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MICHAEL ANTHONY TREVINO

Law Office of Michael A. Trevino PLLC

Priority 3 | "The Will Contest Guy" | FINAL

Complainant: Caroline Allison

Platforms Covered: FTC | Google | Yelp | Avvo | Texas AG | BBB

Research complete — all platforms verified — client files each independently

April 2026

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Michael Trevino brands himself 'The Will Contest Guy' — an Eagle Scout who follows the Golden Rule.

His last documented words to real client Gail Echols: 'Have you run out of money yet?'

He received a \$600,000 arbitration award even though Richard Allison never signed a contract with him.

He previously worked at Radack & Borunda — Jorge Borunda's own former firm — explaining how three attorneys from the same professional network came to handle the Allison matter without disclosing their interconnection to clients.

His Google profile was fake-reviewed by Andrews Verdaux (alias tied to 2444 Times Blvd) and Nick Abaza (his co-attorney, six days after the Dolcefino investigation published).

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	3733-1 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

Subject: Michael Anthony Trevino

Full Name	Michael Anthony Trevino
Firm	Law Office of Michael A. Trevino, PLLC — founded 2020
Brand	willcontestguy.com — 'The Will Contest Guy'
State Bar	Licensed 2009 — 16 years of practice
Education	B.A. University of Texas at Austin — J.D. UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law 2008
CRITICAL CONNECTION	Previously worked at Radack & Borunda — THE SAME FIRM as Jorge Borunda
Prior Address	1345 Campbell Rd Suite 220, Houston TX 77055 — same as Borunda's secondary listing

Broader Network	Seth Nichamoff — shares Abaza's office — participates in same contingency network — performed receivership against Allisons
Practice	Will contests — trust disputes — fiduciary litigation — 100+ cases — millions recovered
Fee Structure	Primarily contingency — you only pay if you recover
Awards	2023 Super Lawyers Rising Stars — Estate and Trust Litigation
Avvo	Zero reviews — Not yet reviewed — 0.0 stars — despite 16 years of practice
Last Words to Gail	'Have you run out of money yet?' — documented in Gail Echols' Avvo review
Arbitration Award	\$600,000 awarded by Anne Ashby even though Richard Allison NEVER signed a contract with him
Investigation	Named in Dolcefino Media 'Damn Lawyers' Parts 1 and 2 — March 2026

Critical Finding — Trevino Worked at Radack & Borunda — Borunda's Former Firm

Source: Justia Lawyer Directory — Michael Trevino prior employment: Radack & Borunda

Source: Jorge Borunda's Justia profile — prior employment: Radack & Borunda, P.C.

Source: Michael P. Fleming & Associates (Trevino's other firm) — 1345 Campbell Rd Suite 220 — SAME ADDRESS as Borunda's secondary listing (permanently closed on Yelp 2026)

Trevino and Borunda came from the same firm. They shared the same secondary office address.

Clients who believe they have three independent attorneys are engaging a professionally interconnected network that was never disclosed to them at engagement.

This is the origin of every cross-review and cross-referral documented in this case.

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

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 — “invoked arbitration clause”

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.

Documented Financial Losses — Caroline and Richard Allison

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

Inheritance forfeiture: \$15,000,000

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

— includes \$600,000 to Trevino specifically despite Richard never signing a contract with him

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

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

Exhibit 2: youtu.be/lgHSGHJc7xE

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

SECTION 3 — FAKE REVIEWS AND CONDUCT

Exhibit A — Nick Abaza 5-Star on Trevino Google — Own Name — During Investigation

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 (Exhibits 1 and 4)

March 30, 2026: Abaza posts 5-star — 6 days later — under own real name

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 A —

The screenshot displays a Google profile for Nick Abaza, a Local Guide Level 4 with 318 points. Below the profile is a progress bar showing 250 points in orange and 500 points in grey. The 'Reviews' tab is selected, showing a 5-star review for the 'Law Office of Michael A. Trevino' posted 2 weeks ago. The review text reads: 'He is a great trial lawyer who made the published Super Lawyer list'. Below the review are 'Like' and 'Share' buttons.

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

Exhibit B — Jamie Reneau suspiciously writes a new review for Michael Trevino on 4-14-2026; and is part of the new Abaza review flood



Jamie Reneau

Local Guide Level 3

214 points >

75

250

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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.

Exhibit C — Caroline's real client review ghosted on Trevino's google business listing

✕  **Zealous Advocate**

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★☆☆☆☆ a week ago

Warning. Read the fine print prior to hiring.

Buyer Beware: Read Every Clause Before Hiring My experience with this firm was deeply disappointing and financially devastating. I am sharing it as a warning so that other families do not unknowingly walk into the same situation. What began as an inheritance dispute turned into years of prolonged litigation. In my experience, critical information about strategy, costs, and potential outcomes was not clearly explained. Discovery alone dragged on for years and generated enormous legal fees, much of which seemed excessive and unnecessary from my perspective. At one point, I was persuaded to convert my engagement from an hourly arrangement to a contingency fee structure. Looking back, I wish I had sought independent advice before agreeing to that change. As the case progressed, I felt significant pressure to sign a settlement agreement that I later came to believe was not in my best interest. Only afterward did I realize that the agreement included a mandatory arbitration clause, which meant disputes would not be heard by a jury of ordinary citizens but instead decided by a private

[Zealous Advocate on Trevino — 1 of 3] Avvo — 'Zealous Advocate' — 1 star — title: 'Warning. Read the fine print prior to hiring.' — review begins discussing Trevino engagement (text cut off — continues in next screenshot)

GHOSTED



citizens but instead decided by a private arbitrator. In my experience, arbitration can dramatically limit a client's ability to challenge misconduct or unfair outcomes. I also later became concerned about potential conflicts related to the arbitrator and the disclosure process. Whether intentional or not, the process felt stacked against the client from the beginning. Ultimately, a very large judgment was entered against me. The biggest lesson I learned is this: before hiring any attorney, read every clause in your engagement agreement—especially arbitration clauses. Consider having another independent attorney review the contract before signing anything. Once arbitration is required, your ability to challenge outcomes may be extremely limited. Legal disputes are stressful and emotionally draining, and families depend on their attorneys for transparency and guidance. My experience unfortunately did not meet that expectation. Because of what happened to my family, my next step is to go to Austin and advocate for legislative changes so that other Texas families cannot be placed in this kind of situation. Clients deserve transparency, fair dispute resolution, and protection from contract

[Zealous Advocate on Trevino — 2 of 3] continuation — arbitration clause, malpractice insurance, arbitrator conflicts, process felt stacked against client (text cut off — continues in next screenshot) - GHOSTED



Zealous Advocate



hiring any attorney, read every clause in your engagement agreement—especially arbitration clauses. Consider having another independent attorney review the contract before signing anything. Once arbitration is required, your ability to challenge outcomes may be extremely limited.

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Because of what happened to my family, my next step is to go to Austin and advocate for legislative changes so that other Texas families cannot be placed in this kind of situation. Clients deserve transparency, fair dispute resolution, and protection from contract provisions that strip away their rights without them fully understanding it.

If sharing this review helps even one family ask better questions before signing a legal contract, it will have been worth it. Beware of the other reviews. Most of the review writers were not actual former clients like myself.



[Zealous Advocate on Trevino — 3 of 3] final portion — ends: 'I am writing a review as a real client.' — 7 likes - GHOSTED

Exhibit D — Andrews Verdaux Alias on Trevino Google + Radack & Borunda Connection

Account: andrews verdaux | 18 reviews | 225 Google Maps points

Date: Approximately March 29, 2026 — labeled New

Andrews Verdaux review was deleted after Caroline called out their fake reviews.

Review: 'He is a great trial lawyer. He expert in Will contests and Estate Litigation.'

KEY: This account also reviewed 'Law Office of Nicholas Abaza — 2444 Times Blvd Suite 270' — shared address of Borunda and Abaza — Trevino's former colleagues

Former client publicly identified this as a fake alias — Google review March 22, 2026

FTC Violation: Fake review under alias connected to attorney network's office address

— EXHIBIT D —

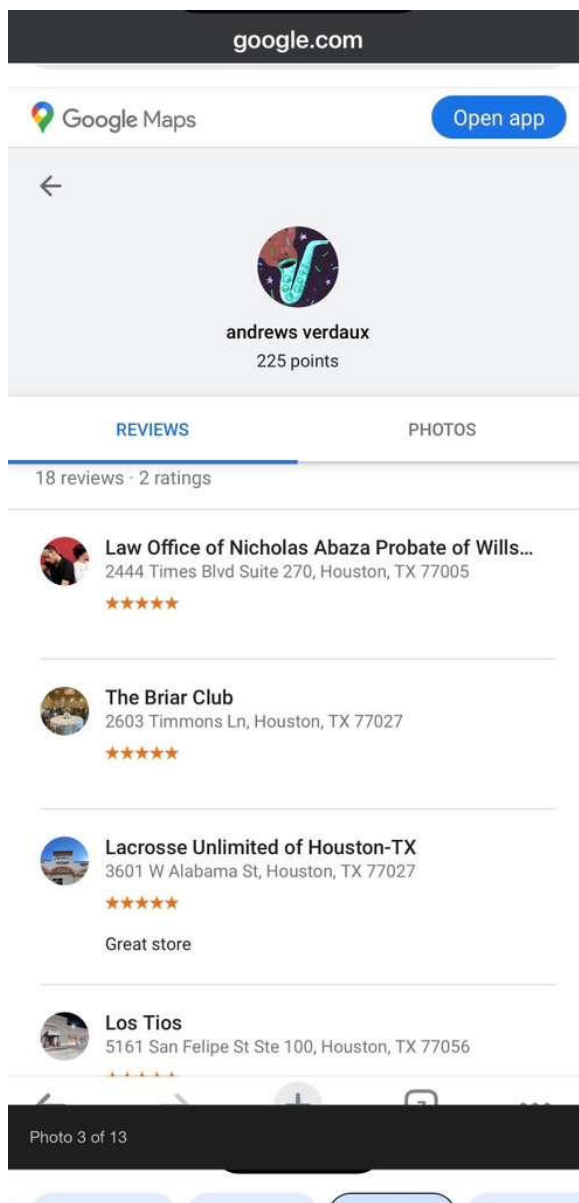
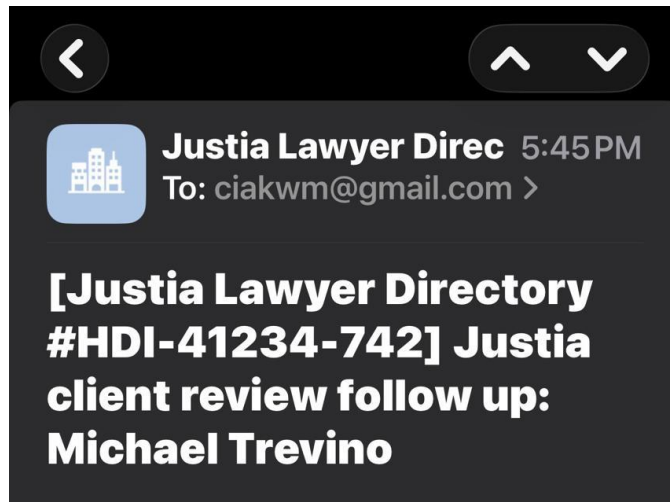


Exhibit E — Justia review blocked. Trevino required the client to not post anonymously as per these messages.



Thank you for your client review of Michael Trevino on the Justia Lawyer Directory. Your review has been flagged. Please kindly note that reviews are not anonymous. The default option involves displaying the reviewer's full name (first and last names), but the reviewer may choose to replace their first name, their last name, or both with an initial.

As such, please kindly provide us with your real full name (first name and last name) in reply to this email along with a copy of an engagement letter, retainer agreement, court appointment order or notice, or other written documentation showing an attorney-client relationship. Please provide this verification in reply to this email within seven (7) days or your review will remain permanently unpublished and not viewable by the public.

Thank you!

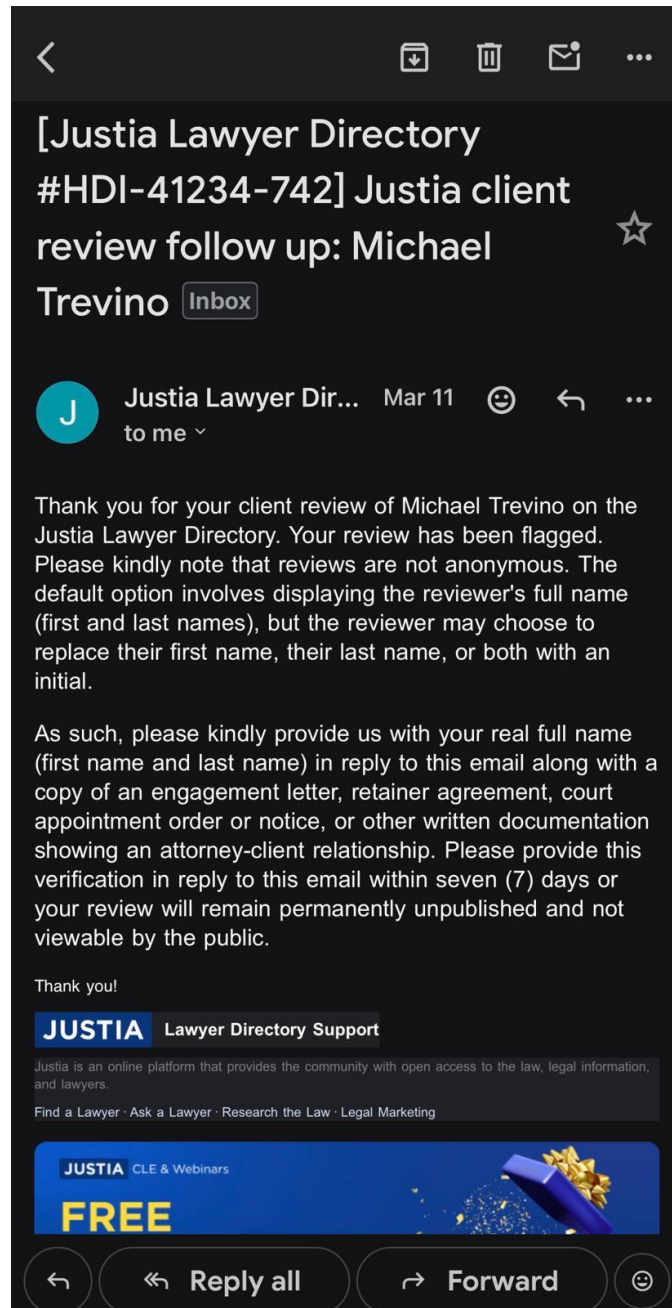
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Justia Lawyer Directory — Michael Trevino attorney profile — Radack & Borunda employment shown — contact information



Justia — Michael Trevino — client review follow-up email — case review reference #HDI-41234-742 — prior employment at Radack & Borunda visible — 1345 Campbell Rd address shown

Exhibit F — \$600,000 Awarded Without a Signed Contract — Arbitration

Anne Ashby awarded \$600,000 to Michael Trevino in the malpractice arbitration.
Richard Allison NEVER signed a contract retaining Michael Trevino.

"How did this happen? The only conclusion you could reach is that it was rigged."

— Caroline Allison

"She wrote in her judgment saying that I had zero credibility."

— Richard Allison

Ashby had undisclosed conflicts and failed to disclose a Chapter 7 bankruptcy.

Ruling under appeal at Texas Supreme Court.

Trevino is now actively pursuing collection of this award — contributing to the \$1.5M+ in ongoing legal fees the Allisons are facing.

WHO BENEFITED? (Money • Awards • Outcomes)

CORE QUESTION: Who financially benefited from the arbitration—and how do those benefits align with undisclosed relationships?

CATEGORY	DETAIL	BENEFIT	CONNECTION
Attorney Fees	Multi-million dollar judgment pursued	Significant financial gain	Aligned with Collins network
Expert Witness	~\$53,100 paid to Staubus	Direct compensation	Prior relationship with Ashby
Arbitrator Fees	~\$130,000 paid to Ashby (est.)	Highly lucrative engagement	Incentive to remain on case
Arbitration Structure	Private forum limits appeal	Outcome insulated	Favors insiders
Client Outcome	Substantial financial loss	Negative impact	Opposite of others
Disclosure Failures	Material conflicts not disclosed	No informed objection	Enabled continuation

FLOW OF BENEFIT

Attorney Fees ↑ → Expert Paid ↑ → Arbitrator Fees ↑ → Arbitration Shielded → Client Loss ↓

Result: Financial benefits concentrated among connected participants

KEY POINT: The arbitrator herself financially benefited from remaining on the case, while material conflicts were not fully disclosed.

CONCLUSION: The financial outcomes align with a network of undisclosed relationships, reinforcing the appearance that the arbitration process produced benefits for connected parties while harming the client.

Exhibit G — Caroline's Avvo review of Michael Trevino – finally posted after multiple attempts



Approved: Your review of
Michael Trevino is now live.



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**Your review has been
posted on Avvo**

Michael Trevino



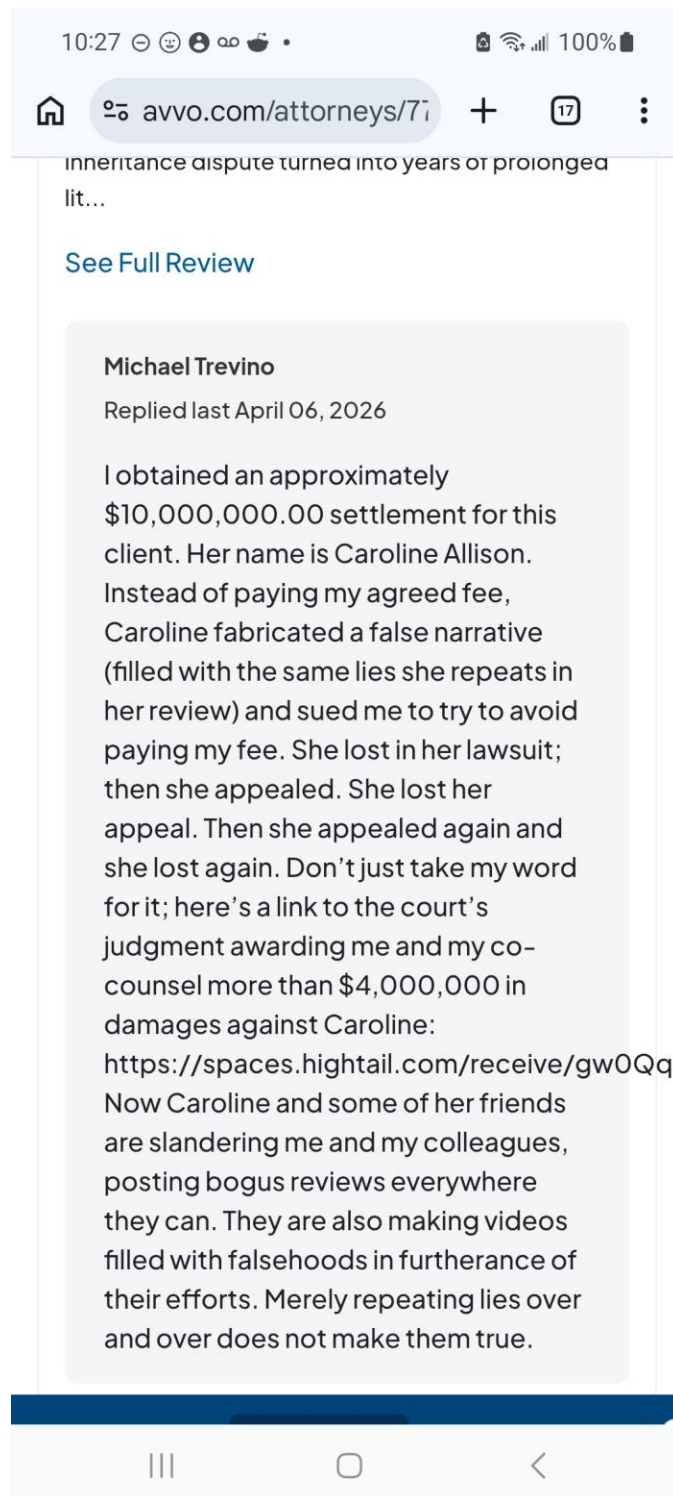
Buyer Beware: Read Every Clause Before Hiring My experience with this firm was deeply disappointing and financially devastating. I am sharing it as a warning so that other families do not unknowingly walk into the same situation. What

↩ Reply

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Avvo email — 'Approved: Your review of Michael Trevino has been posted on Avvo' — review confirmed live

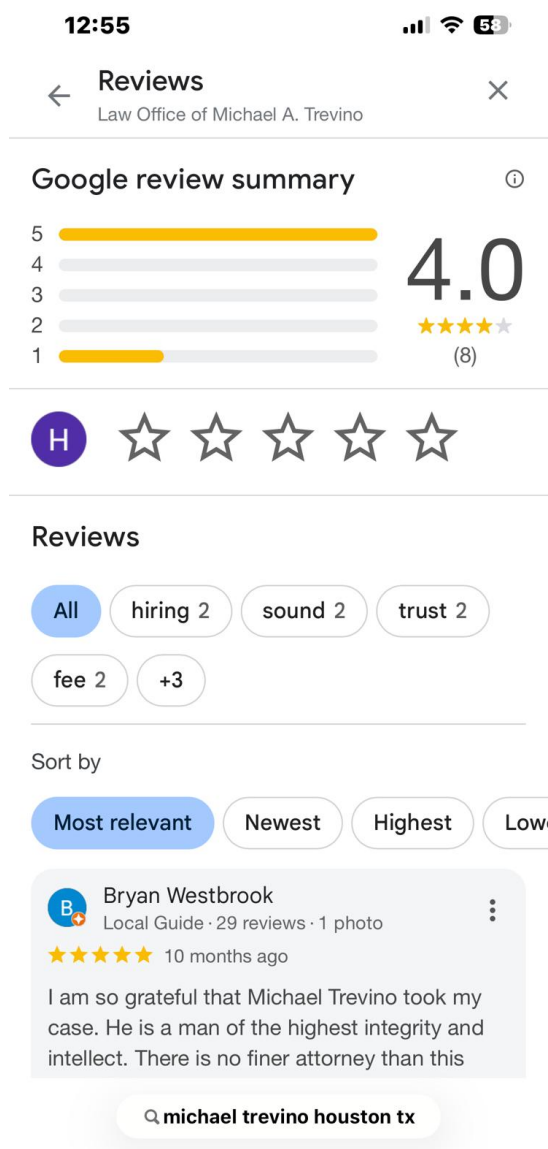


Avvo — Michael Trevino — attorney owner response to client review — response names Caroline Allison by full name and describes litigation history — posted April 6, 2026

Exhibit H — Trevino Avvo — Zero Reviews — 16 Years of Practice

Avvo: Not yet reviewed — 0.0 stars — zero client reviews
Licensed 2009 — 16 years — markets 100+ cases and millions recovered
2023 Super Lawyers Rising Stars designation
Zero reviews across all platforms for a self-described major trial specialist
Consistent with the suppression pattern across all three attorneys in this network

Exhibit I — Fellow friend Bryan Westbrook, another lawyer poses as a client on Trevino’s Google Business listing



Google business listing — restricted/limited reviewer profile

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Law Office of Michael A. Trevino

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Bryan Westbrook

Local Guide · 29 reviews · 1 photo



★★★★★ 10 months ago

I am so grateful that Michael Trevino took my case. He is a man of the highest integrity and intellect. There is no finer attorney than this man. It would be a mistake for you to have any other representation.



Adam Fomby

8 reviews · 8 photos



★★★★★ a year ago

One of the top will contest and litigation attorney in Texas. Not afraid to take any case to trial, and does not back down from a fight. You will not be disappointed in hiring him on your case



Mario Mark

3 reviews



★☆☆☆☆ 6 days ago **New**

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Trevino Google reviews — By Most relevant

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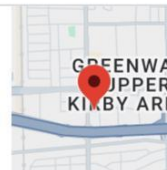
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24 Greenway Plz #1705,
Houston, TX 77046



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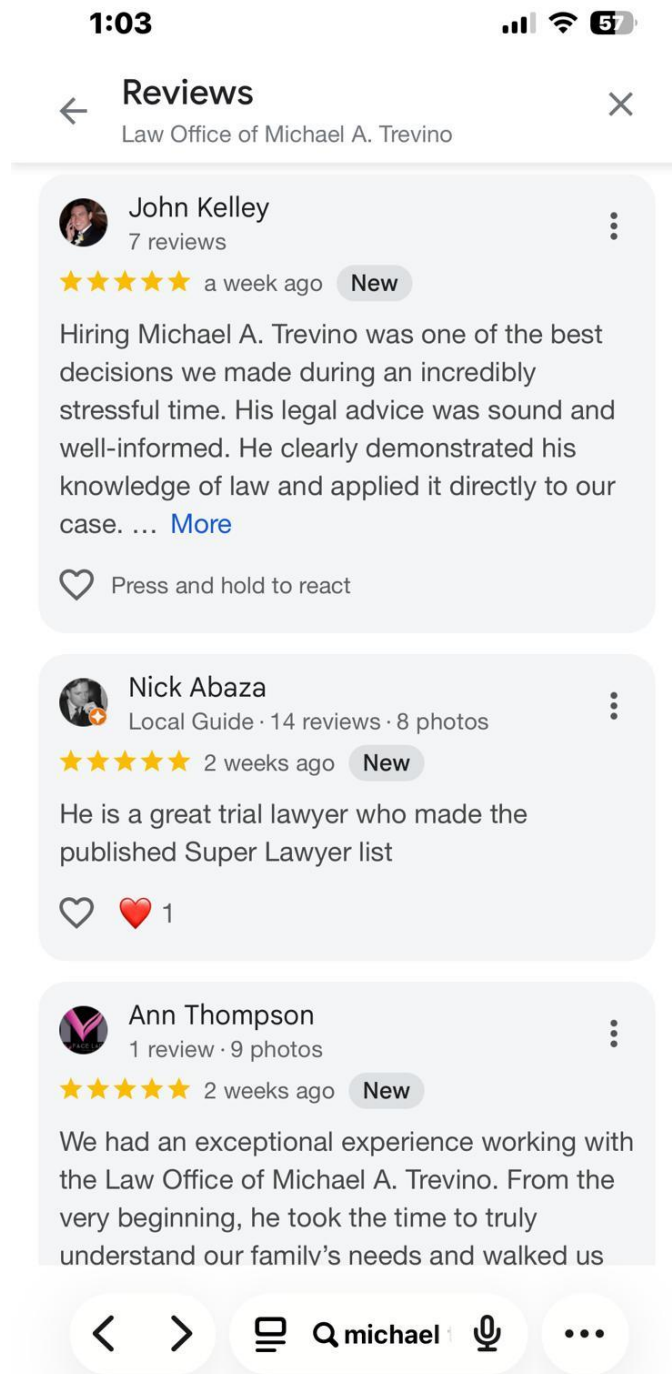
(713) 888-5521



Q bryan westbrook attorney houston tx

Bryan Westbrook is an attorney writing a review for Michael Trevino – posing as a client – “I am so grateful Michael Trevino took my case”. He’s a bankruptcy attorney.

Exhibit J — Nick Abaza 5-Star on Trevino Google — Own Name — During Investigation



Google — Nicholas Abaza 5-star review for Michael Trevino — posted March 30, 2026 — Abaza is shown as reviewer on Trevino's Google profile

Exhibit K — Nick Abaza 5-Star on business partner Jorge Borunda – Borunda & Fomby

Borunda & Fomby

440 Louisiana St #900, Houston, TX 77002, United States

[Write a review](#)

5.0 ★★★★★ 3 reviews ⓘ



Steve Ortega

Local Guide · 39 reviews · 3 photos



★★★★★ 4 years ago

Amazing firm. They listened and heard our concerns with our pain and issues and took care of everything for my family. Very grateful we got the best for our situation. Thank you!



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Nick Abaza

Local Guide · 14 reviews · 8 photos



★★★★★ a month ago

Great knowledgeable trial lawyers



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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.

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Showing 1 - 1 of 1 review

Posted by Zealous Advocate | March 08, 2026 | Hired Attorney | Probate

Warning. Read the fine print prior to hiring.

Buyer Beware: Read Every Clause Before Hiring My experience with this firm was deeply disappointing and financially devastating. I am sharing it as a warning so that other families do not unknowingly walk into the same situation. What began as an inheritance dispute turned into years of prolonged litigation. In my experience, critical information about strategy, costs, and potential outcomes was not clearly explained. Discovery alone dragged on for years and generated enormous legal fees, much of which seemed excessive and unnecessary from my perspective. At one point, I was persuaded to convert my engagement from an hourly arrangement to a contingency fee structure. Looking back, I wish I had sought independent advice before agreeing to that change. As the case progressed, I felt significant pressure to sign a settlement agreement that I later came to believe was not in my best interest. Only afterward did I realize that the agreement included a mandatory arbitration clause, which meant disputes would not be heard by a jury of ordinary citizens but instead decided by a private arbitrator. In my experience, arbitration can dramatically limit a client's ability to challenge misconduct or unfair outcomes. I also later became concerned about potential conflicts related to the arbitrator and the disclosure process. Whether intentional or not, the process felt stacked against the client from the beginning. Ultimately, even large settlements

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Avvo — Caroline Allison posted a review anonymously and Trevino responds

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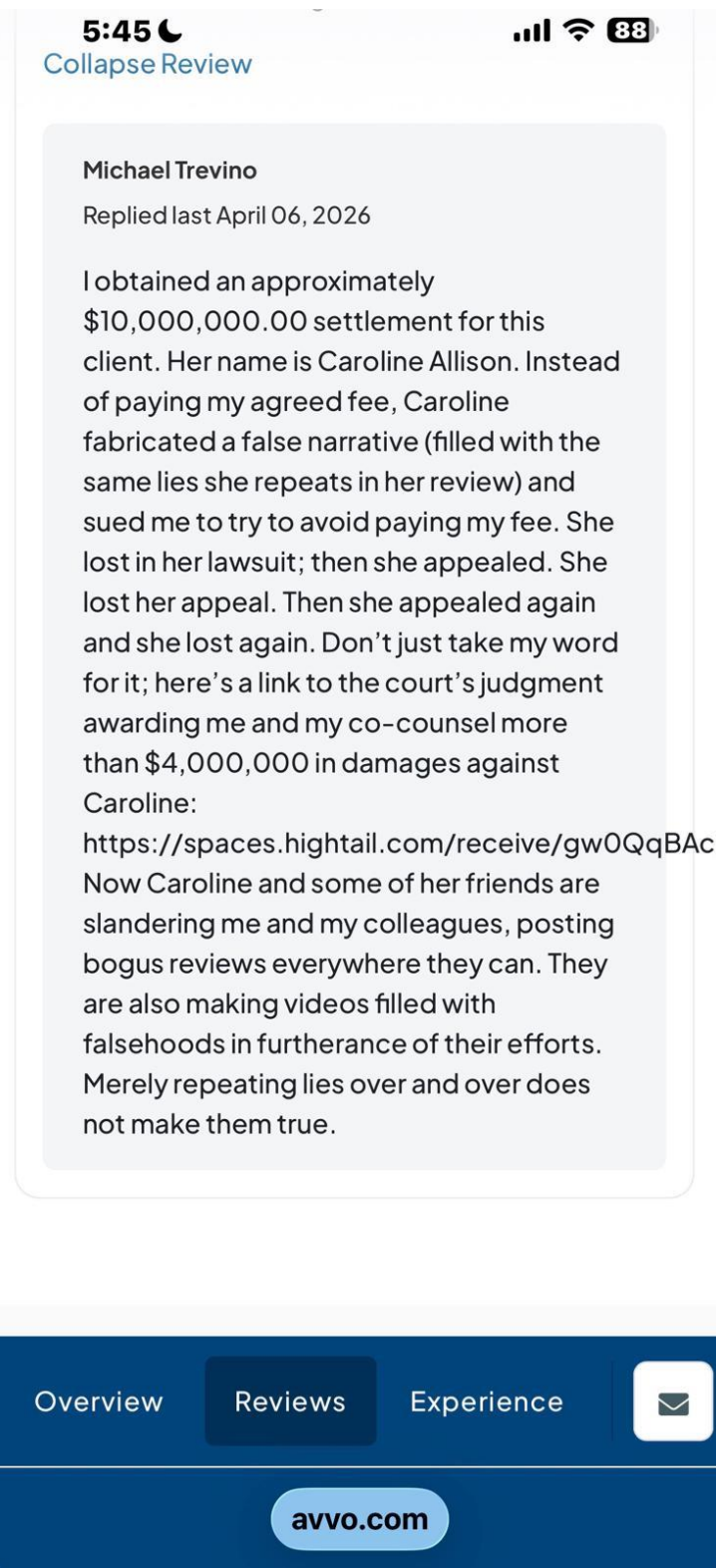
Michael Trevino
Replied last April 06, 2026

I obtained an approximately \$10,000,000.00 settlement for this client. Her name is Caroline Allison. Instead of paying my agreed fee, Caroline fabricated a false narrative (filled with the same lies she repeats in her review) and

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Avvo — Caroline Allison posted a review anonymously and Trevino responds



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SECTION 3A — REVIEW SUPPRESSION CONFIRMED: CLIENT REVIEW REPOSTED UNDER 'HOUSTON ASTROS FAN'

Background: 'Property Management' Review Ghosted — Platform Forced New Account

CLIENT STATEMENT (as recorded):

"Trevino, my other review under Property Management was ghosted. So I had to remove and replace under another profile Houston Astros Fan."

Context: The client's "Property Management" account review of Michael Trevino was ghosted (hidden/suppressed) by the platform. The client was forced to remove that review and repost using an alternate account, "Houston Astros Fan," in order to maintain a factual review record of Trevino's conduct. The content and authorship are attributed solely to this client and to Michael Trevino's profile.

"Property Management" Account — Original Ghosted Review (Still Visible on Profile)

The original "Property Management" review of Trevino remains visible on his Google profile and contains the following documented statement:

"In my personal experience, Mr. Trevino is a zealous advocate for his wallet, and he gives advice accordingly. I've also witnessed both Mr. Trevino and his colleagues Jorge Borunda and Nick Abaza actively work to delete my reviews as a [former client]..."

— Property Management — Local Guide, 16 reviews — Google — Michael A. Trevino profile

This review documents the client's firsthand observation of Trevino actively working to delete real client reviews — which is directly confirmed by the subsequent ghosting of this same account's review and the forced repost under "Houston Astros Fan."

New Review Posted Under 'Houston Astros Fan' — Trevino Profile

Platform: Google Reviews — Law Office of Michael A. Trevino (3.4 stars, 10 reviews)

Reviewer account: Houston Astros Fan — 2 reviews, 9 photos

Rating: 1 star — posted 16 minutes ago (as captured in screenshot)

FULL REVIEW TEXT (as posted — attributed to Michael Trevino):

"It was simply the worst mistake I've made in my entire life. My prior review was removed by Mr. Trevino without my authorization or consent. Just because he decided to strip me of my 7th amendment constitutional right to a fair trial. My 1st amendment constitutional right to freedom of expression allows me to write at least my one review outlining my personal experience of hiring Mr. Trevino and his business partners and friends — Mr. Abaza and Mr. Borunda.

Mr. Trevino continues to attack me as a former client rather than addressing a client grievance and/or dissatisfaction with his legal services. The fact of the matter is that he misled me into agreeing to forfeit a huge part of my inheritance for the sole purpose of him garnering a legal fee based on false information. Then he sued for a legal fee based on breach of contract because he so badly wanted a fee for performing poorly.

Every client signs a contract with an arbitration clause. Plus they do not carry legal malpractice insurance. If they mess up your case, you will never be able to hold them accountable.

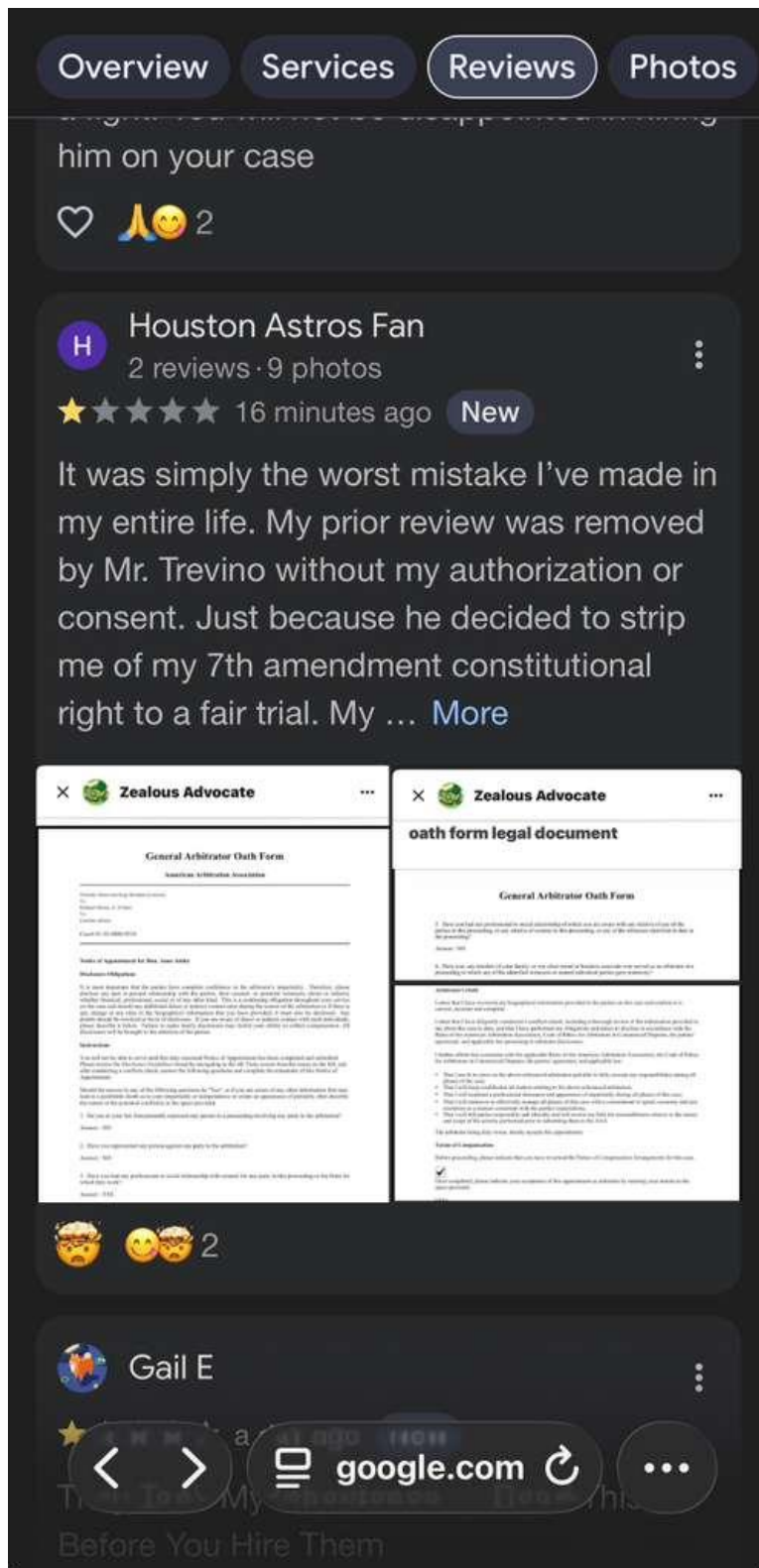
Furthermore, here's a copy of the arbitrator oath. They rigged the arbitration. So saying they won is like saying that cheating and getting an "A" means you get to keep the "A".

I was merely highlighting his fake reviews and fake profiles he creates to bolster his star rating. I fell into that trap when I hired him. There are a few of us former clients who had to sue them. A client only takes legal action on their attorney if there was significant financial loss that outweighs the effort and cost of pursuing such claims.

These lawyers hide behind the arbitration clause and the fact they have no insurance. In addition, they did not disclose underlying conflicts in their choice of arbitrator. Cheating on the arbitration does not mean they "won". It means they "cheated."

We are well aware of the compromised, conflicted arbitrator despite their claims of successful legal actions. Their high conflict litigation funnel into their multiple websites recommending undoing and blowing up family legacies is just a sad statement about their business practices. In my personal experience, not only was my inheritance destroyed, but my family was completely destroyed thanks to their bad advice."

Note on account name: The client's normal "Property Management" screen name was ghosted/suppressed following a prior review of Trevino. The alternate account "Houston Astros Fan" was used solely to preserve the client's factual review record of Michael Trevino. The review is properly attributed to this client and relates exclusively to Michael Trevino and his professional network.





Houston Astros Fan
2 reviews · 9 photos



★★★★★ 16 minutes ago **New**

It was simply the worst mistake I've made in my entire life. My prior review was removed by Mr. Trevino without my authorization or consent. Just because he decided to strip me of my 7th amendment constitutional right to a fair trial. My 1st amendment constitutional right to freedom of expression allows me to write at least my one review outlining my personal experience of hiring Mr Trevino and his business partners and friends- Mr Abaza and Mr. Borunda. Mr Trevino continues to attack me as a former client rather than addressing a client grievance and/or dissatisfaction with his legal services. The fact of the matter is that he misled me into agreeing to forfeit a huge part of my inheritance for the sole purpose of him garnering a legal fee based on false information. Then he sued for a legal fee based on



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breach of contract because he so badly wanted a fee for performing poorly. Every client signs a contract with an arbitration clause. Plus they do not carry legal malpractice insurance. If they mess up your case, you will never be able to hold them accountable. Furthermore, here's a copy of the arbitrator oath. They rigged the arbitration. So saying they won is like saying that cheating and getting an "A" means you get to keep the "A". I was merely highlighting his fake reviews and fake profiles he creates to bolster his star rating. I fell into that trap when I hired him. There are a few of us former clients who had to sue them. A client only takes legal action on their attorney if there was significant financial loss that outweighs the effort and cost of pursuing such claims. These lawyers hide behind the arbitration clause and the fact they have no insurance. In addition, they did not disclose underlying conflicts in their choice of arbitrator. Cheating on the



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no insurance. In addition, they did not disclose underlying conflicts in their choice of arbitrator. Cheating on the arbitration does not mean they “won”. It means they “cheated.” And that’s the truth. We are well aware of the compromised, conflicted arbitrator despite their claims of successful legal actions. Their high conflict litigation funnel into their multiple websites recommending undoing and blowing up family legacies is just a sad statement about their business was practices . In my personal experience, not only was my inheritance destroyed, but my family was completely destroyed thanks to their bad advice.



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Nicholas Abaza and Jorge Borunda (Lawyers)
Vs.



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Nicholas Abaza and Jorge Bonanda (Lawyers)

Vs.

Richard Allison, Jr. (Client)

Vs.

Caroline Allison

Case# 01-22-0000-9524

Notice of Appointment for Hon. Anne Ashby

Disclosure Obligations

It is most important that the parties have complete confidence in the arbitrator's impartiality. Therefore, please disclose any past or present relationship with the parties, their counsel, or potential witnesses, direct or indirect, whether financial, professional, social or of any other kind. This is a continuing obligation throughout your service on the case and should any additional direct or indirect contact arise during the course of the arbitration or if there is any change at any time in the biographical information that you have provided, it must also be disclosed. Any doubts should be resolved in favor of disclosure. If you are aware of direct or indirect contact with such individuals, please describe it below. Failure to make timely disclosures may forfeit your ability to collect compensation. All disclosures will be brought to the attention of the parties.

Instructions

You will not be able to serve until this duly executed Notice of Appointment has been completed and submitted. Please review the *Disclosure Guidelines* found by navigating to the *My Tasks* screen from the menu on the left, and after conducting a conflicts check, answer the following questions and complete the remainder of this Notice of Appointment.

Should the answer to any of the following questions be "Yes", or if you are aware of any other information that may lead to a justifiable doubt as to your impartiality or independence or create an appearance of partiality, then describe the nature of the potential conflict(s) in the space provided.

1. Do you or your law firm presently represent any person in a proceeding involving any party to the arbitration?

Answer : NO

2. Have you represented any person against any party to the arbitration?

Answer : NO

3. Have you had any professional or social relationship with counsel for any party in this proceeding or the firms for which they work?

Answer : YES

Comments : Please see my disclosure letter dated September 30, 2022.

4. Have you had any professional or social relationship with any parties or witnesses identified to date in this proceeding or the entities for which they work?

Answer : NO

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5. Have you had any professional or social relationship of which you are aware with any relative of any of the parties to this proceeding, or any relative of counsel to this proceeding, or any of the witnesses identified to date in the proceeding?

Answer : NO



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Overview

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Reviews

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Google review summary

3.4 
(10)

Reviews

All

hiring 2

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fee 2

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Sort by

Most relevant

Newest

Highest

Lowest



Property Management

Local Guide · 16 reviews



In my personal experience, Mr. Trevino is a zealous advocate for his wallet, and he gives advice accordingly. I've also witnessed both Mr. Trevino and his colleagues Jorge Borunda and Nick Abaza actively work to delete my reviews as a ...

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Comments : Please see my disclosure letter dated September 30, 2022.

15. Are you aware of any other information that may lead to a justifiable doubt as to your impartiality or independence or create an appearance of partiality?

Answer : NO

Files Attached to Oath

Name	Description
Initial Disclosures: A Ashby Abaza v Allison.pdf	Please see my disclosure letter dated September 30, 2023.

Arbitrator's Oath

I attest that I have reviewed my biographical information provided to the parties on this case and confirm it is current, accurate and complete.

I attest that I have diligently conducted a conflicts check, including a thorough review of the information provided to me about this case to date, and that I have performed my obligations and duties to disclose in accordance with the Rules of the American Arbitration Association, Code of Ethics for Arbitrators in Commercial Disputes, the parties' agreement, and applicable law pertaining to arbitrator disclosures.

I further affirm that consistent with the applicable Rules of the American Arbitration Association, the Code of Ethics for Arbitrators in Commercial Disputes, the parties' agreement, and applicable law:

- That I am fit to serve on the above-referenced arbitration and able to fully execute my responsibilities during all phases of the case;
- That I will keep confidential all matters relating to the above-referenced arbitration;
- That I will maintain a professional demeanor and appearance of impartiality during all phases of this case;
- That I will endeavor to effectively manage all phases of this case with a commitment to speed, economy and just resolution in a manner consistent with the parties' expectations;
- That I will bill parties responsibly and ethically and will review my bills for reasonableness relative to the nature and scope of the activity performed prior to submitting them to the AAA.

The arbitrator being duly sworn, hereby accepts this appointment.

Terms of Compensation

Before proceeding, please indicate that you have reviewed the Notice of Compensation Arrangements for this case.



Once completed, please indicate your acceptance of this appointment as arbitrator by entering your initials in the space provided.

(CAN)

Hon. Anne Ashby
30-Sep-22

General Arbitrator Oath Form

Answer: NO

Answer : NO

Answer : NO

Answer : NO

Answer: YES

Answer: YES

Answer : NO

Answer : NO

Answer : NO

Answer : YES

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SECTION 3B — ARBITRATOR OATH FORM — UNDISCLOSED CONFLICTS — ANNE ASHBY

Oath Form — Case 03-22-0000-9524 — American Arbitration Association

The arbitrator oath form for Hon. Anne Ashby in Case 03-22-0000-9524 (Nicholas Abaza and Jorge Borunda v. Richard Allison / C. Allison — American Arbitration Association) reveals critical undisclosed conflicts.

CRITICAL FINDINGS FROM THE OATH FORM:

Question 3: Have you had any professional or social relationship with counsel for any party in this proceeding or the firms for which they work?

Answer: YES — "Please see my disclosure letter dated September 30, 2022"

Question 9: Have any of the party representatives, law firms, or parties appeared before you in past arbitration cases?

Answer: YES — "Please see my disclosure letter dated September 30, 2022"

Question 10: Are you a member of any organization not listed on your panel biography that may be relevant to this arbitration?

Answer: YES — "Please see my disclosure letter dated September 30, 2022"

Question 14: Are there any connections, direct or indirect, with any of the case participants not covered by the above questions?

Answer: YES

FOUR affirmative disclosures — all deferred to a disclosure letter dated September 30, 2022 — the adequacy and completeness of which is disputed and is the subject of the pending Texas Supreme Court appeal.

Significance — Why This Matters for the Trevino Award

Anne Ashby's affirmative answer to Question 3 (professional/social relationship with counsel) is particularly significant because Trevino was one of the attorneys appearing before her. She had a prior professional or social relationship with at least one party's counsel on the underlying probate case— and concealed making minimal disclosures 8.5 months after appointment and timed it for when everyone was busy with trial preparation. Ashby was required to read up on the case prior to appointment and disclose all conflicts upfront. Had she disclosed her conflicts, she never would have gotten the job.

She awarded \$600,000 to Michael Trevino — an attorney who never had a signed contract with Richard Allison — despite this undisclosed conflict.

Richard Allison: 'She wrote in her judgment saying that I had zero credibility.' This characterization, combined with the multiple YES answers on the oath form, forms the basis of the Allisons' claim that the arbitration was compromised.

Questions and Answers — Full Reproduction from Oath Form:

Case: 03-22-0000-9524 — American Arbitration Association

Arbitrator: Hon. Anne Ashby — appointed September 30, 2022

Parties: Nicholas Abaza and Jorge Borunda (attorneys) / Richard Allison, C. Allison

Q1: Do you or your law firm presently represent any person in a proceeding involving any party? Answer: NO

Q2: Have you represented any person against any party to the arbitration? Answer: NO

Q3: Professional or social relationship with counsel for any party or their firms? Answer: YES — see disclosure letter 9/30/2022

Q4: Professional or social relationship with parties or witnesses? Answer: NO

Q5: Professional or social relationship with any relative of parties, counsel, or witnesses? Answer: NO

Q6: Family member or associate served as arbitrator where identified witnesses testified? Answer: NO

Q7: Involved in last 5 years in dispute involving subject matter of this case? Answer: NO

Q8: Served as expert witness or consultant to any party, attorney, or witness in this case? Answer: NO

Q9: Have party representatives, law firms, or parties appeared before you in past arbitration? Answer: YES — see disclosure letter 9/30/2022

Q10: Member of organization not on biography that may be relevant? Answer: YES — see disclosure letter 9/30/2022

Q11: Have you ever sued or been sued by either party or representative? Answer: NO

Q12: Do you or spouse own stock in any company involved? Answer: NO

Q13: Professional or social relationships with other arbitrators on this case? Answer: NO

Q14: Any other connections, direct or indirect, with case participants? Answer: YES

Q15: Any other information leading to justifiable doubt as to impartiality? Answer: NO

SECTION 4 — FULL TIMELINE

Date	Event	Evidence
2016	Prior lawsuit — same three attorneys — nearly identical allegations — settled out of court	Dolcefino citation
2009	Trevino licensed — begins practice	State Bar ID
Pre-2020	Trevino works at Radack & Borunda — Borunda's former firm — operates from 1345 Campbell Rd Suite 220	Justia profile / Exhibit B
2020	Trevino founds Law Office of Michael A. Trevino PLLC — brands as willcontestguy.com	Firm records
Post-2019	Caroline retained Borunda \$475/hr — spent \$70K through discovery	Documented
Mid-engagement	Borunda switches to 35% contingency — \$10K debt to \$1.4M payday claim	Fee switch
9/30/2022	Anne Ashby appointed as arbitrator — oath form signed — 4 YES answers — conflicts deferred to disclosure letter	Exhibit F
Early 2026	\$15M in assets given up in early-morning settlement — per expert report	Dolcefino Media
Early 2026	Arbitration conducted — Ashby awards \$600,000 to Trevino — Richard never signed contract with him	Arbitration award
3/17/2026	Dolcefino Part 1 published naming Trevino, Abaza, and Borunda	Exhibits 1, 4
3/22/2026	Former client publicly identifies "andrews verdaux" as fake alias on Google	Exhibit B
3/24/2026	Dolcefino Part 2 published	Exhibits 2, 5
3/29/2026	"andrews verdaux" posts 5-star review on Trevino Google — labeled New	Exhibit B
3/30/2026	Nick Abaza posts 5-star review on Trevino Google under own name — 6 days after investigation	Exhibit A
4/3/2026	Google complaint filed — Case ID 3-5713000040145	Active
4/4/2026	Gail Echols submits Avvo review of Trevino — pending — includes "Have you run out of money yet?"	Exhibit E
4/6/2026	Trevino posts owner response on Avvo naming Caroline Allison by full name	Exhibit C
Post-4/6/2026	"Property Management" review of Trevino ghosted by platform — client forced to repost under "Houston Astros Fan" account	Exhibit E-1, E-2
Active	Trevino pursuing collection of \$600,000 arbitration award — Texas Supreme Court appeal pending	Ongoing

SECTION 5 — 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: Law Office of Michael A. Trevino PLLC — willcontestguy.com — Houston TX 77055
4. Paste narrative below — submit — save reference number

TO: Federal Trade Commission — reportfraud.ftc.gov

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

ATTORNEY: Michael Trevino / Law Office of Michael A. Trevino PLLC — willcontestguy.com

DATE: April 2026

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

FINANCIAL IMPACT: Trevino's conduct as part of the three-attorney team contributed to approximately \$20 million in total financial exposure. He was awarded \$600,000 in arbitration by a conflicted arbitrator even though my brother Richard never signed a contract retaining him. That award is under appeal at the Texas Supreme Court.

CRITICAL UNDISCLOSED CONNECTION:

Trevino previously worked at Radack & Borunda — Jorge Borunda's former law firm. He also operated from 1345 Campbell Rd Suite 220 — Borunda's secondary address. Three attorneys presented as independent were in reality an interconnected professional network — never disclosed to clients at engagement.

VIOLATION 1 — CO-ATTORNEY CROSS-REVIEW DURING INVESTIGATION (Exhibit A):

Nicholas Abaza posted a 5-star review on Trevino's Google under his own name on March 30, 2026 — 6 days after Dolcefino published an investigation naming both. Abaza is not Trevino's client. FTC Rule: Non-client review as false endorsement.

VIOLATION 2 — ALIAS TIED TO SHARED OFFICE ADDRESS (Exhibit B):

Google account andrews verdaux (18 reviews) posted 5-star on Trevino's profile. Same account reviewed Abaza at 2444 Times Blvd Suite 270 — Borunda and Abaza's shared address — Trevino's former colleagues from Radack & Borunda. Identified as fake alias by former client March 22, 2026.

REVIEW SUPPRESSION EVIDENCE:

Client's "Property Management" Google review of Trevino was ghosted by the platform, forcing the client to repost the same factual account under a new account ("Houston Astros

Fan"). The pattern of ghosting real client reviews while fake reviews from professional colleagues are sustained is itself evidence of suppression.

BACKGROUND: Trevino's last documented words to real client Gail Echols were 'Have you run out of money yet?' He markets himself as an Eagle Scout who follows the Golden Rule. His conduct tells a different story.

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

Exhibit 2: youtu.be/lgHSGHJc7xE

Exhibit 3: youtube.com/shorts/0vN_m_JAOQo

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 Michael A. Trevino — Fake Reviews from Co-Attorneys

DATE: April 2026

FAKE REVIEW 1 — NICK ABAZA (Exhibit A):

Nicholas Abaza posted a 5-star review under his own name on March 30, 2026 (labeled New) — 6 days after Dolcefino Media published an investigation naming both attorneys. Abaza is not Trevino's client — he is his co-party in an active investigation.

FAKE REVIEW 2 — ANDREWS VERDAUX ALIAS (Exhibit B):

Google Maps account andrews verdaux posted 5-star on this profile. Same account reviewed Law Office of Nicholas Abaza — 2444 Times Blvd Suite 270 — the shared address of Borunda and Abaza, Trevino's former colleagues. Former client identified as fake alias March 22, 2026.

REVIEW SUPPRESSION:

A real client's "Property Management" account review of Trevino was ghosted — the client was forced to repost the same factual account under "Houston Astros Fan." Ghosting real reviews while co-attorney reviews remain sustained is a pattern that warrants investigation.

Requested: Remove Abaza's review (non-client co-attorney during active investigation). Investigate Andrews Verdaux across all three attorney profiles in this network.

Caroline Allison | ciakwm@gmail.com

Platform 3: Yelp — [yelp-support.com](https://www.yelp-support.com)

TO: Yelp Business Integrity Team

RE: Law Office of Michael A. Trevino — Coordinated Review Network

DATE: April 2026

Michael Trevino is part of a three-attorney coordinated review network. Trevino, Borunda, and Abaza previously worked together at Radack & Borunda and shared office addresses at 2444 Times Blvd Suite 270 and 1345 Campbell Rd Suite 220, Houston TX. This undisclosed professional connection explains the cross-reviews on Trevino's profiles.

Nick Abaza posted a 5-star review on Trevino's Google profile on March 30, 2026 — six days after a public investigation named both. Andrews Verdaux (alias tied to Abaza's 2444 Times Blvd address) also posted 5-star on Trevino's Google.

Requesting Yelp flag any cross-reviews between Borunda, Abaza, and Trevino as potentially representing undisclosed professional relationships.

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Platform 4: Avvo — support.avvo.com

TO: Avvo Support — support.avvo.com

SUBJECT: INTEGRITY REPORT — Michael Trevino — Zero Reviews, Suppression Pattern, Network

DATE: April 2026

ISSUE 1 — ZERO REVIEWS DESPITE 16 YEARS (Exhibit D):

Trevino's Avvo shows Not yet reviewed — 0.0 stars. Licensed since 2009. Markets himself as handling 100+ cases. Zero reviews is consistent with the systematic suppression pattern across all three attorneys in this network.

ISSUE 2 — PROTECT SURVIVING REVIEWS:

Caroline Allison has 1 surviving review on Trevino's Avvo — must be protected. Gail Echols submitted her review on April 4, 2026 (pending approval). Her review includes Trevino's last

documented words to her: 'Have you run out of money yet?' This is a real client's real experience and must not be removed.

Gail Echols has attempted to review Trevino five times — blocked each time with the same rejection: 'not in a probate matter' — for a will contest attorney.

ISSUE 3 — UNDISCLOSED PROFESSIONAL CONNECTION:

Trevino previously worked at Radack & Borunda — Borunda's former law firm. Cross-endorsements from Borunda or Abaza on Trevino's Avvo profile come from an undisclosed professional network, not independent peer reviewers.

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

Exhibit 3: youtube.com/shorts/0vN_m_JAOQo

Caroline Allison | ciakwm@gmail.com

Platform 5: Texas Attorney General — Consumer Protection — reportfraud.gov

1. Go to reportfraud.gov or texasattorneygeneral.gov/consumer-protection
2. Select: Deceptive Business Practices — Legal Services
3. Business: Law Office of Michael A. Trevino PLLC — Houston TX 77055 — (713) 795-8000
4. 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 — Michael Trevino / Law Office of Michael A. Trevino PLLC

DATE: April 2026

I am Caroline Allison, Founder of Stop Legal Bullying Now LLC, a former client of Michael Trevino. 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:

Michael Trevino is part of an interconnected attorney review network that was never disclosed to clients. He previously worked at Radack & Borunda — the same firm as Jorge Borunda — and operated from the same secondary office address. This undisclosed professional connection enabled cross-reviews between all three attorneys:

- Nick Abaza posted a 5-star review on Trevino's Google profile under his own name six days after a public investigation named both attorneys (March 30, 2026)
- A Google alias "andrews verdaux" posted a 5-star review on Trevino's profile — the same alias that reviewed Abaza at their shared 2444 Times Blvd office address

Presenting independent-looking reviews from professional colleagues who share a firm history and office address is deceptive to consumers evaluating legal representation.

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 — including \$600,000 to Trevino despite no signed contract with Richard), \$1.5M+ ongoing legal fees.

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

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Platform 6: Better Business Bureau — bbb.org/file-a-complaint

1. Go to bbb.org/file-a-complaint
2. Search: Law Office of Michael A. Trevino PLLC — Houston TX
3. Select: I have a complaint about this business
4. Paste narrative below — submit — save case number

TO: Better Business Bureau

BUSINESS: Law Office of Michael A. Trevino PLLC (Michael Trevino) — Houston TX 77055

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

DATE: April 2026

NATURE OF COMPLAINT — FAKE REVIEW MANIPULATION: Michael Trevino's Google Business Profile received fake 5-star reviews from his professional colleague Nick Abaza (posted under his own name, six days after a public investigation named both attorneys) and from a Google alias 'andrews verdaux' connected to the shared 2444 Times Blvd office address of his co-attorneys. Trevino, Borunda, and Abaza previously worked together at the same law firm (Radack & Borunda) — a professional connection never disclosed to clients who believed they were hiring three independent attorneys. His Avvo profile shows zero reviews despite 16 years of practice, consistent with the systematic review suppression pattern across this attorney network.

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 — including \$600,000 specifically to Trevino despite no signed contract with my brother), and \$1.5 million or more in ongoing legal fees.

SUPPORTING PUBLIC RECORD: Dolcefino Media 'Damn Lawyers' investigation:
[youtube.com/watch?v=j5aWUy6oJT0](https://www.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 — TREVINO ALL-PLATFORM PACKAGE — FINAL

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Exhibit G	Seth Nichamoff connection — court filings from Caroline — receivership docs
Exhibit H	Dolcefino Media — Trevino confronted on camera