases, of which 200 were in the Navajo Nation Courts.

3. Respondent stated that he routinely requested to appear telephonically so that he would not have to travel from his office in Dallas, Texas to the Navajo Nation District Courts.

4. Respondent has been barred from practice in the Crownpoint District Court and restricted in his practice in the Chinle, Kayenta and Window Rock District Courts.

5. Respondent currently retains approximately 20 active cases in other judicial districts within the Navajo Nation.

6. Respondent's conduct was disrespectful to the Courts of the Navajo Nation in the Crownpoint, Kayenta, Chinle and Window Rock District Courts.

7. Respondent has expressed his desire to re-establish trust with the Courts of the Navajo Nation.

8. Respondent's conduct should result in his suspension from the Navajo Nation Bar Association for a specific period of time and with conditions that must be met prior to reinstatement.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. Respondent Thomas M. Corea is suspended from practice before all Courts of the Navajo Nation, effective September 10, 2009.

2. Respondent shall transfer or dismiss all of his pending Navajo Nation cases on or before September 10, 2009.

3. Respondent shall make a good faith effort to apologize publicly in open court to all affected judges in the Crownpoint, Kayenta, Chinle and Window Rock District Courts for his past conduct and provide the Disciplinary Committee with proof thereof.

4. Respondent shall submit a caseload management plan prior to the end of his suspension demonstrating that he is able to manage a reasonable number of Navajo Nation Court cases from his office in Dallas, Texas.

5. Failure to comply with any of the above terms and conditions of suspension will result in disbarment of the Respondent by the Committee.

6. Upon compliance with the above terms and conditions and after completion of the two (2) year period of suspension, Respondent may petition this Committee for reinstatement.

Dated: August 5, 2009.

NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION  
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

By



James Jay Mason, Chairman

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**NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF LEONARD TSOSIE**

This matter having come before the Navajo Nation Bar Association Disciplinary Committee on February 6, 2009, the Committee finds as follows:

1. The original Order to Show Cause Hearing was scheduled on December 12, 2008.
2. Just prior to the hearing Mr. Tsosie moved for a continuance which was granted to February 6, 2009.
3. On February 5, 2009 Mr. Tsosie again moved for a continuance and in light of the second last minute motion for continuance, the continuance was denied.
4. Mr. Tsosie was directed by the Disciplinary Committee to provide pleadings and itemization regarding a prior disciplinary complaint. Mr. Tsosie failed to provide the itemization and pleadings in violation of Rule 8.4 of the Navajo Rules of Professional Conduct.
5. Mr. Tsosie was directed by the Disciplinary Committee to provide written evidence of withdrawal as counsel for clients after his election to the Navajo Nation Tribal Council, and Mr. Tsosie has failed to do so also in violation of Rule 8.4.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that:

1. Respondent Leonard Tsosie is hereby suspended from the practice of law in the Courts of the Navajo Nation indefinitely from the date of this notice.

2. Respondent shall not be reinstated until the above directives are complied with previously ordered by the Navajo Nation Bar Association Disciplinary Committee.

Dated: February 19, 2009.

NAVAJO NATION BAR ASSOCIATION  
DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

By

  
James Jay Mason, Chairman