

**SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA**

**No. 2019-B-01054**

**IN RE: MURRAY NEIL SALINAS**

**ATTORNEY DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDING**

**CRICHTON, J., dissents and assigns reasons:**

I agree that most of the misconduct in this matter, Salinas II, occurred prior to this court's ruling in Salinas I; yet, some of it did not. Accordingly, I do not find *Louisiana State Bar Ass'n v Chatelain*, 573 So.2d 470 (La. 1991), fully applicable to the instant matter. Consequently, I dissent.

In my view, respondent's utter indifference to his former clients who were victimized by his multiple violations of the Rules of Professional Conduct is particularly appalling. Equally striking to me is Respondent's apparent disdain for the disciplinary process, as evidenced by his failure to cooperate with the ODC in *Salinas I* and his identical behavior in *Salinas II*. Notably in this case, he failed to even answer formal charges or to respond at all the members of the hearing committee who had studied and gathered to deliberate his case.

Given the cumulative effect of respondent's serious misconduct, I find this matter should be briefed and argued before this Court, in order for it to consider permanent disbarment.