

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 00-~~9110~~

**Appointment of a District Judge to Preside
in a State Bar Disciplinary Action**

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby appoints the Honorable Robert Dinsmore, Judge of the 120th District Court of El Paso County, Texas, to preside in the Disciplinary Action styled:

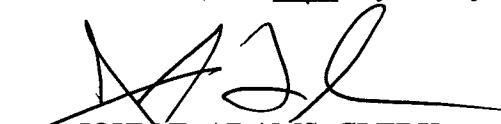
The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Paul Kobbe Williams

to be filed in a District Court of Midland County, Texas.

The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall promptly forward to the District Clerk of Midland County, Texas, a copy of this Order and of the Disciplinary Petition for filing and service pursuant to Rule 3.03, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

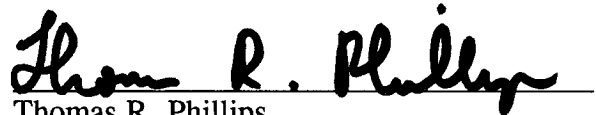
As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

With the Seal thereof affixed at the City
Of Austin, this 14th day of July, 2000.


JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

This assignment, made by Misc. Docket No. 00-9110, is also an assignment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Texas Government Code §74.057.

Signed this 18 day of July, 2000.

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Thomas R. Phillips
Chief Justice

CAUSE NO. _____

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
	§	
V.	§	MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
	§	
PAUL KOBBE WILLIAMS	§	___TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

PETITIONER'S ORIGINAL DISCIPLINARY PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COMES NOW Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, a committee of the State Bar of Texas (hereinafter called "Petitioner"), complaining of Respondent, Paul Kobbe Williams (hereinafter called "Respondent"), showing the Court:

I.

Petitioner brings this disciplinary action pursuant to the State Bar Act, Tex. Gov't. Code Ann. § 81.001, et seq. (Vernon 1988), the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The complaint which forms the basis of the Disciplinary Petition was filed on or after July, 1995.

II.

Respondent Williams is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent is a resident of Midland, and has his principal place of practice in, Midland County, Texas. Citation may be served on Respondent by and through his attorney of record, Mr. Paul Higdon at 203 West Wall Street, Suite 1107, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79701.

CAUSES ARISING FROM CAMERON COMPLAINT

III.

On or about November 24, 1998, Respondent Paul Kobbe Williams was retained to represent Mayda Cameron ("Complainant") in a divorce decree modification. A hearing on the matter was held on June 10, 1999. Six weeks later, Complainant called Respondent's office and left messages with Respondent's answering service to find out the status of the orders that were to be entered in the case. In response, Complainant was told by members of Respondent's staff that the orders were being mailed to her. Two months later Complainant spoke with Respondent in his office. She told him she had not received copies of the orders. As of September 13, 1999, Complainant wrote a letter to Respondent and requested information regarding the status of the final orders. Respondent failed to respond.

The foregoing acts and/or omissions on the part of Respondent Williams occurred on or after January 1, 1995, and constitute conduct violative of Rules 1.01(b)(1); and 1.03(a) and (b) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

IV.

The complaint which forms the basis of the cause of action hereinabove set forth was brought to the attention of the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas by a complaint filed by Mayda Cameron, a former client, on or about September 21, 1999.

PRAYER

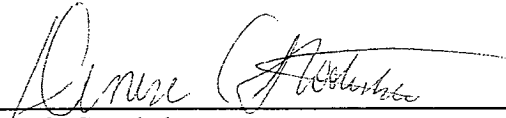
WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays for judgment that Respondent be disciplined as the facts shall warrant; and that Petitioner have such other relief to which entitled, including costs of Court and attorneys' fees.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Miller
Chief Disciplinary Counsel

Denise C. Stooksberry
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

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STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

April 18, 2000

John T. Adams, Clerk
Supreme Court of Texas
P.O. Box 12248
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Paul Kobbe Williams

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed please find an original and two (2) copies of a Disciplinary Petition being filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline against Paul Kobbe Williams. Paul Kobbe Williams is a resident of Midland County, Texas. Request is hereby made that the Court appoint an active District Judge who does not reside in the Administrative Judicial Region in which Respondent resides to preside in this case. Upon appointment, request is hereby made that you notify the Respondent at the address shown below and the undersigned of the identity and address of the judge assigned:

Paul Kobbe Williams
c/o Paul Higdon, Attorney of Record
203 West Wall St., Suite 1107
Midland, Tx. 79701

As a practical matter, I would respectfully suggest that you inquire with the judge to be appointed whether he or she will be able to comply with the 180 day deadline by which the case must be set for trial pursuant to Section 3.07 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. If not, I would respectfully request that an alternate appointment be made.

Once a trial judge has been appointed, please forward the original and two (2) copies of the Disciplinary Petition, the filing fee check, also enclosed herewith, and the Court's appointing order to the District Clerk of Midland County, Texas, with the request that the suit be filed, service be obtained, and a file-marked copy of the petition be returned to the undersigned. Further, please provide the undersigned a copy of the Court's appointing order in the pre-addressed envelope enclosed.

John T. Adams, Clerk
April 18, 2000
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Also enclosed is a pre-addressed envelope for your use in transmitting the petition, etc., to the District Clerk of Midland County, Texas, and a return envelope to be sent to the District Clerk of Midland County, Texas, for the Clerk's use in returning a file-marked copy of the petition to the undersigned.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Denise C. Stooksberry
Assistant Disciplinary Counsel
Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel
State Bar of Texas

DCS/dd

Enclosures



The Supreme Court of Texas

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The Honorable Vivian Wood
District Clerk of Midland County
200 W. Wall Street
Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Ms. Wood:

Pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, I am sending for filing State Bar of Texas Disciplinary Action styled: *The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Paul Kobbe Williams*, and a copy of the Supreme Court's order appointing the Honorable Robert Dinsmore, Judge of the 120th District Court, El Paso, Texas, to preside in this Disciplinary Action.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

cc: Hon. Robert Dinsmore
Ms. Denise S. Stooksberry
Mr. Paul Kobbe Williams



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Honorable Robert Dinsmore
Judge, 120th District Court
605 Courthouse
500 E. San Antonio Avenue
El Paso, Texas 79901-2496

Dear Judge Dinsmore:

We enclose for your information a copy of the order of assignment, a copy of the Disciplinary Action, a copy of the notification letter to Mr. Williams and Ms. Stooksberry, and a copy of the letter to the District Clerk of Midland County.

It is recommended that, four or five weeks after receipt of this letter, you contact the District Clerk of Midland County to find out the district court to which this disciplinary case has been assigned. We then recommend that, either before or immediately after you set the case for trial, you contact the Presiding Judge of the Administrative Judicial Region into which you have been assigned (915-236-6944) to reserve a courtroom, obtain a court reporter, obtain claims forms for your expenses incident to presiding over this disciplinary case.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk



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Mr. Paul Kobbe Williams
c/o Paul Higdon
203 West Wall Street, Suite 1107
Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Ms. Stooksberry and Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to Rule 3.02 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, I hereby notify you that the Supreme Court of Texas has appointed the Honorable Robert Dinsmore, Judge of the 120th District Court, El Paso, Texas to preside in

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk