

BEFORE THE HEARING BOARD  
OF THE  
ILLINOIS ATTORNEY REGISTRATION  
AND  
DISCIPLINARY COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

BONEY M. PATEL,  
Attorney-Respondent,  
No. 6317625.

Commission No. 2024PR00046

COMPLAINT

Lea S. Gutierrez, Administrator of the Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission, by her attorney, Rory Patrick Quinn, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 761(d), complains of Respondent Boney M. Patel, who was licensed to practice law in Illinois on November 6, 2014, and alleges that Respondent has engaged in the following conduct, which subjects him to discipline pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 770:

*(Criminal Convictions for Attempted Criminal Sexual Assault and Aggravated Battery)*

1. The Commission's registration records show that Respondent was licensed to practice law in Illinois on November 6, 2014. As of the date of this filing, Respondent is not authorized to practice law as he is not currently registered with the Commission and he has not demonstrated his compliance with this Court's minimum continuing legal education requirements. Respondent was last registered with the Commission in 2020. Respondent primarily practices in the area of patent law and has been registered as an attorney with the United States Patent and Trademark Office since February 2015.

2. On February 5, 2021, a grand jury in the Circuit Court of Cook County issued two indictments against Respondent, docketed as case numbers 21CR0191501 and 21CR021800. In

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case number 21CR0191501, Respondent was charged with the offenses of home invasion, aggravated kidnapping, residential burglary, robbery, attempted criminal sexual assault, and unlawful restraint. In case number 21CR021800, Respondent was charged with a single count of aggravated battery.

3. On July 23, 2021, a grand jury in the Circuit Court of Cook County issued a third indictment against Respondent, docketed as case number 21CR0983101. In case number 21CR0983101, Respondent was charged with the offenses of attempted criminal sexual assault and unlawful restraint.

4. On July 20, 2023, Respondent pled guilty to some of the charges in case numbers 21CR0191501, 21CR021800 and 21CR098310. In case number 21CR019501, Respondent pled guilty to the criminal offense of attempt to commit criminal sexual assault, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 8-4(11-1.20(a)(1)), and the remaining charges were dismissed. In case number 21CR021800, Respondent pled guilty to the sole criminal offense of aggravated battery, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute, Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 12-3.05(d)(5)(i). In case number 21CR098310, Respondent pled guilty to the criminal offense of attempted criminal sexual assault, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 8-4(11-1.20(a)(1)), and the remaining charge for unlawful restraint was dismissed.

5. The judge presiding over Respondent's cases accepted Respondent's guilty pleas and sentenced him concurrently on all three cases. Respondent was sentenced to 943 days of incarceration at the Cook County Department of Corrections and 30 months of sex offender probation. The court ordered Respondent to provide a sample of his DNA for indexing, register as a sex offender for the rest of his life, submit to STD/HIV testing, not violate the criminal statutes of any jurisdiction, refrain from possessing a firearm or other weapon, notify his monitoring

agency of any change of address, not leave the state of Illinois without consent of the court, comply with his reporting and treatment requirements, and he was ordered to pay fines, fees, and costs.

#### COUNT I

*(Criminal Conviction for Attempted Criminal Sexual Assault - Case Number 21CR0191501)*

A. *Summary of the Criminal Charges*

6. Count I of the indictment charged Respondent with committing the felony offense of home invasion, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 19-6(a)(6). The indictment charged that Respondent knowingly and without authority entered the dwelling place of another, knowing or having reason to know that one or more persons was present, and attempted to commit criminal sexual assault.

7. Count II of the indictment charged Respondent with committing the felony offense of aggravated kidnapping, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 10-2(a)(3). The indictment charged that Respondent knowingly by force or threat of imminent force secretly confined another person against her will while attempting to commit criminal sexual assault.

8. Count III of the indictment charged Respondent with committing the felony offense of residential burglary, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 19-3(a). The indictment charged that Respondent knowingly and without authority, entered the dwelling place of another with the intent to commit a theft therein.

9. Count IV of the indictment charged Respondent with committing the felony offense of residential burglary, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 19-3(a). The indictment charged that Respondent knowingly and without authority, entered the dwelling place of another with the intent to commit the felony offense of criminal sexual assault.

10. Count V of the indictment charged Respondent with committing the felony offense of robbery, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 18-1(a). The indictment charged that Respondent knowingly took the property of another using force or by threatening the imminent use of force.

11. Count VI of the indictment charged Respondent with committing the felony offense of attempt to commit criminal sexual assault, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 8-4(11-1.20(a)(1)). The indictment charged that Respondent, with the intent to commit the offense of criminal sexual assault, grabbed at the clothing of another person and threw that person onto a bed, using force or threat of force, and that conduct constituted a substantial step towards the commission of the offense of criminal sexual assault.

12. Count VII of the indictment charged Respondent with the felony offense unlawful restraint, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 10-3(a). The indictment charged that Respondent knowingly and without legal authority detained another person.

13. On July 20, 2023, when Respondent pled guilty to the criminal offense of attempted criminal sexual assault, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 8-4(11-1.20(a)(1)), he stipulated to the following facts:

On December 20, 2020, at approximately 10 o'clock P.M. [Respondent] knocked on the victim's apartment door, the victim opened the door slightly but did not let [Respondent] in. [Respondent] pushed his way into the victim's apartment and with the intent to commit the offense of criminal sexual assault grabbed that victim's robe and pushed her onto her bed by force. [Respondent's] actions constituted a substantial step towards the commission of the offense of criminal sexual assault. The victim was able to get away from [Respondent] and ran into the bathroom to call the police. [Respondent] followed the victim into the bathroom and there was a struggle over her phone. The victim ran out of her apartment and knocked on other neighbor's doors for help and [Respondent] fled from the apartment building with victim's phone. The victim was able to

call 911 from a neighbor's phone. When the police arrived, the victim was able to track her phone to a nearby bar. The police made contact with [Respondent] and were able to retrieve the victim's phone.

B. *Conclusion of Misconduct*

14. By reason of the conduct set forth above, Respondent has engaged in the following misconduct:

committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on Respondent's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, by conduct including his conviction for the offense of attempt to commit criminal sexual assault, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 8-4(11-1.20(a)(1)) and Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

COUNT II

*(Criminal Conviction for Aggravated Battery – Case Number 21CR0218001)*

A. *Summary of the Criminal Charge*

15. The indictment charged Respondent with committing the felony offense of aggravated battery, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute, Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 12-3.05(d)(5)(i). The indictment charged that Respondent, in committing a battery, other than by the discharge of a firearm, knowingly made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature by grabbing another person about the body, and Respondent knew the individual he battered was an emergency medical technician performing their official duties.

16. On July 20, 2023, when Respondent pled guilty to aggravated battery, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute, Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 12-3.05(d)(5)(i), he stipulated to the following facts:

...[O]n January 14, 2021, at approximately 9:14 A.M. [Respondent] was housed at the Cook County Department of Corrections, located near 2700 South California Avenue in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. The victim on this matter is a paramedic employed by the Cook County Sheriff's office who was assigned to the jail where [Respondent] was an inmate. On that date and time the victim went to take [Respondent's] vitals,

[Respondent] approached the medical counter to get his blood pressure taken, the victim and [Respondent] were separated by a window, however, it was open enough for an individual to stick their arm through to get their blood pressure taken. As the victim turned around to get the blood pressure machine, [Respondent] stuck his arm through the open window and grabbed the victim's buttocks with his hands. This incident was captured on video and [Respondent] was subsequently arrested for this incident. He did not have the victim's consent to make contact with her.

B. *Conclusion of Misconduct*

17. By reason of the conduct set forth above, Respondent has engaged in the following misconduct:

committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on Respondent's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, by conduct including his conviction for the offense of aggravated battery, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute, Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 12-3.05(d)(5)(i) and Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

COUNT III

*(Criminal Conviction for Attempted Criminal Sexual Assault – Case Number 21CR0983101)*

A. *Summary of the Criminal Charges*

18. Count I of the indictment charged Respondent with committing the felony offense of attempt to commit criminal sexual assault, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 8-4(11-1.20(a)(1)). The indictment charged that Respondent, with the intent to commit the offense of criminal sexual assault, using force or the threat of force, grabbed the buttock and hip of another person with his hand, pulling the person towards his body, and that conduct constituted a substantial step towards committing the offense of criminal sexual assault.

19. Count II of the indictment charged Respondent with committing the felony offense of unlawful restraint, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute, Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 10-3(a). The indictment charged that Respondent knowingly and without authority detained another person.

20. On July 20, 2023, when Respondent pled guilty to the criminal offense of attempt to commit criminal sexual assault, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 8-4(11-1.20(a)(1)), he stipulated to the following facts:

...[O]n December 23, 2020, at approximately 10:30 P.M., the victim, [Redacted], was at the Holiday Club Bar celebrating her birthday with a friend located near 4000 North Sheridan Road, in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois. After paying the bill, the victim went to the bathroom. As she was entering the stall in the bathroom, she turned around to close the door and observed [Respondent] standing inside the stall with her reaching towards her with both hands. The victim pushed [Respondent] away and tried to escape but [Respondent] grabbed the victim's buttocks and hips with both hands and attempted to pull the victim back towards him into the stall. [Respondent's] actions were a substantial step towards the commission of the offense of criminal sexual assault. The victim was able to resist [Respondent's] efforts and escaped back to the restaurant where she alerted the staff about what had happened. [Respondent] came out of the bathroom and made some statements about being in the bathroom. The victim left the bar shortly thereafter, called 911. When the police arrived, [Respondent] was no longer there, however the victim later identified [Respondent] in a photo array and in video surveillance that captured [him] coming out of the bathroom after the victim. [Respondent] was placed in custody subsequently for this incident.

B. *Conclusion of Misconduct*

21. By reason of the conduct set forth above, Respondent has engaged in the following misconduct:

committing a criminal act that reflects adversely on Respondent's honesty, trustworthiness, or fitness as a lawyer in other respects, by conduct including his conviction for the offense of attempt to commit criminal sexual assault, in violation of Illinois Compiled Statute Chapter 720, Act 5, Section 8-4(11-1.20(a)(1)) and Rule 8.4(b) of the Illinois Rules of Professional Conduct (2010).

WHEREFORE, the Administrator respectfully requests that this matter be assigned to a panel of the Hearing Board, that a hearing be held pursuant to 761(d), and that the panel make findings of fact, conclusions of fact and law, and a recommendation for such discipline as is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

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