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NICHOLAS ABAZA

Law Office of Nicholas Abaza | Priority 2 | Reviewer Intimidation + Seth Nichamoff Network | FINAL

Complainant: Caroline Allison

Platforms Covered: FTC | Google | Yelp | Avvo | Texas State Bar

Research complete — all platforms verified — client files each independently

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Nicholas Abaza's operation is defined by active aggression against real reviewers.

His yelp business listing profile under Alexi D. sent a private Yelp intimidation message at 1:18 AM.

He personally disputed every negative Avvo review — five rejection emails — zero negative reviews survive.

His business associate Seth Nichamoff shares his office, is brought in on contingency probate cases to give the appearance of independence, and was asked to perform a receivership against the Allisons for collections. Nichamoff wrote a favorable review of Abaza recently to bolster his sagging google review rating.

Jorge Borunda's wife Jennifer Borunda (K. Hovnanian mortgage professional) reviewed Abaza's Google profile under her maiden name as if she were an independent client. His own firm business account reviewed itself.

He promotes a fake 4.8-star Google rating as a business credential on his website.

His conduct contributed to approximately \$20 million in total financial exposure to the Allison family.

SECTION 1 — PROFILES

Complainant: Caroline Allison

Full Name	Caroline Allison
Primary Email	ciakwm@gmail.com
Secondary Email	top500agent@gmail.com
Phone	832-661-5001
Address	3733 Westheimer Rd 1024, Houston TX 77027
Occupation	Realtor at Upside Homes LLC

Public Role	Founder, Stop Legal Bullying Now LLC
Bar Complaint	Existing Texas State Bar complaint currently on appeal
Legislative Action	Robin's Law, Attorney Accountability Act, Complaint Transparency Act, Arbitration Fairness Act
Co-Complainant	Richard Allison (brother) — rallson@hotmail.com — PO Box 81843, San Diego CA 92138
Avvo	Anonymous — 1 review successfully posted on each of Borunda, Abaza, and Trevino profiles
Google Case ID	3-5713000040145 — filed April 3, 2026 — active
Dolcefino Part 1	youtube.com/watch?v=j5aWUy6oJT0
Dolcefino Part 2	youtu.be/lgHSGHJc7xE?si=ol_w95WdbGQUAmUd
Gail Testimonial	youtube.com/shorts/0vN_m_JAOQo

Full Name	Nicholas Abaza
Firm	Law Office of Nicholas Abaza Probate of Wills and Will Contests
Address	2444 Times Blvd., Suite 270, Houston, TX 77005 — same building as Borunda and Trevino
State Bar ID	24026752 — licensed Texas November 1, 2000 — 25 years of practice
Phone	(713) 965-3400
Websites	nicholasabaza.com nickabaza.com lawofficeofnicholasabazahoustontexas.com
Self-Promotion	Website: 'Congrats, Houston Probate Attorney Nicholas Abaza has a 4.8 star rating on Google 5 stars' — artificially inflated rating promoted as business credential
Seth Nichamoff	Business associate — shares Abaza's office space — brought in as 3rd/4th partner on contingency probate cases to appear independent — documented in Carolyn Jones case — asked to perform receivership against the Allisons
Alexi D.	Abaza Sugar Land office yelp business listing — posted 'Future of Abaza law' photo on Google — sent private Yelp intimidation message Feb 16, 2026 at 1:18 AM
Self-Review	Law Office of Nicholas Abaza Yelp account reviewed own attorney profile – on yelp, 5 times.
Jennifer Borunda	Wife of co-attorney Borunda — reviewed Abaza's Google profile under maiden name Jennifer Waters as if independent client — same timeframe as Borunda review
Avvo Pattern	Personally disputed every negative review — 5 documented rejection emails — zero negative reviews survive

Cross-Endorsement	Endorsed Jorge Borunda on Avvo March 2022 — both named in same Dolcefino investigation; endorsed Michael Trevino on Avvo and google as well.
Google Cross-Review	Posted 5-star on Trevino Google under own name — 6 days after Dolcefino published investigation naming both
Investigation	Named in Dolcefino Media 'Damn Lawyers' Parts 1 and 2 — March 2026

SECTION 2 — CASE BACKGROUND AND FINANCIAL LOSSES

The Case That Started Everything

"We didn't realize until much later that their interests had nothing to do with our well-being, and everything to do with how much money they could take from my dad's trust."

— Caroline Allison — GlobeNewswire press release — March 17, 2026

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CASE BACKGROUND — DR. RICHARD GERARD ALLISON ESTATE — DOCUMENTED FACTS

Matter: Estate of Dr. Richard Gerard Allison — father of Caroline and Richard Allison
Estate value: Approximately \$20 million — real estate, investments, liquid and illiquid assets

Father: Physician and investor — admirer of Warren Buffett — died after long battle with dementia

Problem: Stepmother not cooperating with estate — family sought legal representation

THE FEE SWITCH (Borunda's doing):

Caroline started at \$475/hr — spent approximately \$70,000 through discovery.

Between mediations, Borunda convinced her to switch to 35% contingency fee.

This converted a \$10,000 legal debt into a \$1.4 million payday claim for the attorneys.

THE SETTLEMENT:

Per independent expert report (Dolcefino Media, March 2026): attorneys gave up approximately \$15 million in other assets in an early-morning mediated settlement.

Richard Allison: 'They just basically created a big mess.'

Caroline Allison: 'We gave up more than we got.'

THE ARBITRATION TRAP:

Borunda invoked hidden mandatory arbitration clause — on record:

'We are going to invoke the arbitration agreement.' Stripped Caroline and Richard of their Seventh Amendment right to a jury trial.

Arbitrator Anne Ashby (Dallas) had undisclosed conflicts — ruled for attorneys.

Ashby awarded \$600,000 to Trevino even though Richard NEVER signed a contract with him.

Appeal pending at the Texas Supreme Court.

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DOCUMENTED FINANCIAL LOSSES — CAROLINE AND RICHARD ALLISON

Inheritance forfeiture: \$15,000,000

Arbitration fee award to attorneys: \$4,000,000 (Anne Ashby — under appeal)

Ongoing legal fees (active pursuit): \$1,500,000+

TOTAL FINANCIAL EXPOSURE: approximately \$20,000,000

with active litigation continuing — attorneys pursuing collections very aggressively

Documented: Dolcefino Media (March 2026) and GlobeNewswire press releases

Exhibit 1: youtube.com/watch?v=j5aWUy6oJT0

Exhibit 5: finance.yahoo.com/economy/policy/articles/consumer-alert-mandatory-arbitration-enables-230400790.html

SECTION 3 — THE FAKE REVIEW AND SUPPRESSION NETWORK

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ALEXI D. — REVIEWER INTIMIDATION — PRIVATE YELP MESSAGE — FEB 16, 2026 1:18 AM

Account: Alexi D. | Houston TX | 0 friends | 7 reviews | 2 photos

Google: Posted photo 'Future of Abaza law' on Abaza's Google Business Profile

Yelp identity: Identified as Abaza's Sugar Land Yelp business profile — he uses Alexi D. so he can write reviews on the affiliate attorney's websites. He may have forgotten when answering a review message that he was not answering as Nick Abaza. Alexi D is Nick Abaza's son. And he uses his photo and name to conceal Mr. Abaza's identity online as a fake reviewer.

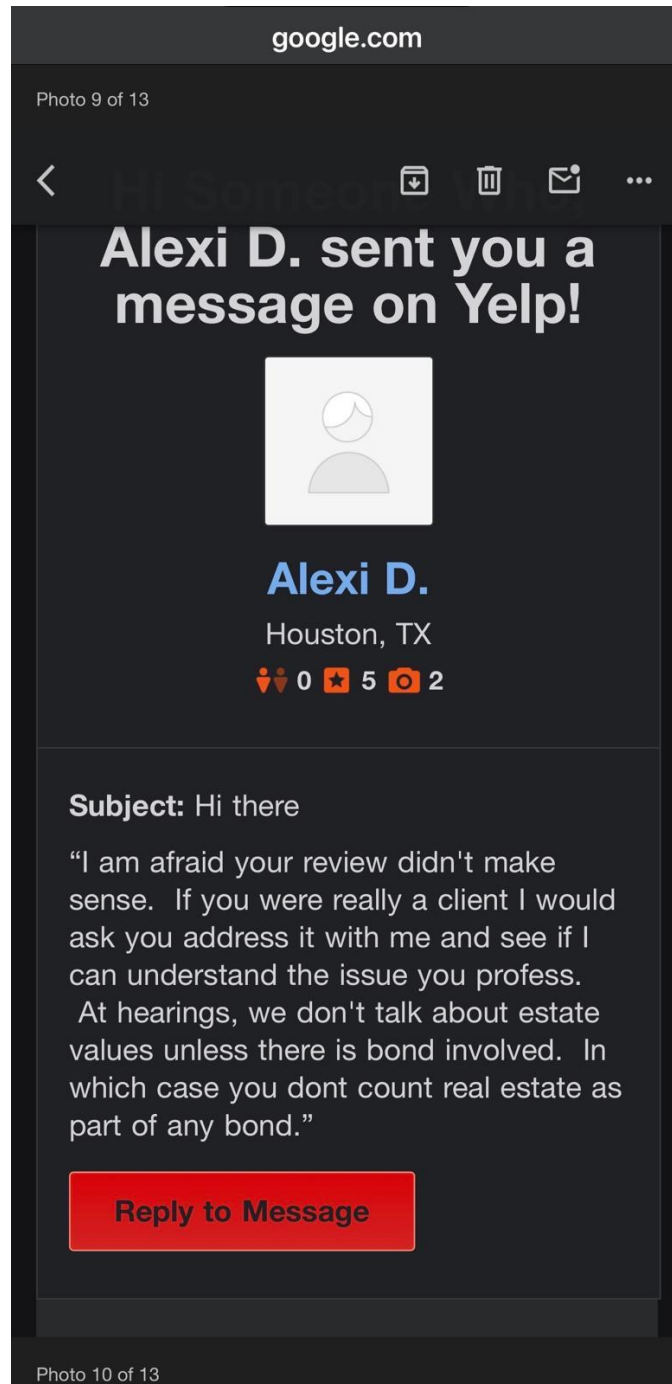
MESSAGE TO REVIEWER — February 16, 2026 at 1:18 AM:

'I am afraid your review didn't make sense. If you were really a client I would ask you address it with me and see if I can understand the issue you profess. At hearings, we don't talk about estate values unless there is bond involved. In which case you don't count real estate as part of any bond.'

REVIEWER RESPONSE — February 17, 2026 at 8:21 AM:
'Who is Alexi D.? I'm not discussing my case with someone I don't know.
That seems misleading and dishonest right there.'

FTC 2024 Rule: Explicit prohibition on threatening or intimidating reviewers.

— EXHIBIT A —



Yelp notification header — 'Alexi D. sent you a message on Yelp!' — sender: Alexi D., Houston TX



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Write a message...



Yelp notification: 'Alexi D. sent you a message on Yelp!' — full notification display

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Reviews



Borunda & Fomby



Experienced trust worthy trial lawyers. They are peers in my field of law. I have dealt with them for long time.



First to review



The Aguilar Law Firm



I've known her as peer in legal community for long time. She is quality real estate and title work lawyer. I fully endorse her.



Yard House



Yum would go again. I have gone there with my family after tournaments and sporting events



Law Office of Nicholas Abaza



thank you for your support in my probate practice over the years. With the support I have been in business for over 20 years.



Vincent Abazie Law Firm



Did what I needed in timely efficient manner at fair cost. He helped with a family law issue during our time in need while we were under duress.



Torchy's Tacos



Yummy tacos and quick good service. My kids love the green Chile pork and ranch hand



Law Office Of Nicholas Abaza



Search



Projects



Collections



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Yelp reviewer profile — this is Abaza/Alexi D profile – writing reviews on all of the network of attorneys and their respective partner firms. This shows all of the reviews written including Law office of Nicholas Abaza twice and Borunda's firm Borunda & Fomby includes review for Law Office of Nicholas Abaza (5 stars)

Another yelp reviewer



John R.
Houston, TX
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★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Mar 16, 2026

A cautionary warning to families who have to deal with probate Nicholas Abaza and Jorge Borunda. Abaza and Borunda were retained to handle our probate case for our family. Abaza was very difficult to get a hold and when we got a hold of him he seemed preoccupied doing something else. The filings were not timely and lacked details that you would expect from a professional. Like sending an email at 2 AM of a court hearing the day of the hearing as if he was hoping we wouldn't be interested. I attended a court hearing expecting to see him in court and he appeared on video and looked like he had been out all night partying in the same clothes. He had to fumble through papers to recall our names. He billed generously did not provide the same level of quality and care to our case. We paid A level fees for D- work. Abaza got really angry and defensive when we questioned his billing and time. I suspected he mixed up our case with the many other clients he was managing, the billing did not make sense and then a few billings later he billed for same things again. I felt he charged us higher prices but did not give us the attention. Additionally, his recommendations were only liquidation of family property that has been in our family for generations so he can refer what seemed like friends referral business. If we sought a second opinion we could have saved ourselves any more grief and losses. His advice was more for churning hours and referral business rather than serving clients. He left our family worse off than if we had no attorney at all. I usually don't want to write negative reviews but this has bothered me especially after I found out reading a story of other clients having similar disappointments with Nicholas Abaza and Jorge Borunda. I suggest you do deeper research because when I posted on another website, Abaza falsely claimed I was never a client and attempted to have my post deleted.



Yelp review — John R., Houston TX — 1 star, March 16, 2026 — review states: 'Abaza falsely claimed I was never a client and attempted to have my post deleted'

STRENGTH CRITICAL

1:18 AM. Challenges legitimacy. Uses legal terminology. Questions review's factual content. Timestamped and connected to Abaza's office via the Google photo. This is the single most actionable piece of evidence in the entire case.

EX B

SETH NICHAMOFF — UNDISCLOSED BUSINESS ASSOCIATE — KEY NEW FINDING

Identity: Seth Nichamoff — attorney

Relationship: Business associate of Nicholas Abaza — shares Abaza's office space

PATTERN OF CONDUCT:

Seth Nichamoff is brought in as a 3rd or 4th partner on contingency fee probate cases to give the appearance of being an independent attorney — while in reality, operating as part of the Abaza network.

DOCUMENTED EXAMPLE — CAROLYN JONES CASE:

Nichamoff represented the adopted daughter Kim Jones (3rd sibling) in a probate matter involving the same network. He collected a fee off Kim Jones on a contingency basis. He was brought in by the same group — Borunda/Abaza — while appearing independent.

DIRECT AGGRESSION AGAINST ALLISONS:

Seth Nichamoff was asked by Borunda and Abaza to perform a receivership on the Allisons for collections purposes. This puts him as an active participant in the aggressive. Nichamoff showed up in court with an unsworn affidavit accusing the Allisons of running shell corporations to hide trust assets, by showing Caroline's personal real estate transactions from 5 years prior, which had nothing to do with the dispute. It was sheer lying under oath before a judge.

In the post-litigation collection pursuit currently costing the Allisons \$1.5M+ in legal fees. Nichamoff received a court order on May 1, 2025 to take over assets of the Allisons to include non-exempt assets like homestead, IRA accounts, Trusts, etc to cause financial ruination after rigging their arbitration. Nichamoff was appointed as an insider and office made to Nick Abaza, not as an independent 3rd party individual.

FTC AND STATE BAR RELEVANCE:

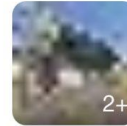
An attorney who shares office space with Abaza, participates in his contingency cases, and then performs a receivership on his clients at his direction is not an independent officer of the court — he is a de facto member of the network. His reviews on any platform must be treated as non-independent insider reviews.

NOTE: Court filings on Seth Nichamoff available from Caroline upon request.

— EXHIBIT B —

Nichamoff Law PC

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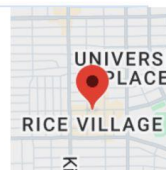
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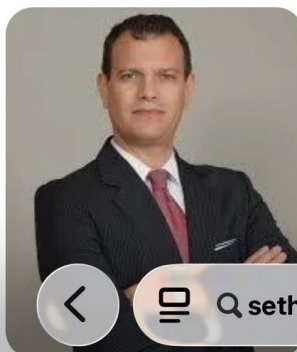
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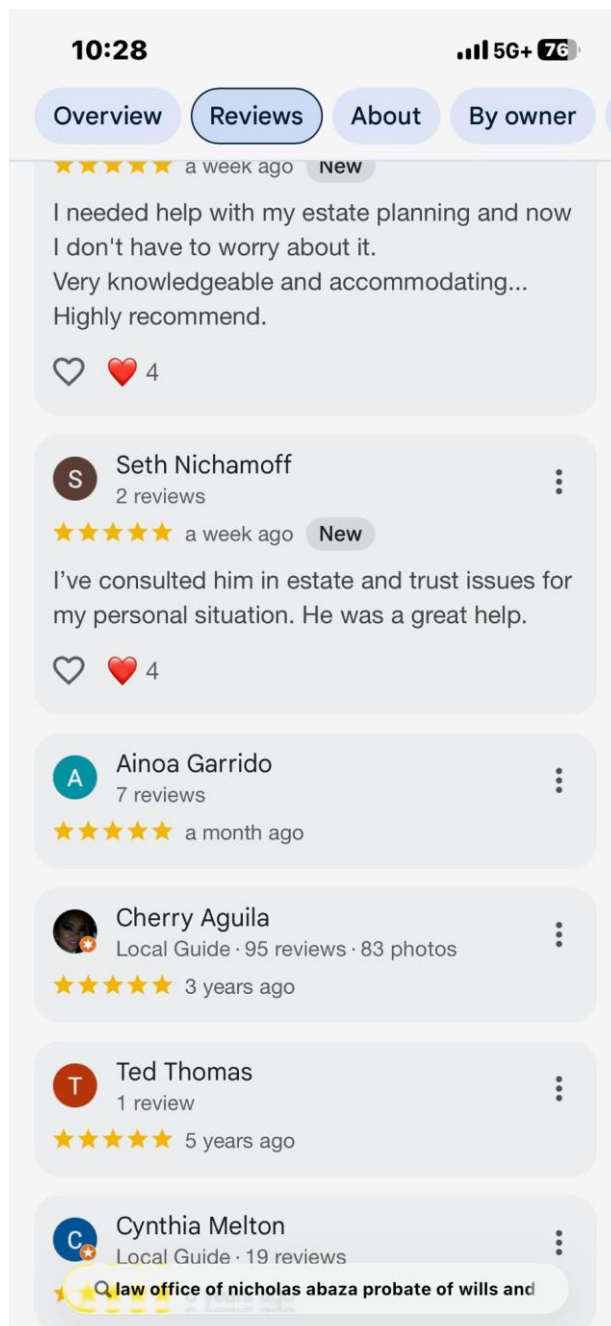
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ABOUT SETH A. NICHAM...

Seth Alan Nichamoff Pro...

Nichamoff Law PC — Google business listing — address: 2444 Times Blvd Suite 270, Houston TX 77005 — phone: (713) 503-4706 — two individuals shown in photos



Google Reviews 5 Stars – Seth Nichamoff, the appointed receiver to take over Allison assets including homestead, IRA's trusts, non-party assets, etc. appears in a 5-star review here praising Abaza for "estate and trust issues"

**STRENGTH
HIGH**

Seth Nichamoff is the most significant new actor identified in this investigation. He bridges the review network and the aggressive collection activity. His law practice doesn't even focus on probate clients. However, he is brought into cases as if he is independent, when he is actually an office mate and business partner of the Abaza legal network. He was brought into the Carolyn Jones case, representing Kimberly Jones. And he was also brought into the Allison case through a receivership attempt. This establishes him as a documented participant in the broader pattern.

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JENNIFER BORUNDA — REVIEWED ABAZA ON GOOGLE UNDER MAIDEN NAME

Reviewer: Jennifer W. / Jennifer Waters / Jennifer Borunda

Relationship: Wife of co-attorney Jorge Borunda

Confirmed identity: K. Hovnanian American Mortgage, LLC — mortgage professional — Houston

Confirmed via LinkedIn: 89 followers, 81 connections, Greater Houston area

Jennifer Borunda's Google Maps review history shows:

Borunda, P.C. — a month ago — 5 stars

Law Office of Nicholas Abaza Probate of Wills — a month ago — 5 stars — 'Excellent work!'

The wife of one attorney secretly reviewed his co-attorney's firm on Google in the same timeframe — using her maiden name on both platforms.

She is a mortgage professional — not a client of Abaza.

FTC Violation: Undisclosed insider review — spouse of co-attorney reviewing as independent client.

This is a violation on Abaza's profile separate from the Borunda violations.

— EXHIBIT C —

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Jennifer Borunda

K. Hovnanian American Mortgage, LLC

Greater Houston · [Contact Info](#)

89 followers · 81 connections



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Activity

89 followers



Jennifer Borunda commented on a post · 8mo

Congrats Darrell! 🎉

LinkedIn — profile name: Jennifer Borunda — employer: K. Hovnanian American Mortgage, LLC — Greater Houston area — connections and activity visible



Google Reviews — By owner tab — reviewers: Amazon Morales, Jennifer Borunda, Cherry Aguda, Deanna Aguilar, Cynthia Melikar; Jennifer Borunda writes a positive review for Nick Abaza, a business partner and associate to Jorge Borunda

Reviews



6 reviews · 4 ratings · 9 reactions ·
2,989 views

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Borunda, P.C.

Law firm

1.7 mi



★★★★★ a month ago · 119 views

♡ Press and hold to react

Law Office of Nicholas Abaza
Probate of Wills and Will Conte...

Attorney

1.7 mi



★★★★★ a month ago · 237 views

Excellent work!

♡ ❤️ 6

Credence

Restaurant · \$100+

6.8 mi



★★★★★ a year ago · 134 views

Ask for Gabriele in the. Speak easy, he is the best!

Food: 5 | Service: 5 | Atmosphere: 5

♡ Press and hold to react

Jennifer Borunda writes a positive review for Nick Abaza, a business partner and associate to Jorge Borunda; and for Jorge Borunda as per this screenshot showing all the reviews written on her google profile

UNPROMPTED AND REPEATED POSTS INTENDED TO DEFAME FORMER CLIENTS ON GOOGLE, AVVO, AND REDDIT – USING PRIVILEGED INFORMATION

Identity: Nick Abaza, Jorge Borunda, and Michael Trevino

FORMER CLIENT POSTED PUBLIC REVIEWS AS A FORMER CLIENT WITH THE INTENT TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS

PATTERN OF CONDUCT:

Nick Abaza, Jorge Borunda, and Michael Trevino have all 3 responded to client reviews discussing real client experiences, where the client posted under a screen name, and merely posted about her personal experience and the results she got working with the attorneys. She was careful to talk about her personal experience and avoid defamatory remarks.

These 3 attorneys have all responded, naming the client specifically, and posting a link to the lawsuit, where they proclaimed victory against the client who was expressing their grievance in a public review.

The attorneys did not merely respond to criticism—they each weaponized confidential client information in a public forum, identifying a former client who attempted to remain anonymous, disclosing sensitive case details, and making accusatory statements that go far beyond any permissible self-defense under the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. **This wasn't a defense—it was a public exposure of a client using privileged information.**

FTC AND STATE BAR RELEVANCE:

At a high level, this can be characterized as:

1. **Breach of client confidentiality**
2. **Improper public self-defense**
3. **Client intimidation / retaliation**
4. **Prejudicial public statements about a client**
5. **Possible defamation (depending on truthfulness)**
6. **Misleading Statements**
7. **Harrassment**

1. Rule 1.05 — Confidentiality of Information

This is the biggest issue. A lawyer **shall not knowingly reveal confidential information** of a client.

Reasons for why this violates Rule 1.05: He publicly identified you by name (when you tried to remain anonymous), referenced your settlement amount (\$10M), discussed the fee dispute and litigation history that information **arose from the representation**. Even if some of it is in public records, **lawyers are still restricted from voluntarily broadcasting it**. This is not allowed in a public social media rebuttal.

2. Rule 1.06 — Conflict of Interest (Self-Interest)

When a lawyer's **personal interest (fees, reputation)** conflicts with the client's interest: posting publicly to protect reputation or collect fees, while harming a former client that's a **self-interest conflict in action**

3. Rule 8.04 — Misconduct

(a)(3): Conduct involving dishonesty, fraud, deceit, or misrepresentation

(a)(7): Conduct that adversely reflects on fitness to practice law

Potential issues:

- Calling your review "fabricated" and "false"
- Framing you as acting in bad faith
- Publicly attacking a former client

☐ If exaggerated or misleading → **misrepresentation**

☐ Even if partially true → **still improper if disclosed improperly**

4. Rule 3.07 / 3.04 — Trial Publicity & Conduct Prejudicial to Justice

- Publicly litigating disputes online
- Posting links to judgments to influence perception
- Attempting to shape narrative outside court

5. Rule 8.04(a)(3) – Misrepresentation

Defamed the Client when he says, "Caroline fabricated a false narrative..."

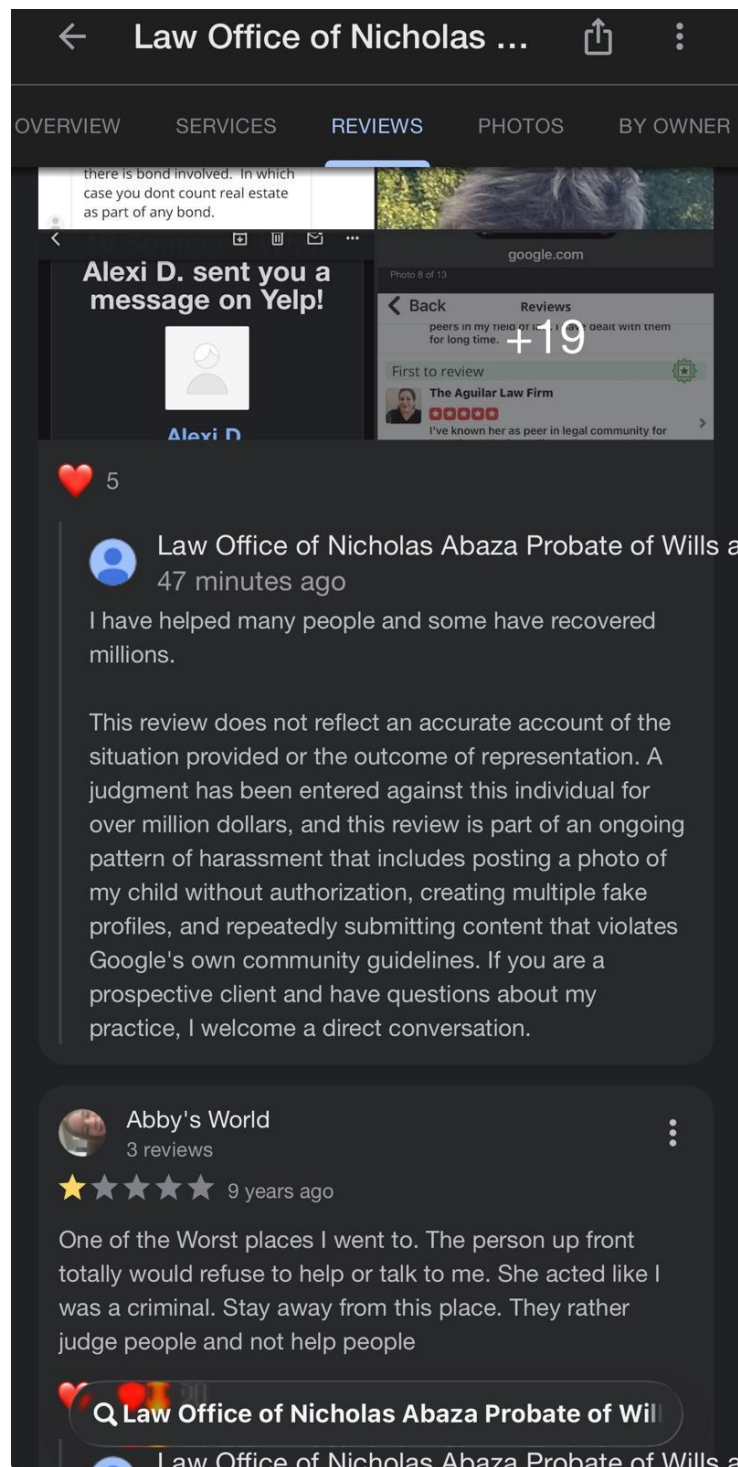
This is dangerous for the attorney because it is a **direct accusation of dishonesty**. If **not** provably true, this opens the attorney to **defamation exposure**. Even if arguable, it still problematic under ethics rules when said publicly about a former client

6. Rule 7.02– Misleading Statements

He falsely claimed he obtained a \$10,000,000 settlement and mischaracterized the outcome. The funds stayed in a trust and were never distributed.

7. Rule 8.04 – Harrassment

Respondent engaged in repeated public attacks against me across multiple platforms.



Nick Abaza's response to a review written by Caroline Allison, slandering her. He claims harassment when he's aggressively removing her reviews and she's calling him out on it. Her reviews met Google's community guidelines. He takes not responsibility for the bad results he got for her not does he address her grievance as a client.

Reddit post – where Jorge Borunda with initials JBZ for Jorge Borunda Zaragoza calls out Caroline Allison to his arbitration award in public view and includes a link to his judgment. Intimidation tactics by attorney to defame former client.

Sort by: Best ▾

Search Comments

**jbz2223** · 4h ago · Edited 4h ago

I obtained a \$10,000,000.00 settlement for Caroline Allison.

But instead of paying my agreed fee, Caroline fabricated a false narrative and sued me to try to avoid paying my fee. She lost. Then she appealed. And she lost. Then she appealed again. And she lost again. But don't just take my word for it. Here's a link to the court's judgment awarding me and my co-counsel more than \$4,000,000 in damages against Caroline (and her brother Rich): <https://spaces.hightail.com/receive/gw0QqBAcl9>.

Now Caroline and some of her friends are slandering me and my colleagues, posting bogus reviews everywhere they can and making videos (like this one) filled with falsehoods in furtherance of their efforts. But repeating lies over and over does not make them true.



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Reply

**MarsupialFew5323** · 1m ago

Referring to people as "friends" doesn't change the fact that some of us were actual clients with direct involvement and first-hand knowledge. Labeling it differently doesn't change the source of the information. When clients speak, they're called "friends." When concerns are raised, they're called "slander." That doesn't change where the information is coming from.



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Common probate pitfalls to avoid



Reddit Reviewer profile – public defaming

AI PHOTOS AND MISLEADING PROFILE IMAGES — GOOGLE BUSINESS PROFILE

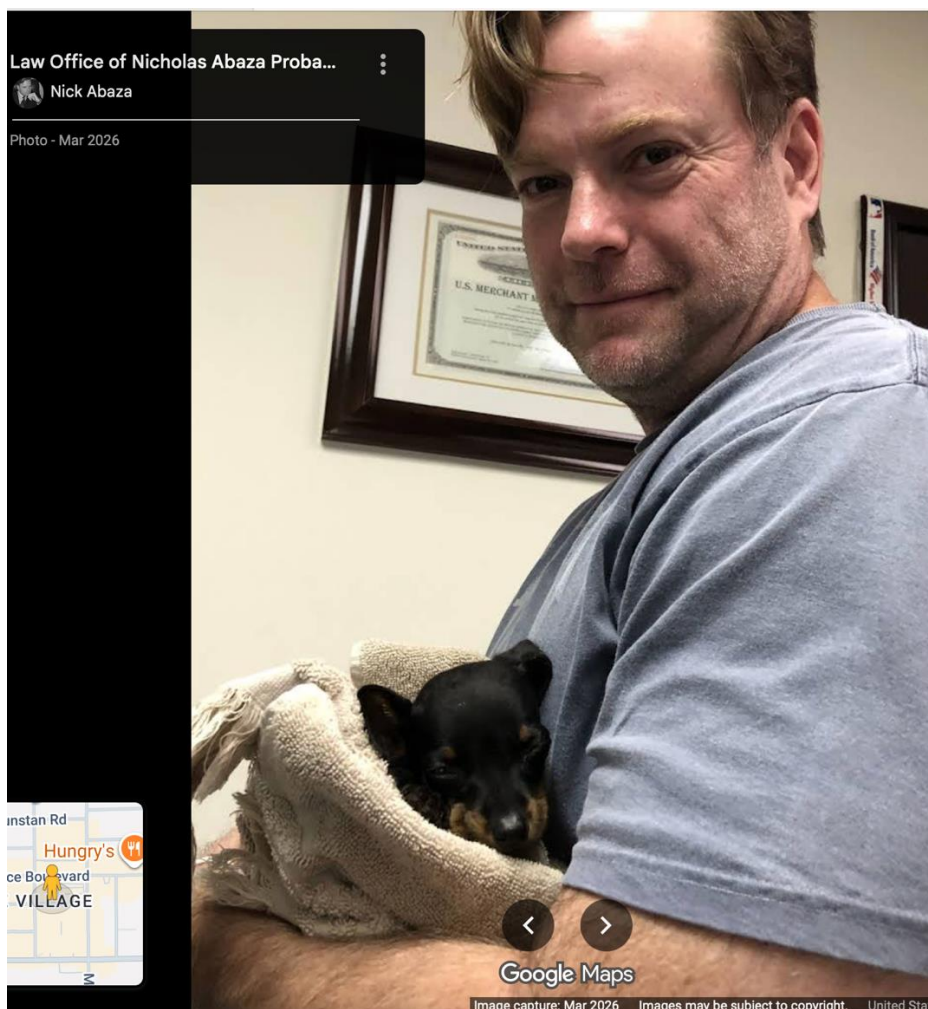
Caroline flagged: photos on Abaza's Google Business Profile appear AI-generated or do not accurately represent Nicholas Abaza's actual likeness, nor his business location. The purpose of him flooding his Google business listing with fake AI photos was to conceal Gail Echols' real video testimonial of how she was financially harmed by them as their former client.

Additionally: Alexi D. posted a photo captioned 'Future of Abaza law' on the official business profile — showing an unrelated person as a representative.

Presenting AI-generated or misleading professional photos to prospective clients is consumer deception — clients use these photos to verify who they are consulting.

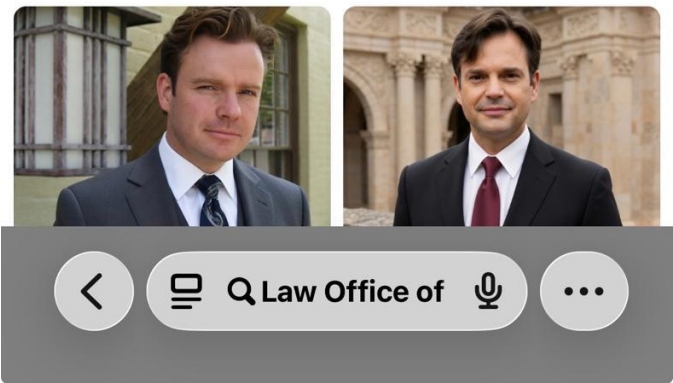
SCREENSHOTS: Provided by Caroline via WhatsApp — to be attached as exhibit.

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ACTUAL PHOTO OF NICK ABAZA



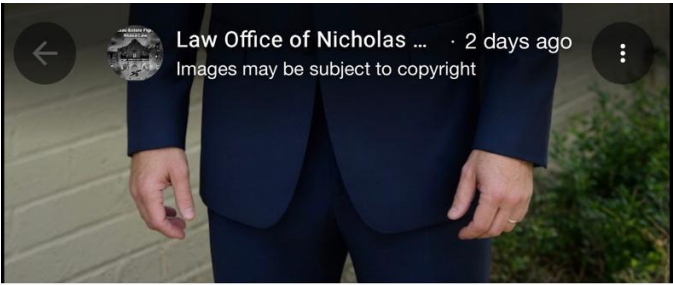
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AI Photos – Misleading



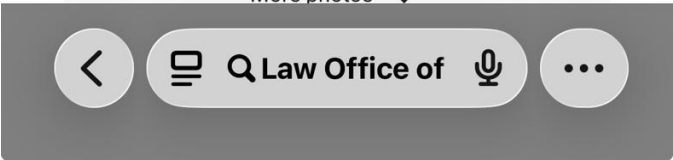
Google — Law Office of Nicholas Abaza – AI Photo



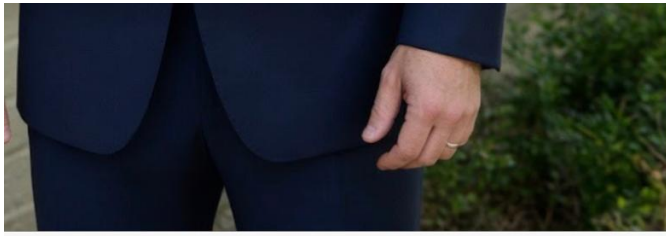
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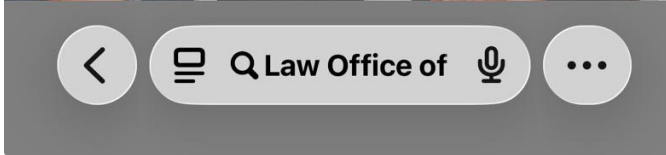
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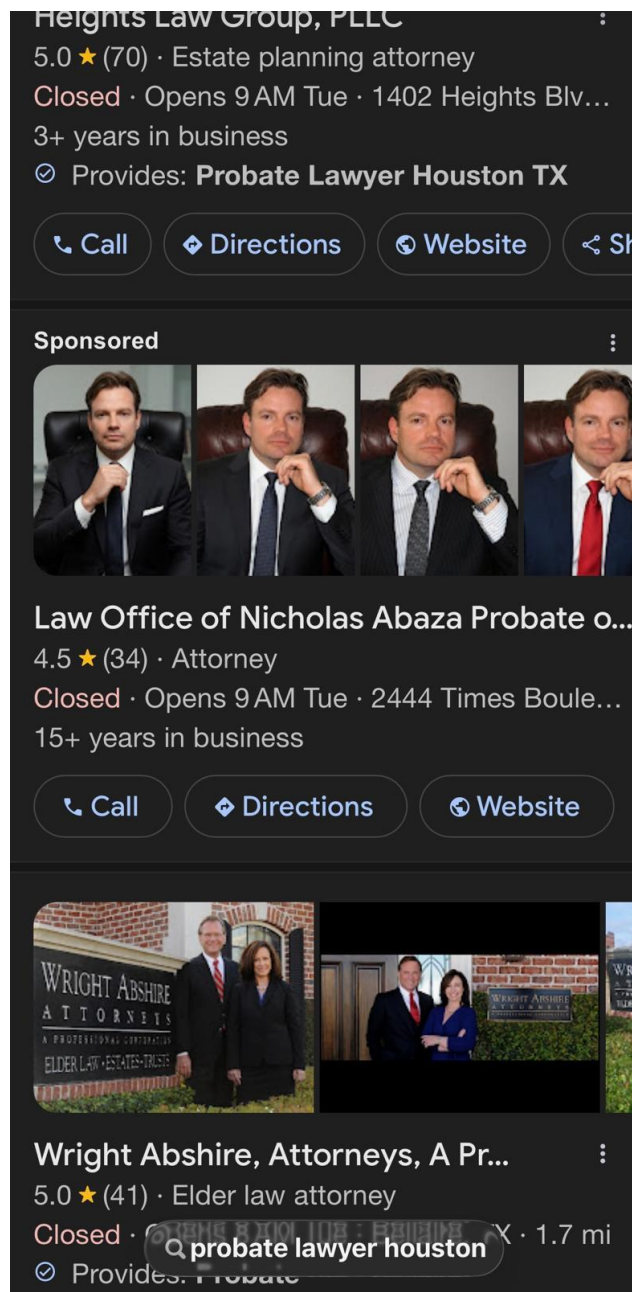
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Google — Law Office of Nicholas Abaza – AI Photos – Misleading
Abaza does not look like anyone in these photos



Google — Law Office of Nicholas Abaza

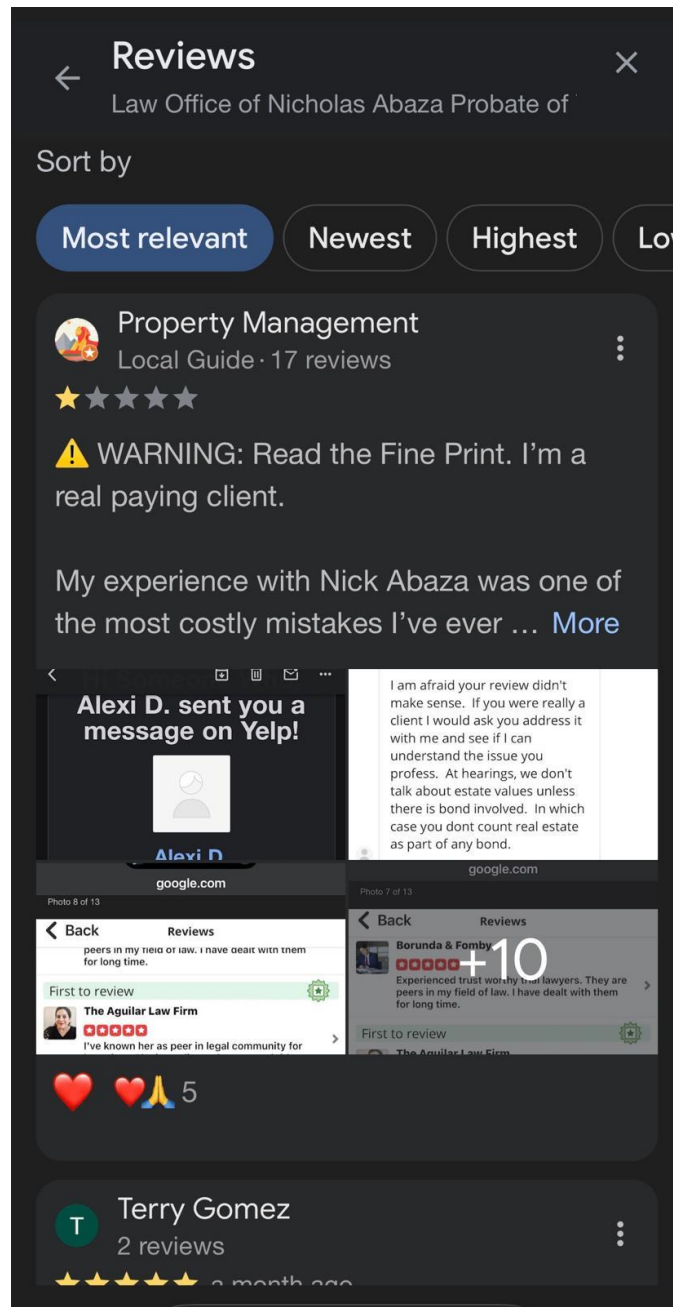
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FORMER CLIENT CAROLINE ALLISON'S GHOSTED REVIEWS

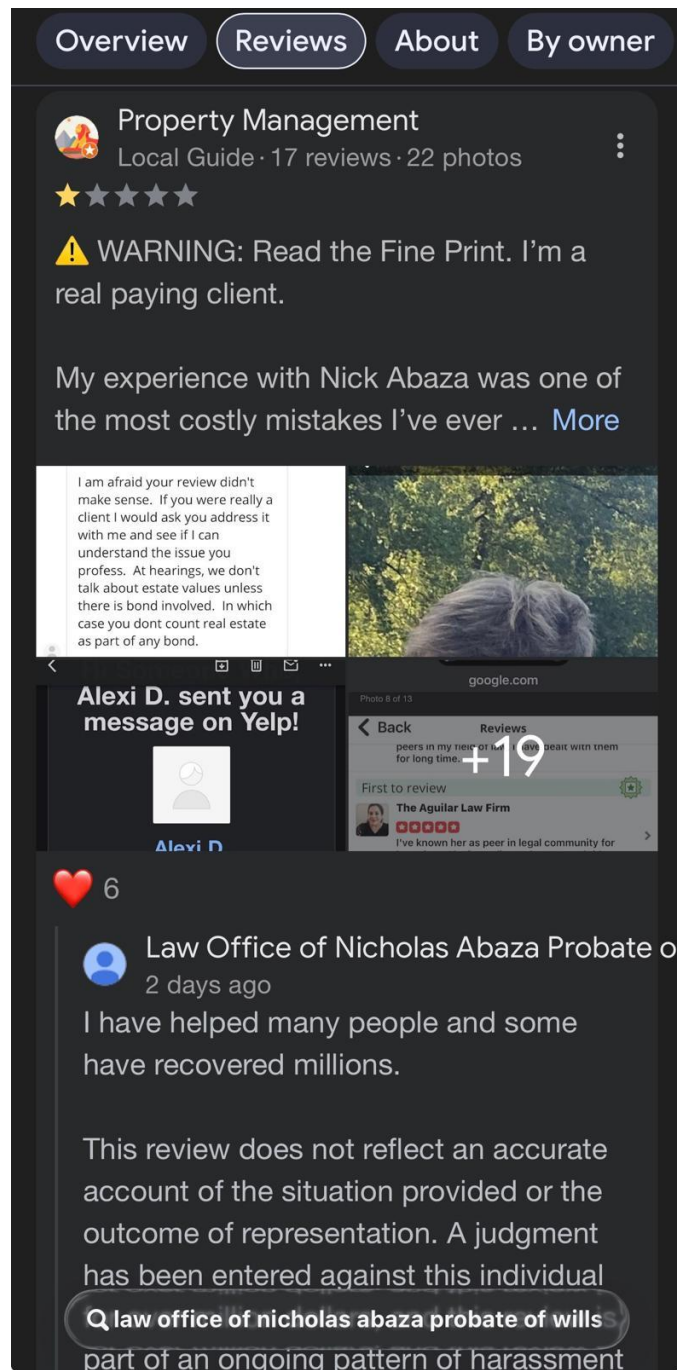
Reviewer: Former client who suffered significant losses at the hands of her attorneys who made multiple misrepresentations about her rights as a beneficiary under her father's trust
Confirmed identity: profiles under Zealous Advocate, Property Management (and later Houston Astros Fan due to ghosting)

Her reviews also flag the fake reviews and fake profiles Abaza and his cronies created to trick new clients into signing up with them, not knowing they run a high conflict contingency fee litigation practice that drains client inheritances, leaving the client worse off after representation.

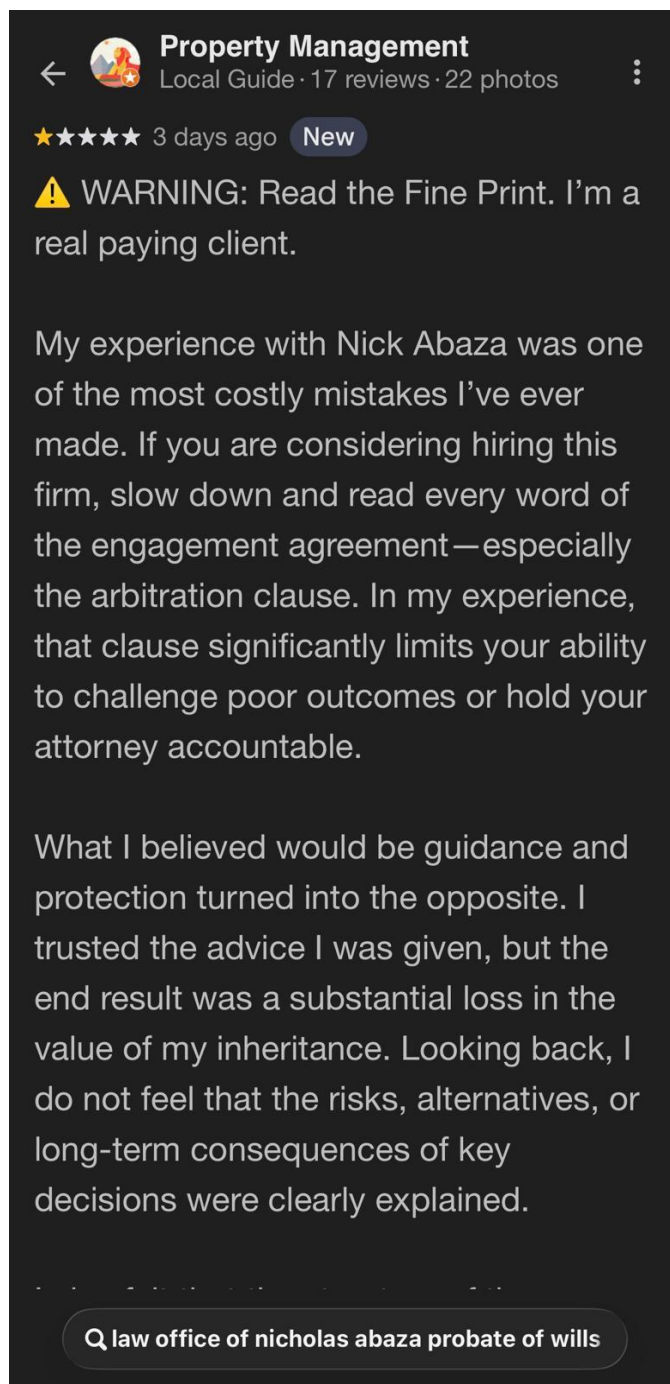
FTC Violation: Removal of client reviews to conceal his track record of defrauding his clients.



Google — Law Office of Nicholas Abaza Property Management – Review Panel – another ghosted review that did not show up in public view not was factored into the review score.



[Property Management review — 1 of 3] Google — 'Property Management' — 1 star — title: 'WARNING: Read the Fine Print. I'm a real paying client.' — review discusses Borunda engagement and arbitration clause (continues in next screenshot) – ghosted review



[Property Management review — 2 of 4] Continuation — discusses arbitration, malpractice insurance, 7 figures spent fighting ex-attorneys, no settlement attempts (continues in next screenshot) – ghosted review

I also felt that the structure of the representation created incentives that did not align with my best interests. At critical points, the guidance I received appeared to prioritize generating fees rather than protecting what mattered most to me.

By the time I fully understood what was happening, it was too late to change course in any meaningful way. That is why I am writing this.

Take this as a serious warning: ask hard questions, get second opinions, and make sure you fully understand what rights you may be giving up before you sign anything. Once you are in, you may have far fewer options than you expect.

Lastly, please take note that I've written this review before. Mr. Abaza has been vigilant about removing negative reviews. I have heard from other past clients similar experiences. That not only did the

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[Property Management review — 3 of 4] - ghosted review

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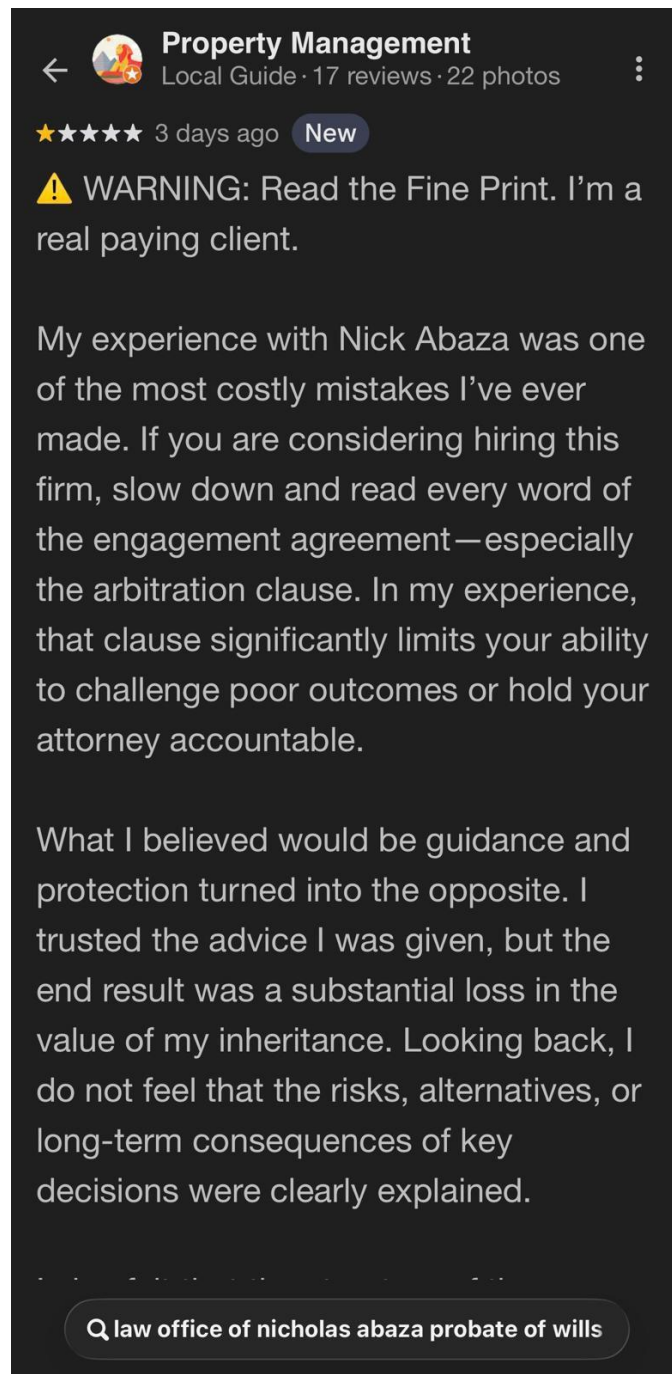
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Feb 16, 2026, 1:18AM

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[Property Management review — 4 of 4] Final portion – ghosted review



[Review series 1 of 4] Google — 'Property Management' (Local Guide, 17 reviews) — 1 star — title: 'WARNING: Read the Fine Print. I'm a real paying client.' — review discusses Nick Abaza engagement and arbitration clause (text cut off at bottom — continues in next screenshot) ghosted review

I also felt that the structure of the representation created incentives that did not align with my best interests. At critical points, the guidance I received appeared to prioritize generating fees rather than protecting what mattered most to me.

By the time I fully understood what was happening, it was too late to change course in any meaningful way. That is why I am writing this.

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[Review series 2 of 4] Property Management review continuation — text: 'the structure of the representation created incentives that did not align with my best interests' — discusses fee prioritization (text cut off — continues in next screenshot) ghosted review

similar experiences. That not only did the client experience a negative financial impact. But their reviews were removed as well. So rather than address client grievances, Mr. Abaza's solution is to "silence the client." I attached proof of the multiple efforts to write reviews of my experience with Mr. Abaza. What I have observed is that he writes reviews under his name about himself (and his business partners- other affiliated law firms), and writes reviews using aliases like Alexi D (which is his sugar land yelp business profile), Andrews Verdaux (attached here) and packs reviews with 5- star ratings to bolster his higher score. Every time I write a review like this being truthful about his review rigging efforts, he gets it removed within 24 hours. Let's click this one. 6:20pm Sunday, March 22. April 4th, now April 6th

This goes to show when I hired him that I was misled by his track record. He's successfully silenced his critics and past dissatisfied clients. I was a real paying

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[Review series 3 of 4] Property Management review continuation — names fake review aliases Alexi D. and Andrews Verdaux — states reviews removed within 24 hours — timestamps: March 22, April 4th, April 6th (text cut off — continues in next screenshot) ghosted review

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[Review series 4 of 4] Property Management review — final portion — ends: 'he's posting photos of someone other than himself. And fake AI photos. That is scary.' — 6 likes — Feb 16, 2026 1:18 AM Alexi D. timestamp visible

SELF-REVIEW AND CROSS-REVIEW NETWORK — YELP

SELF-REVIEW:

Law Office of Nicholas Abaza (business account) reviewed own attorney profile:

'thank you for your support in my probate practice over the years...'

'my probate practice' — the reviewer IS the business being reviewed.

We counted 5 reviews sitting of Abaza reviewing himself under his real name Nicholas A. in the “not recommended” review section under Abaza’s yelp profile.

Abaza’s current Yelp profile has 4 surviving Reviews. 24 reviews are not recommended and 24 reviews have been removed. That’s 52 reviews written in total. That has the appearance of review rigging.

We observed other possible fake profiles under Zach H., Delaney D, and Coco S, in addition to Nicholas A. — Nick Abaza himself.

Observing the wording on many of these reviews, they appear to be more of an attorney praising himself rather than a distinct client experience.

MARKETING COPY AS REVIEW (second posting):

'We focus on estate litigation working on both hourly and contingency in Will Contests'

BORUNDA CROSS-REVIEW:

Borunda & Fomby (Borunda's firm at same 2444 Times Blvd) posted 5-star on Abaza Yelp:

'Experienced trust worthy trial lawyers. They are peers in my field of law.'



Divorce & Family Law

Austin, TX



Yelp for

Restaurants ▾

Home & Garden ▾

Auto Services ▾

Health & Beauty ▾

Travel & Activities ▾

⚠ **abaza law is temporarily closed.** Scheduled to reopen on February 15, 2027.

abaza law

★ ★ ★ ☆ ☆ 3.0 (4 reviews)

✔ Claimed • Divorce & Family Law, Personal Injury Law

Temporarily closed [See hours](#) [Updated 1 week ago](#)

☆ Write a review

📷 Add photos/videos

📤 Share

🔖 Save

Do you recommend this business?

Yes

No

Maybe

Photos & videos

See all 37 photos →

Yelp — 'abaza law' — temporarily closed, reopens February 15, 2027 — 3.0 stars (4 reviews) — Divorce & Family Law, Personal Injury Law — 37 photos — claimed profile



Borunda & Fomby



Experienced trust worthy trial lawyers. They are peers in my field of law. I have dealt with them for long time.

First to review



The Aguilar Law Firm



I've known her as peer in legal community for long time. She is quality real estate and title work lawyer. I fully endorse her.



Yard House



Yum would go again. I have gone there with my family after tournaments and spring events



Law Office of Nicholas Abaza



thank you for your support in my probate practice over the years. With the support I have been in business for over 20 years.



Vincent Abazie Law Firm



Did what I needed in timely efficient manner at fair cost. He helped with a family law issue during our time in need while we were under duress.



Torchy's Tacos



Yummy tacos and quick good service. My kids love the green Chile pork and ranch hand



Law Office Of Nicholas Abaza



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Yelp reviewer profile Nick Abaza/ Alexi D (which is actually an alias of Nick Abaza through his son Alexi D. — 5-star review for Law Office of Nicholas Abaza: 'thank you for your support in my probate practice over the years. With the support I have been in business for over 20 years.' — posted by account marked First to review

ABAZA HIMSELF (2 reviews) – Law Office of Nicholas Abaza – showing 2 different profile photos

ABAZA'S BUSINESS ASSOCIATE – BORUNDA at Borunda & Fomby

YELP NOT RECOMMENDED AND CROSS-ENDORSEMENT NETWORK

Abaza's yelp profile is now closed, showing 4 public reviews. Abaza's yelp profile has 24 Reviews not recommended and 24 Reviews that were removed. Of these, Abaza wrote 5 Reviews under his own business profile. And it appears to be a family affair with other family members like his son Bennett Abaza also writing a review an Coco A. also attempting 2 Reviews at different points in time. Many of these same profile names show up on Abaza's Google profile: Delaney D., Basim Z, Deanna A., Zach H., etc.

There were 26 5-Star Reviews written and 10 1-Star Reviews written. Not sure what happened to the other 8 Reviews, as 24 not recommended and 24 removed, adds up to 48 reviews total.

Abaza's Yelp profile shows 5 Former Client reviews silenced. Meanwhile, his counter-attack was to flood the yelp reviews 9 non-client fake reviews in response to bolster his yelp profile. Until he gave up, and he decided to "close" his yelp profile. Of his 17 Reviews only had 1 or 2 Reviews before being flagged and removed. This is an indicator

ABAZA HIMSELF (5 reviews)

ABAZA'S SON BENNETT (1 reviews)

ABAZA'S OTHER FAMILY MEMBER COCO (2 reviews)

8 Reviews Written by Nick Abaza himself and/or Family Members

5-STAR Reviews – not recommended / removed

Nicholas A.	3-29-2026	8 Reviews	Response to negative reviews from former clients
Nicholas A.	7-17-2024	8 Reviews	Removed
Nicholas A.	4-2-2023	8 Reviews	Removed
Nicholas A.	4-2-2023	8 Reviews	Removed
Nicholas A.	7-17-2024	8 Reviews	Removed
Bennett A.	6-1-2025	6 Reviews	Not recommended
Coco A	3-31-2026	32 Reviews	Response to negative reviews from former clients
Coco A.	5-29-2025	32 Reviews	Removed

1-STAR Reviews – not recommended

Decided D.	4-2-2026	2 Reviews	Former client
Valeriya R.	3-24-2026	5 Reviews	Former client

5-STAR Reviews – not recommended

Jamie R.	4-14-2026	1 Review	Response to negative reviews from former clients
Anna M.	4-10-2026	1 Review	Response to negative reviews from former clients
Delaney D	3-30-2026	1 Review	Response to negative reviews from former clients
Deanna A	3-6-2026	2 Reviews	Response to negative reviews from former clients
Zach H.	2-18-2026	2 Reviews	Response to negative reviews from former clients
T.G.	2-16-2026	2 Reviews	Response to negative reviews from former clients
J. Michael Y.	2-16-2026	1 Review	Response to negative reviews from former clients
Charles B	5-23-2024	1 Review	
Basim Z.	4-4-2024	1 Review	

Sandi K.	3-12-2024	1 Review
Jason M.	3-11-2024	1 Review
Gray C.	3-11-2024	1 Review
Nova S.	9-26-2023	2 Review
Molly M.	9-25-2023	1 Review

1-STAR Reviews – removed

Mogens G.	3-31-2026	0 Reviews	
Decided D.	3-27-2026	2 Reviews	Former client
Misc S.	3-24-2026	3 Reviews	Former client
Valeriya R.	3-13-2026	5 Reviews	Former client
Zealous A.	3-2-2026	0 Reviews	Former client Caroline
Someone W.	1-28-2026	0 Reviews	Former client Caroline
Barry W.	11-15-2025	0 Reviews	
Barry W.	11-15-2025	0 Reviews	

5-STAR Reviews – removed

Dee B.	4-6-2026	6 Reviews	Response to negative reviews from former clients
Coco A	3-31-2026	32 Reviews	Response to negative reviews from former clients
The B.	2-21-2026	0 Reviews	Response to negative reviews from former clients
Coco A.	5-29-2025	32 Reviews	
Anna V.	7-17-2024	2 Reviews	
Jason M.	3-11-2024	1 Review	

Back

Not Recommended

24 Reviews that are Not Recommended

Decided D.

4/2/2026

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Nicholas Abaza's handling of the matter raised serious concerns regarding his adherence to fiduciary obligations. His actions appeared... [Read More](#)

Valeriya R.

3/24/2026

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I retained this firm in connection with a probate matter involving estate assets.

During the period of representation, my primary concern was... [Read More](#)

Jamie R.

8 hours ago

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Nick Abaza is professional and knowledgeable in probate. I'm thankful for his legal advice when I needed it. Thank you. [Read More](#)

Anna M.

4/10/2026

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I'm a former clerk, and he recently helped me with some estate issues that I was worried about regarding my family. He was very thorough and... [Read More](#)

Delaney D.

3/30/2026

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24 Review not recommended

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Delaney D.

3/30/2026

★★★★★

I have had the privilege of knowing Nick both as a client and as a fellow attorney, and I can confidently say he is exceptional at what he... [Read More](#)

Nicholas A.

3/29/2026

★★★★★

Thank you for all the support. We have helped hundreds of clients and recovered millions for some in legal disputes. Unfortunately, in... [Read More](#)

Deanna A.

3/6/2026

★★★★★

The Abaza Law firm is fantastic! They are experts in probate law-- certainly on of Houston's most respected firms. I have worked with Nick... [Read More](#)

Zach H.

2/18/2026

★★★★★

Nicholas Abaza is extremely knowledgeable in probate of wills and will contests, and he made sure everything was done correctly and... [Read More](#)

T G.

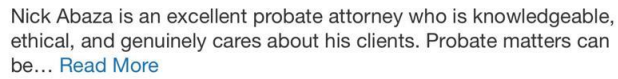
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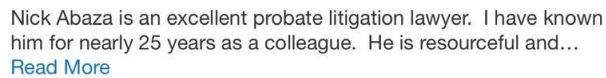
Nick Abaza is an excellent probate attorney who is knowledgeable, ethical, and genuinely cares about his clients. Probate matters can

Yelp Not Recommended — Delaney D. and other reviewers listed as not recommended — star ratings visible; Delaney D, Zach H are both possible fake review profiles set up by Nick Abaza. In addition Nick Abaza had 5 attempts at writing a review on his yelp profile — all of which were not recommended.

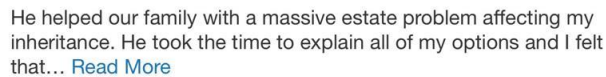
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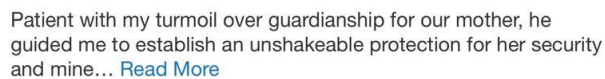
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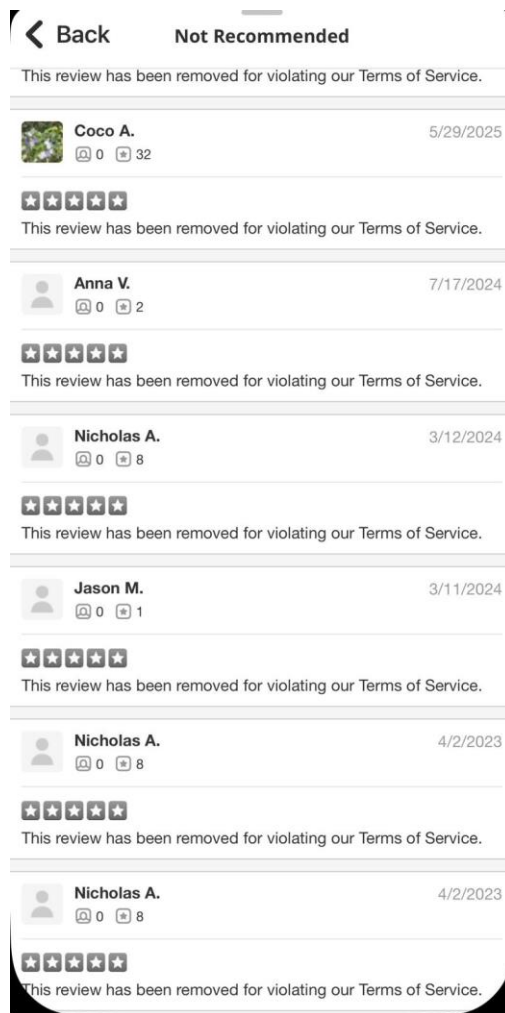
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Someone Who W. 1/28/2026

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Yelp Removed —Nick Abaza had 5 attempts at writing a review on his yelp profile – all of which were removed by Yelp..

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NICK ABAZA REVIEWING TREVINO DURING ACTIVE INVESTIGATION — GOOGLE

Reviewer: nick abaza — own real name — March 30, 2026 — labeled New Platform: Law Office of Michael A. Trevino Google Business Profile
 March 17, 2026: Dolcefino investigation published naming Abaza and Trevino
 March 30, 2026: Abaza posts 5-star on Trevino's profile — 6 days later
 Abaza is not Trevino's client — he is his co-party in an active investigation
 FTC Violation: Non-client review misrepresented as independent endorsement

— EXHIBIT F —



Nick Abaza

Local Guide Level 4

318 points >

250

500

Reviews

Photos



Law Office of Michael A. Trevino

12012 Wickchester Ln Suite 410, Houston, TX 77...

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

He is a great trial lawyer who made the published Super Lawyer list

👍 Like

🔗 Share

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AVVO DISPUTE ABUSE — FIVE DOCUMENTED REJECTION EMAILS

Email 1: Review disputed by Abaza — removed pending verification

Email 2: Not approved — Is duplicate content

Email 3: Not approved — Is duplicate content (second attempt blocked)

Email 4: Not approved — Contained accusations of criminal activity

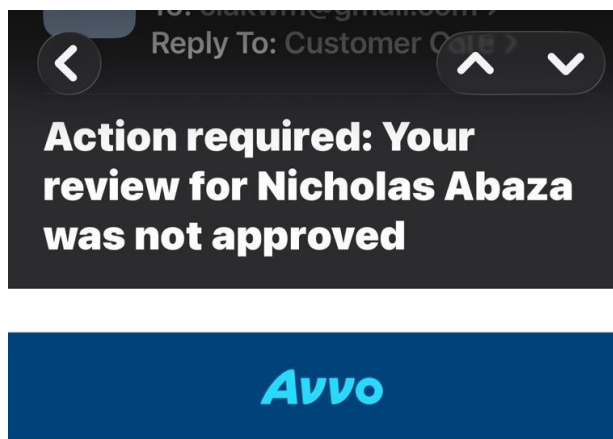
Email 5: Not approved — Indicates Attorney was not hired in a probate matter

(For a PROBATE attorney — blocking probate clients by claiming not probate)

RESULT: Zero negative reviews survive on Abaza's Avvo. Not one.

25 years of probate practice — zero negative reviews. This is systematic suppression.

— EXHIBIT I —



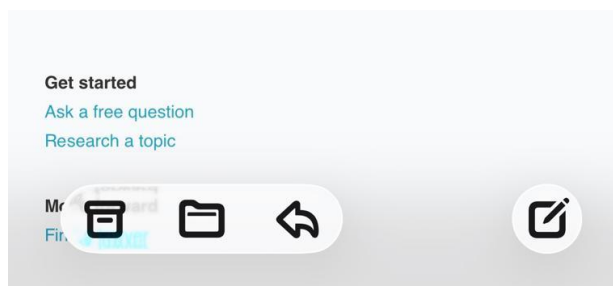
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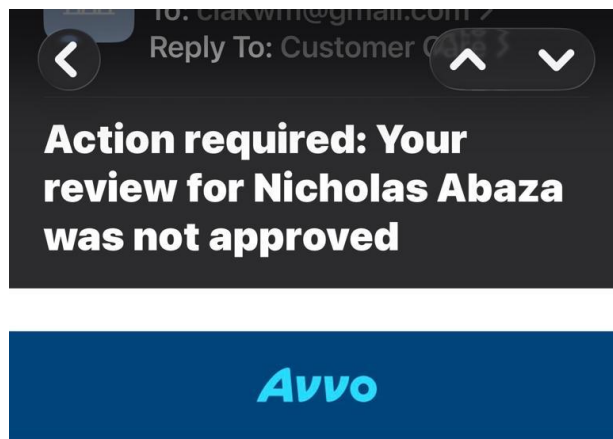
Reason for Decline:

Indicates Attorney Nicholas Abaza was not hired on your behalf as part of a guardian ad litem case, probate, mitigation, or arbitration.

[Write a new review](#)



Avvo email — 'Action required: Your review for Nicholas Abaza was not approved' — Reason: Is duplicate content



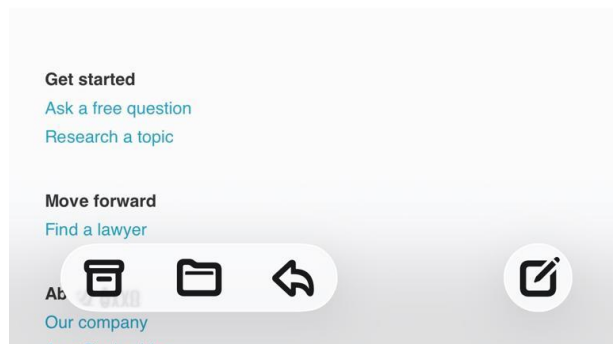
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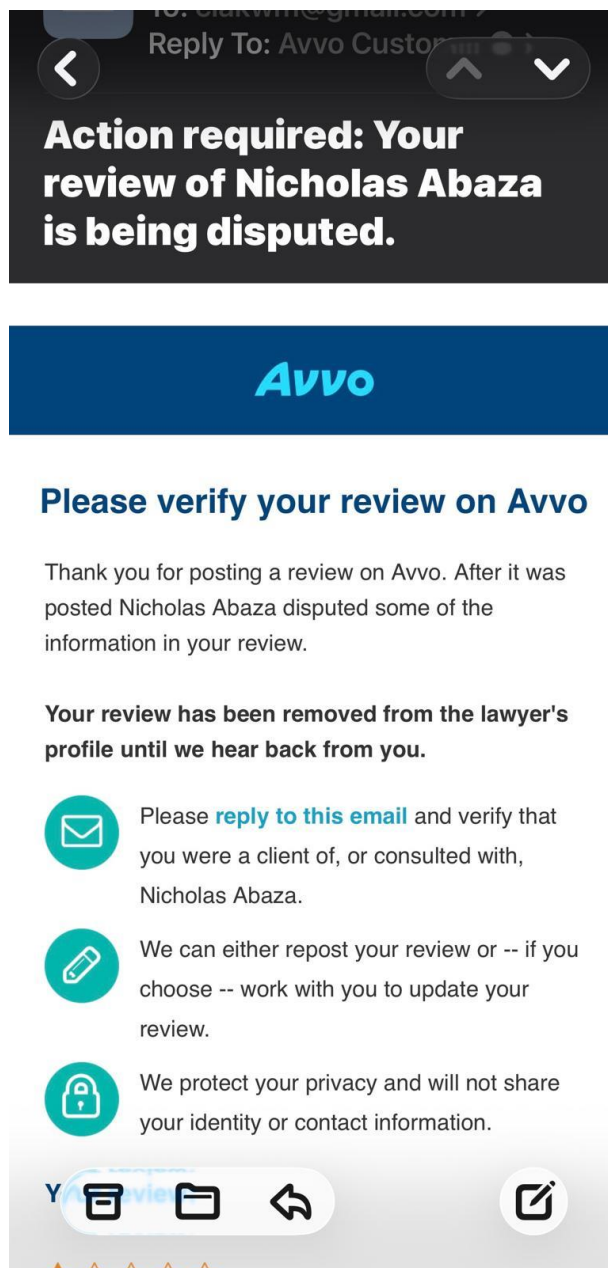
Reason for Decline:

Contained accusations of criminal activity.

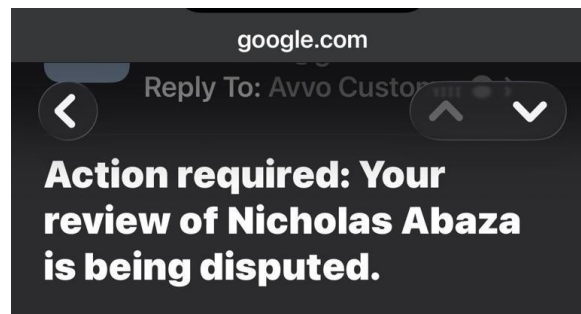
[Write a new review](#)



Avvo email — 'Action required: Your review for Nicholas Abaza was not approved' — Reason: Attorney not hired as part of a guardian ad litem, probate, mitigation, or arbitration case



Avvo email — 'Action required: Your review of Nicholas Abaza is being disputed' — Please verify your review



Please verify your review on Avvo

Thank you for posting a review on Avvo. After it was posted Nicholas Abaza disputed some of the information in your review.

Your review has been removed from the lawyer's profile until we hear back from you.



Please [reply to this email](#) and verify that you were a client of, or consulted with, Nicholas Abaza.



We can either repost your review or -- if you choose -- work with you to update your review.



We protect your privacy and will not share your identity or contact information.



Avvo email — 'Action required: Your review of Nicholas Abaza is being disputed' — verification request



Action requir...



Your review:



My experience with this firm was deeply disappointing and financially devastating. I am sharing it so that other families carefully review their options and ask thorough questions before entering into a legal representation agreement. What began as an inheritance dispute eventually turned into years of prolonged litigation. From my perspective, important information about strategy, costs, and potential outcomes was not always explained as clearly as I would have hoped. The discovery phase alone extended for several years and resulted in extremely high legal fees. At one point during the case, I agreed to convert my engagement from an hourly arrangement to a contingency fee structure. Looking back, I wish I had sought independent counsel before making that decision. As the case progressed, I also felt pressure to sign a settlement agreement that I later came to believe was not in my best interest. Only after the fact did I realize that the agreement included a mandatory arbitration clause. My understanding is that arbitration provisions can limit a client's ability to have disputes heard in court before a jury, instead requiring that disputes be decided privately by an arbitrator. After the relationship ended, additional disputes arose, which ha

sh... further litigation and v... my family. The pr... has been extremely difficult and stressful. The



Law Office of Nicholas Abaza — Avvo Business Profile overview

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CAROLINE'S REVIEW SUPPRESSION ON ABAZA'S PROFILES

AVVO: Caroline's review disputed personally — removed pending verification

Avvo email: 'Your review of Nicholas Abaza is being disputed.'

Caroline responded April 3, 2026 10:49 AM CDT with all documentation

1 Avvo review currently surviving — must be protected

YELP: Valeriya Ruznica's Abaza reviews removed — Yelp HQ email March 31

Message ID 16719115 — same experience involving both co-attorneys

— EXHIBIT J —

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DOCUMENTED REVIEW FLOOD APRIL 12-14, 2026 – 5 NEW REVIEWS BY ABAZA

This exhibit documents a cluster of newly posted Google reviews appearing within a short time window on the Law Office of Nicholas Abaza profile. It is included to preserve a timestamped record of recent review activity.

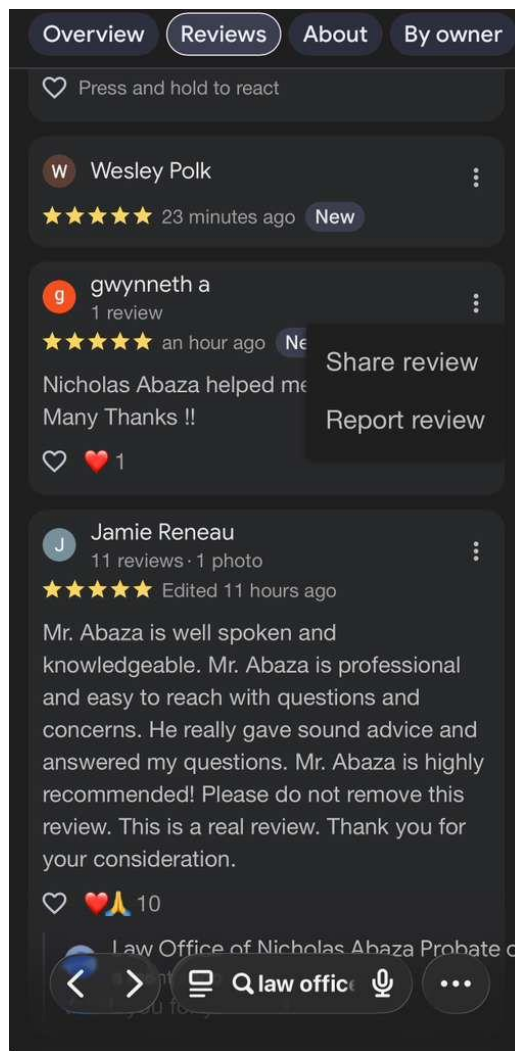
First reviewer was Bennett Abaza – and within a few hours taken down and replaced by several other unknown reviewers.

FTC Violation: Adding fake reviews to conceal real client reviews after having successfully removed the majority of real client 1 star reviews to bolster his rating, and former aggrieved client re-posting their reviews so their reviews could be publicly seen to warn others.

EXHIBIT K - NEW REVIEW ACTIVITY / REVIEW FLOOD (APRIL 2026)

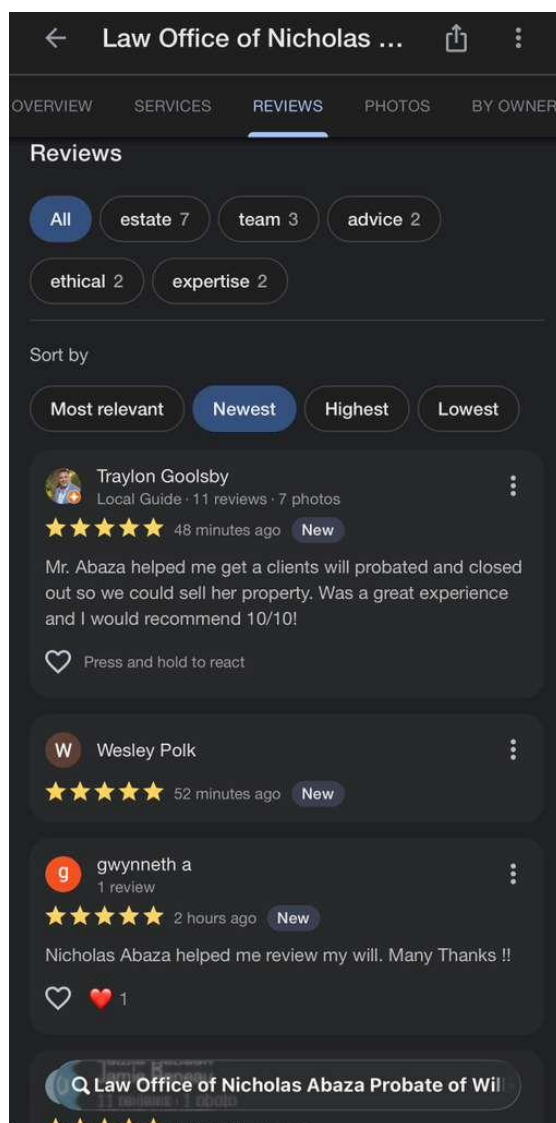
EXHIBIT K-1

Google Review – W Wesley Polk (New Review Activity) – suspicious fake review profile to bolster rating – a review flood coming in after their former aggrieved clients posted reviews.



Screenshot of Google Business Profile showing a new review by “W Wesley Polk” posted 23 minutes prior to capture. The review appears under the “Newest” sorting filter and reflects a brief endorsement of services received.

EXHIBIT K-2
Google Review – Traylon Goolsby (Local Guide Review)



Screenshot of Google Business Profile showing a review by “Traylon Goolsby,” marked as a Local Guide, posted approximately 48 minutes prior to capture.

EXHIBIT K-3

Google Review – Jamie Reneau (Edited Review)

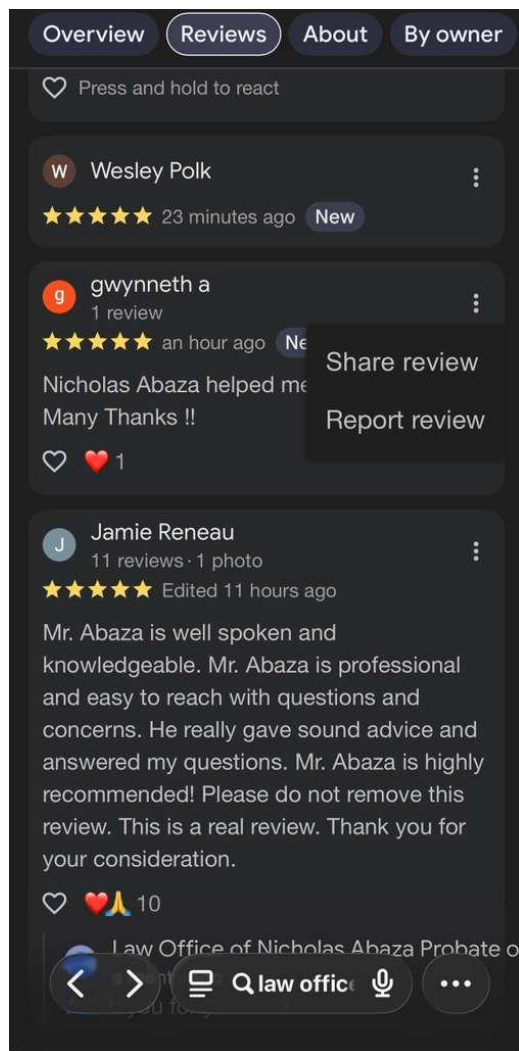


EXHIBIT K-4

Google Review – Jamie Reneau (reviews of both Trevino and Abaza within a week – almost exactly the same verbiage)

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Jamie Reneau

Local Guide Level 3

214 points >

75

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Reviews

Photos

Law Office of Nicholas Abaza

2444 Times Blvd Suite 270, Houston, TX 77005

★★★★★

13 hours ago

Mr. Abaza is knowledgeable and experienced in his field. I'm grateful for his professional advice when I needed it. Thank you.

Like

Share

Law Office of Michael A. Trevino

12012 Wickchester Ln Suite 410, Houston, TX 77...

★★★★★

a week ago

Mike Trevino is a knowledgeable professional in this field. I highly recommend his services. Thank you, Mike for being available to answer my questions when I have them.

Screenshot showing an edited review by “Jamie Reneau,” visible as part of the Google Reviews section. The review indicates it was modified approximately 11 hours prior to capture.

EXHIBIT K-5

Google Review – Jamie Reneau and Aaron Reneau – share the same last name.

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Law Office of Nicholas Abaza

2444 Times Blvd Suite 270, Houston, TX 77005, United States

[Write a review](#)

4.4 ★★★★★ 43 reviews ⓘ



Aaron Reneau

2 reviews



12 hours ago

NEW

Mr. Abaza is a great listener and works hard to make sure his client's concerns are addressed.



Jamie Reneau

11 reviews · 1 photo



14 hours ago

NEW

Mr. Abaza is knowledgeable and experienced in his field. I'm grateful for his professional advice when I needed it. Thank you.



Traylon Goolsby

Local Guide · 11 reviews · 7 photos



a day ago

NEW

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DEANNE AGUILAR WRITES 2 REVIEWS ON ABAZA'S PROFILE AND ABAZA WRITES A REVIEW IN RETURN FOR HER – BOTH FELLOW LAWYERS

Abaza writes reviews on lawyer friends and returns the favor. These are not client reviews.

FTC Violation: Adding fake reviews to conceal real client reviews after having successfully removed the majority of real client 1 star reviews to bolster his rating, and former aggrieved client re-posting their reviews so their reviews could be publicly seen to warn others.

Deanna Aguilar's firm is "The Aguilar Firm"



Borunda & Fomby



Experienced trust worthy trial lawyers. They are peers in my field of law. I have dealt with them for long time.



First to review



The Aguilar Law Firm



I've known her as peer in legal community for long time. She is quality real estate and title work lawyer. I fully endorse her.



Yard House



Yum would go again. I have gone there with my family after tournaments and sporting events



Law Office of Nicholas Abaza



thank you for your support in my probate practice over the years. With the support I have been in business for over 20 years.



Law Office of Nicholas Abaza

2444 Times Blvd Suite 270, Houston, TX 77005, United States

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4.4 ★★★★★ 43 reviews ⓘ



Deanna Aguilar

Local Guide · 45 reviews



★★★★★ a month ago

Mr. Abaza has been a highly successful and tremendously respected attorney in Houston for over 25 years. His expertise in will contests, probate, and estate planning are second to none. If you have an issue with an estate, call Nick. He will handle your case expeditiously and with ethical professionalism.

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Deanna Aguilar

5 reviews



★★★★★ a month ago

Nick is among the best probate attorneys in Houston, and deservedly so! I have known him for 15 years. He is an expert in his field. I send him all of my probate referrals without hesitation.

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Yelp – cross reviewing each other – even though they were both removed

 **Deanna A.**
Houston, TX
0 friends
2 reviews
2 photos

★★★★★ 11/18/2025

Real estate experts! Serving the Houston Metroplex and clients throughout Texas since 2001.

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1 Review Removed for Violating our [Terms of Service](#)

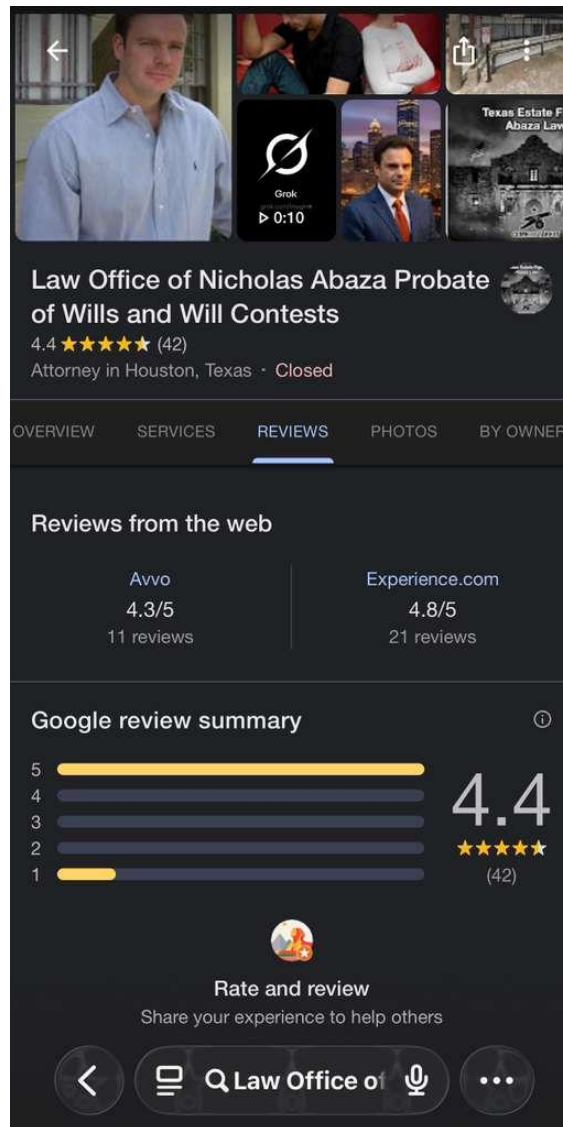
 **Nicholas A.**
Houston, TX
0 friends
8 reviews
5 photos

★★★★★ 2/16/2026

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The screenshot displays a mobile application interface for the 'Law Office of Nicholas Abaza Probate of Wills and Will Contests'. At the top, there is a header with a back arrow, a profile picture of Nicholas Abaza, and a video player showing a man in a suit. Below the header, the business name is prominently displayed, followed by a 4.4-star rating from 42 reviews and the location 'Attorney in Houston, Texas - Closed'. A navigation bar includes tabs for 'OVERVIEW', 'SERVICES', 'REVIEWS' (which is selected), 'PHOTOS', and 'BY OWNER'. The 'REVIEWS' section shows 'Reviews from the web' with two summaries: 'Avvo' with a 4.3/5 rating from 11 reviews, and 'Experience.com' with a 4.8/5 rating from 21 reviews. Below this is a 'Google review summary' section featuring a horizontal bar chart showing the distribution of ratings from 1 to 5 stars, with a large '4.4' rating and five stars indicated. At the bottom, there is a 'Rate and review' button with the text 'Share your experience to help others'.

Screenshot showing aggregated platform ratings and review summary for Law Office of Nicholas Abaza, including Google rating display and third-party review platform summaries.

SECTION 4 — PLATFORM COMPLAINT GUIDE

PLATFORM: 1. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION — reportfraud.ftc.gov

1. Go to reportfraud.ftc.gov — click Report Now
2. Select: Something Else — Deceptive or Unfair Business Practices
3. Business: Nicholas Abaza / Law Office of Nicholas Abaza — 2444 Times Blvd Suite 270 Houston TX 77005 — (713) 965-3400
4. Paste narrative below — submit — save reference number

TO: Federal Trade Commission — reportfraud.ftc.gov
COMPLAINANT: Caroline Allison — ciakwm@gmail.com — Houston TX
ATTORNEY: Nicholas Abaza / Law Office of Nicholas Abaza — 2444 Times Blvd Suite 270 Houston TX 77005
DATE: April 2026

I am Caroline Allison, Founder of Stop Legal Bullying Now LLC.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Abaza's conduct as part of the three-attorney team contributed to approximately \$20 million in total financial exposure: \$15M inheritance forfeiture, \$4M arbitration fee award (under appeal), \$1.5M+ ongoing legal fees.

VIOLATION 1 — REVIEWER INTIMIDATION (Exhibit A):

February 16, 2026 at 1:18 AM: Alexi D. (connected to Abaza's office — posted 'Future of Abaza law' on his Google profile — identified as his Sugar Land Yelp profile) sent a private Yelp message challenging a real reviewer's legitimacy using legal language.

Full exchange documented. FTC 2024: Prohibition on intimidating reviewers.

VIOLATION 2 — UNDISCLOSED BUSINESS ASSOCIATE REVIEWS (Exhibit B):

Seth Nichamoff — shares Abaza's office space — participates in his contingency cases — gives appearance of independence while operating as part of Abaza's network.

Documented in Carolyn Jones probate case. Also performed receivership against Abaza's former clients (the Allison's) at Abaza's direction.

Any reviews Nichamoff posted on Abaza's profiles are undisclosed insider reviews.

VIOLATION 3 — CO-ATTORNEY'S WIFE REVIEWING ABAZA (Exhibit C):

Jennifer Borunda (wife of co-attorney Jorge Borunda — confirmed K. Hovnanian American Mortgage, Houston) reviewed Abaza's Google profile under her maiden

name Jennifer Waters as if she were an independent client.
She is not Abaza's client. She is his co-attorney's wife.
FTC Rule: Prohibition on undisclosed insider reviews.

VIOLATION 4 – AI PHOTOS / MISLEADING PROFILE (Exhibit D):

Google Business Profile contains AI-generated or misleading photos not of Abaza's likeness. Presenting false professional photos to prospective clients is deception.

VIOLATION 5 – SELF-REVIEW (Exhibit E):

Law Office of Nicholas Abaza Yelp business account reviewed own attorney profile.
Review: 'thank you for your support in my probate practice...' – self-review fraud.

VIOLATION 6 – SYSTEMATIC AVVO DISPUTE ABUSE (Exhibit G):

5 documented rejection emails. Zero negative reviews survive. Probate attorney blocking probate clients by claiming they were not in a probate matter.

VIOLATION 7 – WEBSITE PROMOTES FAKE RATING:

Website: 'Nicholas Abaza has a 4.8 star rating on Google 5 stars' – rating is artificially inflated by self-review, insider reviews, and the fake network above.

Exhibit 1: youtube.com/watch?v=j5aWUy6oJT0

Exhibit 2: youtu.be/lgHSGHJc7xE

Exhibit 4: finance.yahoo.com/news/consumer-alert-texas-families-estate-233400228.html

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PLATFORM: 2. GOOGLE BUSINESS PROFILE — support.google.com/business

TO: Google Business Profile Support

RE: Law Office of Nicholas Abaza – AI Photos, Insider Reviews, Intimidation Network

DATE: April 2026

ISSUE 1 – CO-ATTORNEY'S WIFE REVIEWING AS INDEPENDENT CLIENT (Exhibit C):

Jennifer Borunda (K. Hovnanian American Mortgage, Houston – wife of co-attorney Jorge Borunda) reviewed this profile under her maiden name Jennifer Waters within the same timeframe she reviewed Borunda PC. She is not Abaza's client.

ISSUE 2 – AI-GENERATED OR MISLEADING PROFILE PHOTOS (Exhibit D):

Profile contains photos that appear AI-generated or not of Abaza's actual appearance. Alexi D. posted 'Future of Abaza law' – an unrelated person – on official profile.

ISSUE 3 – ALEXI D. REVIEWER INTIMIDATION (Exhibit A):

Alexi D. – whose photo appears on this profile – sent private Yelp message February 16, 2026 at 1:18 AM challenging a negative reviewer's legitimacy. Full exchange documented.

Requested: Remove AI or misleading photos. Investigate Alexi D. activity.
Investigate Jennifer Borunda as undisclosed co-attorney's wife on this profile.

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PLATFORM: 3. YELP — yelp-support.com

TO: Yelp Business Integrity Team

RE: Law Office of Nicholas Abaza – Self-Review, Cross-Review, Reviewer Intimidation

DATE: April 2026

VIOLATION 1 – SELF-REVIEW (Exhibit E):

The Law Office of Nicholas Abaza business account reviewed its own attorney profile.

Review: 'thank you for your support in my probate practice...'

VIOLATION 2 – CROSS-REVIEW FROM CO-LOCATED FIRM (Exhibit E):

Borunda & Fomby (same 2444 Times Blvd address) posted 5-star cross-review.

VIOLATION 3 – REVIEWER INTIMIDATION (Exhibit A):

Alexi D. (identified as Abaza's Sugar Land Yelp business profile) sent private Yelp message February 16, 2026 at 1:18 AM to a negative reviewer. Full exchange documented.

Valeriya Ruznica's reviews of Abaza removed – Yelp HQ email March 31, 2026
Message ID 16719115 – cross-posting policy silencing clients of co-attorneys.

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PLATFORM: 4. AVVO — support.avvo.com

TO: Avvo Support – support.avvo.com

SUBJECT: INTEGRITY REPORT – Nicholas Abaza – Dispute Abuse, Self-Review, Intimidation

DATE: April 2026

I am Caroline Allison, verified former client. Active dispute in progress – email to Brandon April 3, 2026 10:49 AM CDT. This is a supplemental integrity report.

ISSUE 1 – SYSTEMATIC DISPUTE ABUSE (Exhibit G):

Abaza personally disputed every negative review. Five rejection emails documented. Zero negative reviews survive for a 25-year probate attorney. A probate attorney blocking reviews by claiming clients were not in a probate matter is systematic abuse.

ISSUE 2 – IMPROPER CROSS-ENDORSEMENT:

March 2022: Abaza endorsed Borunda on Avvo. Both named in Dolcefino investigation (March 2026). Mutual reputation protection presented as independent peer validation.

ISSUE 3 – UNDISCLOSED BUSINESS ASSOCIATE REVIEWS:

Seth Nichamoff – shares Abaza's office – participates in his contingency cases. Any endorsements or reviews from Nichamoff are undisclosed insider activity.

1 review from Caroline currently surviving. It must be protected.

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Exhibit 4: finance.yahoo.com/news/consumer-alert-texas-families-estate-233400228.html

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PLATFORM: 5. TEXAS STATE BAR — NEW INDEPENDENT GRIEVANCE — cdc.texasbar.com

This is a new grievance against Abaza — independent of the Borunda appeal. The reviewer intimidation and Seth Nichamoff receivership attempt are standalone Rule 8.04 violations.

TO: Texas State Bar – Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel – cdc.texasbar.com

RE: NEW GRIEVANCE – Nicholas Abaza – Texas State Bar ID 24026752

FROM: Caroline Allison – ciakwm@gmail.com – 832-661-5001

DATE: April 2026

GROUND 1 – REVIEWER INTIMIDATION (Rule 8.04 – Dishonesty):

February 16, 2026 at 1:18 AM: A person named Alexi D. – connected to Abaza's office, documented on his Google Business Profile as 'Future of Abaza law', identified as his Sugar Land Yelp business profile – sent a private Yelp message to a real former client

who had posted a negative review. The message challenged legitimacy, used legal terminology to intimidate, and questioned the review's factual content.

Using an associated account to pressure reviewers reflects adversely on fitness to practice law under Rule 8.04.

GROUND 2 – SETH NICHAMOFF RECEIVERSHIP ATTEMPT (Rule 8.04 – Misconduct):

Seth Nichamoff – attorney who shares Abaza's office space and participates in his contingency probate cases as a de facto network member – was directed by Borunda and Abaza to perform a receivership against the Allison family for collections. Using an ostensibly independent attorney who is in fact an undisclosed business associate to pursue collection action against former clients constitutes conduct involving dishonesty and misrepresentation (Rule 8.04).

GROUND 3 – SYSTEMATIC REVIEW SUPPRESSION (Rule 8.04):

Five documented rejection emails – every negative Avvo review blocked or removed. Zero negative reviews survive on Abaza's profile for 25 years of probate practice. Using the dispute mechanism systematically to eliminate real feedback is conduct inconsistent with honesty and candor.

GROUND 4 – FINANCIAL CONDUCT (Rules 1.03, 1.04):

As part of the three-attorney team, Abaza contributed to \$20M in financial exposure: \$15M forfeiture, \$4M arbitration award (under appeal), \$1.5M+ ongoing legal fees.

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Exhibit 2: youtu.be/lgHSGHJc7xE

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PLATFORM: 6. TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL — CONSUMER PROTECTION — reportfraud.gov

The Texas Attorney General Consumer Protection Division investigates deceptive trade practices under the DTPA. Fake reviews, hidden arbitration, and no malpractice insurance disclosure are textbook DTPA violations.

5. Go to reportfraud.gov or texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection
6. Select: Deceptive Business Practices — Legal Services
7. Business: Law Office of Nicholas Abaza — 2444 Times Blvd Suite 270 Houston TX 77005 — (713) 965-3400
8. Paste narrative below — submit — save confirmation number

TO: Texas Attorney General – Consumer Protection Division
FROM: Caroline Allison – ciakwm@gmail.com – 832-661-5001 – Houston TX
RE: Deceptive Trade Practices – Nicholas Abaza / Law Office of Nicholas Abaza
DATE: April 2026

I am Caroline Allison, Founder of Stop Legal Bullying Now LLC, a former client of Nicholas Abaza. My complaint concerns deceptive trade practices under the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act (DTPA) Sections 17.46(b) and 17.50.

DECEPTIVE PRACTICE 1 – FAKE REVIEW NETWORK:

Nicholas Abaza deployed multiple deceptive review tactics including:

- His associate Alexi D. sending a private Yelp message at 1:18 AM on February 16, 2026 to intimidate a real reviewer into removing their negative review
 - His own law firm business account posting a 5-star review on his own attorney profile
 - Co-attorney Jorge Borunda's wife (Jennifer Borunda, K. Hovnanian mortgage professional) reviewing his Google profile under her maiden name as if she were an independent client
 - Personally disputing every negative review on Avvo – five documented rejection emails
 - zero negative reviews survive despite 25 years of probate practice
 - Promoting a fake 4.8-star Google rating as a business credential on his website
- The Consumer Review Rule (16 CFR Part 465) prohibits all of these practices.

DECEPTIVE PRACTICE 2 – HIDDEN ARBITRATION CLAUSE:

The engagement agreement contained a mandatory arbitration clause not disclosed at signing. When I filed a malpractice claim it was invoked – stripping my Seventh Amendment right to a jury trial. Non-disclosure of binding arbitration is a material omission affecting consumer choice under DTPA Section 17.46(b) (24).

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Approximately \$20 million in total financial exposure: \$15M inheritance forfeiture, \$4M arbitration fee award (under appeal), \$1.5M+ ongoing legal fees as ex-attorneys pursue collections aggressively.

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Exhibit 2: youtu.be/lgHSGHJc7xE

Exhibit 4: finance.yahoo.com/news/consumer-alert-texas-families-estate-233400228.html

Exhibit 5: finance.yahoo.com/economy/policy/articles/consumer-alert-mandatory-arbitration-enables-230400790.html

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PLATFORM: 7. BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU — bbb.org/file-a-complaint

BBB complaints are permanent public records visible in search results. A detailed complaint adds an additional public record alongside the Dolcefino investigation and GlobeNewswire press releases.

9. Go to bbb.org/file-a-complaint

10. Search: Law Office of Nicholas Abaza — Houston TX

11. Select: I have a complaint about this business

12. Paste narrative below — submit — save case number

TO: Better Business Bureau

BUSINESS: Law Office of Nicholas Abaza (Nicholas Abaza) — 2444 Times Blvd Suite 270 Houston TX 77005

FROM: Caroline Allison — ciakwm@gmail.com — Houston TX

DATE: April 2026

NATURE OF COMPLAINT — FAKE REVIEW MANIPULATION:

Nicholas Abaza has personally disputed every negative review submitted to his Avvo profile — resulting in five documented rejection emails and zero surviving negative reviews for a 25-year probate attorney. His associate Alexi D. sent a private Yelp message at 1:18 AM on February 16, 2026 to challenge and intimidate a real reviewer.

His own law firm business account gave his attorney profile a 5-star review.

His website actively promotes a 4.8-star Google rating built on this fake network.

His co-attorney's wife reviewed his profile under a maiden name as if independent.

The result is a fabricated reputation presented to consumers making legal hiring decisions.

FINANCIAL HARM:

As a former client, I experienced approximately \$20 million in total financial exposure including \$15 million in inheritance forfeiture, \$4 million in arbitration fee awards to the attorneys (under appeal at Texas Supreme Court), and \$1.5 million or more in ongoing legal fees as ex-attorneys pursue collections aggressively.

SUPPORTING PUBLIC RECORD:

Dolcefino Media 'Damn Lawyers' investigation: youtube.com/watch?v=j5aWUy6oJT0

GlobeNewswire press release: finance.yahoo.com/news/consumer-alert-texas-families-estate-233400228.html

DESIRED RESOLUTION: Removal of fake reviews — reinstatement of real client reviews — public acknowledgment of deceptive review practices.

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EVIDENCE CHECKLIST — ABAZA ALL-PLATFORM PACKAGE — FINAL

Exhibit 1: Dolcefino Video Part 1: youtube.com/watch?v=j5aWUy6oJT0

Exhibit 2: Dolcefino Video Part 2: youtu.be/IgHSGHJc7xE

Exhibit 3: Gail Echols Testimonial: youtube.com/shorts/0vN_m_JAOQo

Exhibit 4: GlobeNewswire March 17: finance.yahoo.com/news/consumer-alert-texas-families-estate-233400228.html

Exhibit 5: GlobeNewswire March 24: finance.yahoo.com/economy/policy/articles/consumer-alert-mandatory-arbitration-enables-230400790.html

Exhibit A: Alexi D. full Yelp message exchange — Feb 16-17, 2026 — 1:18 AM timestamp

Exhibit B: Seth Nichamoff — court filings from Carolyn Jones case (from Caroline)
Receivership documentation against the Allisons

Exhibit C: Jennifer Borunda LinkedIn profile — K. Hovnanian — confirms identity
Jennifer W. Google Maps showing Abaza reviewed (Excellent work!)

Exhibit D: AI or misleading profile photos — screenshots from Caroline via WhatsApp
Alexi D. Future of Abaza law photo on Google profile

Exhibit E: Law Office of Nicholas Abaza self-review on own Yelp profile
Borunda & Fomby cross-review on Abaza Yelp

Exhibit F: Nick Abaza 5-star on Trevino Google — own name — labeled New

Exhibit G: All five Avvo rejection and dispute emails

Exhibit H: Avvo dispute email — review removed — Abaza filed challenge
Caroline's Avvo email to Brandon — April 3, 2026 10:49 AM CDT

Exhibit I: Yelp HQ removal email to Valeriya Ruznica — March 31, 2026 — Message ID 16719115