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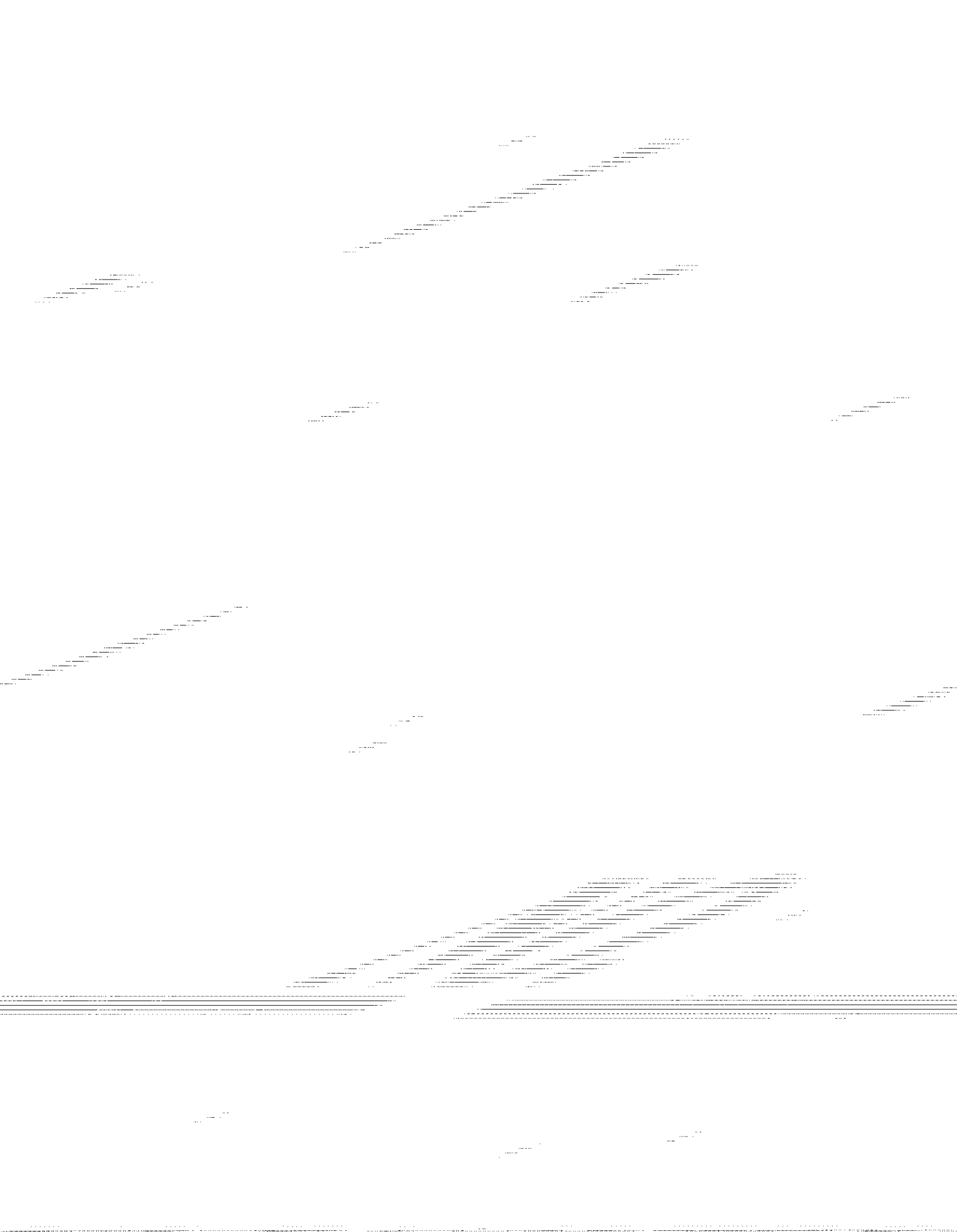
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Texas. An officer may serve citation on Respondent at [REDACTED]

IV.

On or about May 21, 1999, Chris Adams ("Adams") hired Respondent to represent him in a personal injury matter arising from an automobile accident. Thereafter, Respondent moved his office several times without notifying Adams, making it difficult for Adams to contact Respondent regarding Adams' claim. When Adams attempted to communicate with Respondent by telephone, Respondent or his employees initially provided inconsistent information to Adams and then refused to take phone calls from Adams.

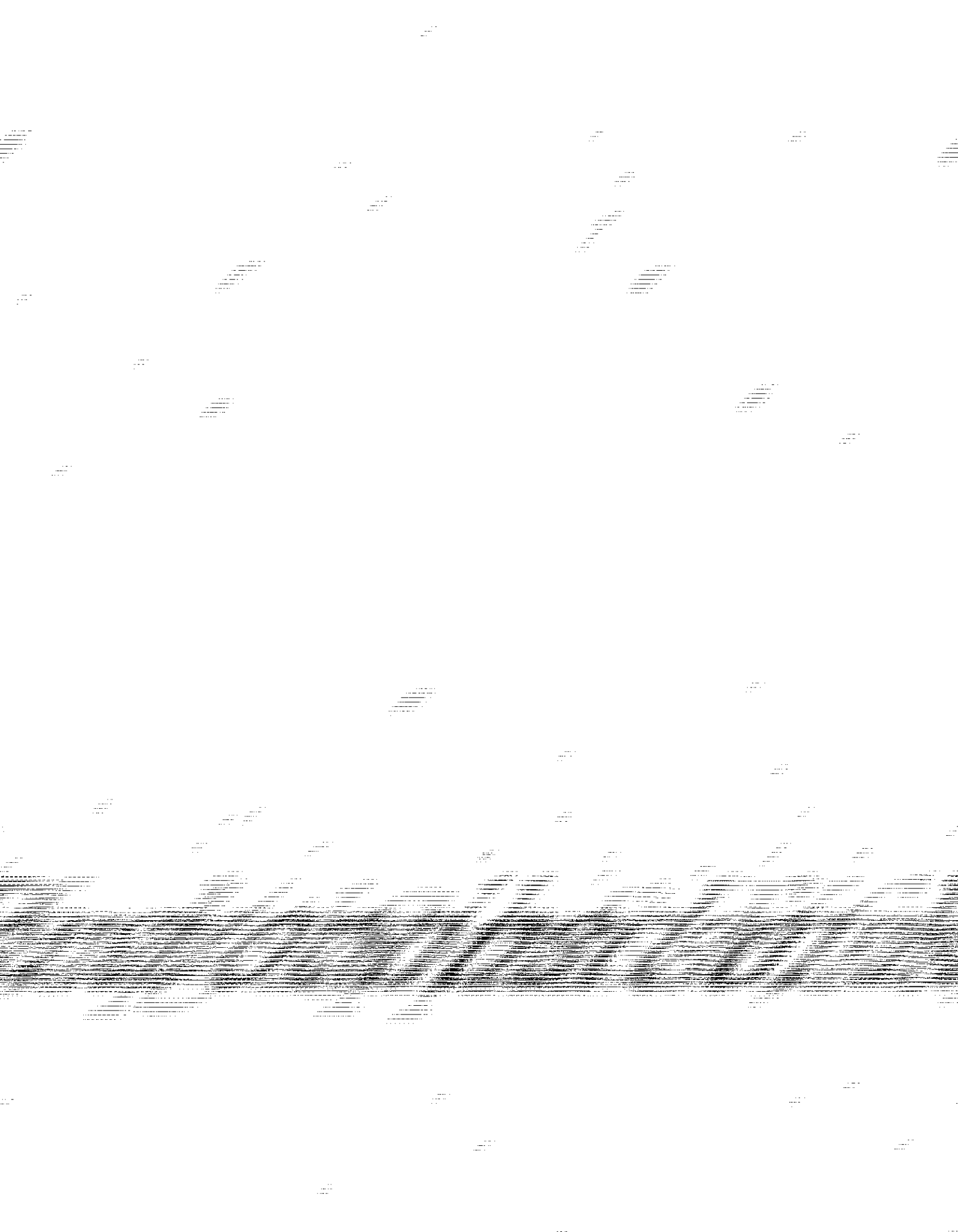
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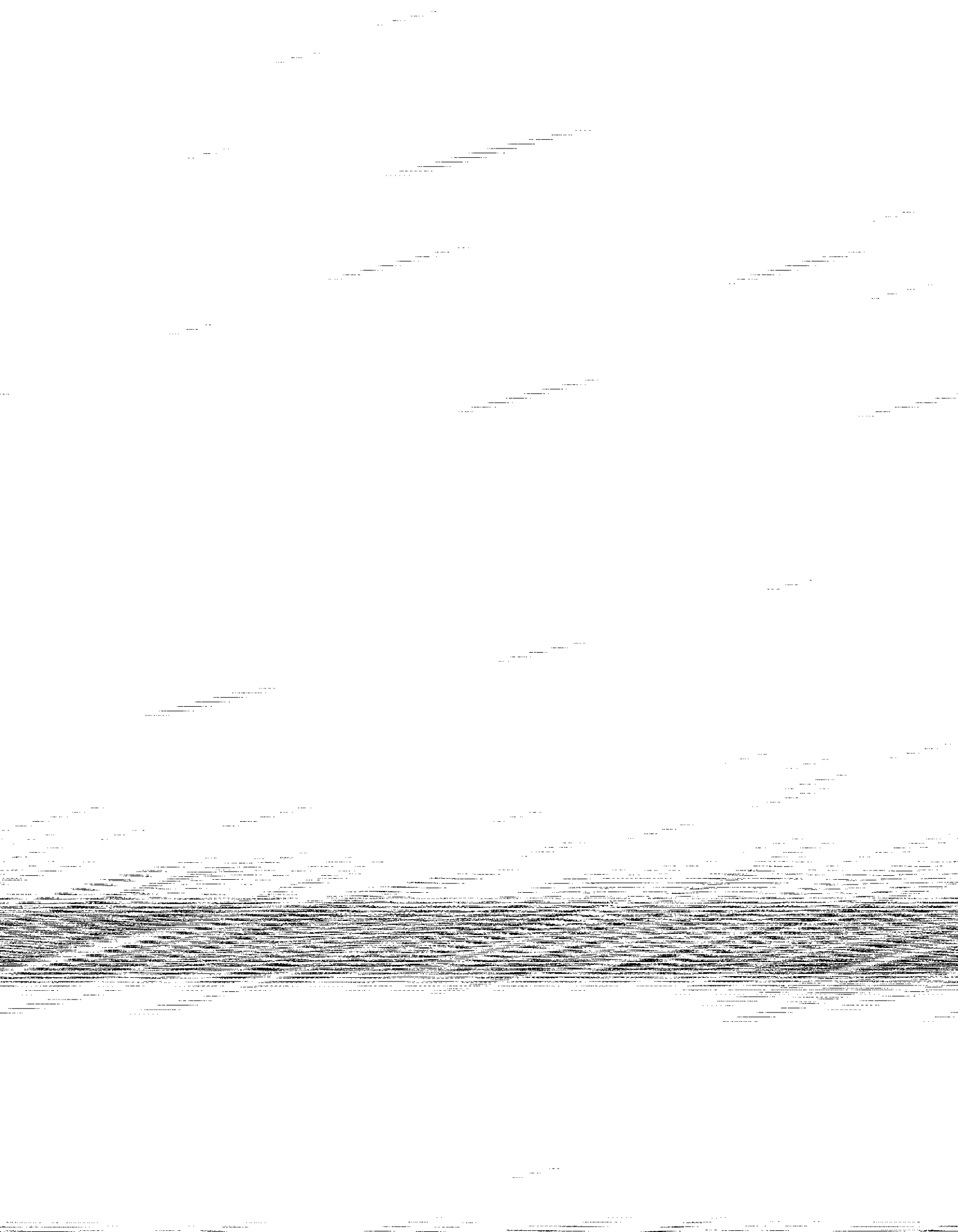
On or about December 22, 1999, Adams terminated the services of Respondent. Adams then contacted another law firm to handle his personal injury matter. Shortly thereafter, it was discovered that Respondent's non-lawyer employees had settled Adams' personal injury case on July 1, 1999, for \$6,500.00, without Adams' knowledge or his authority, forged his name to the check and the release, and refused to turn the check over to Adams.

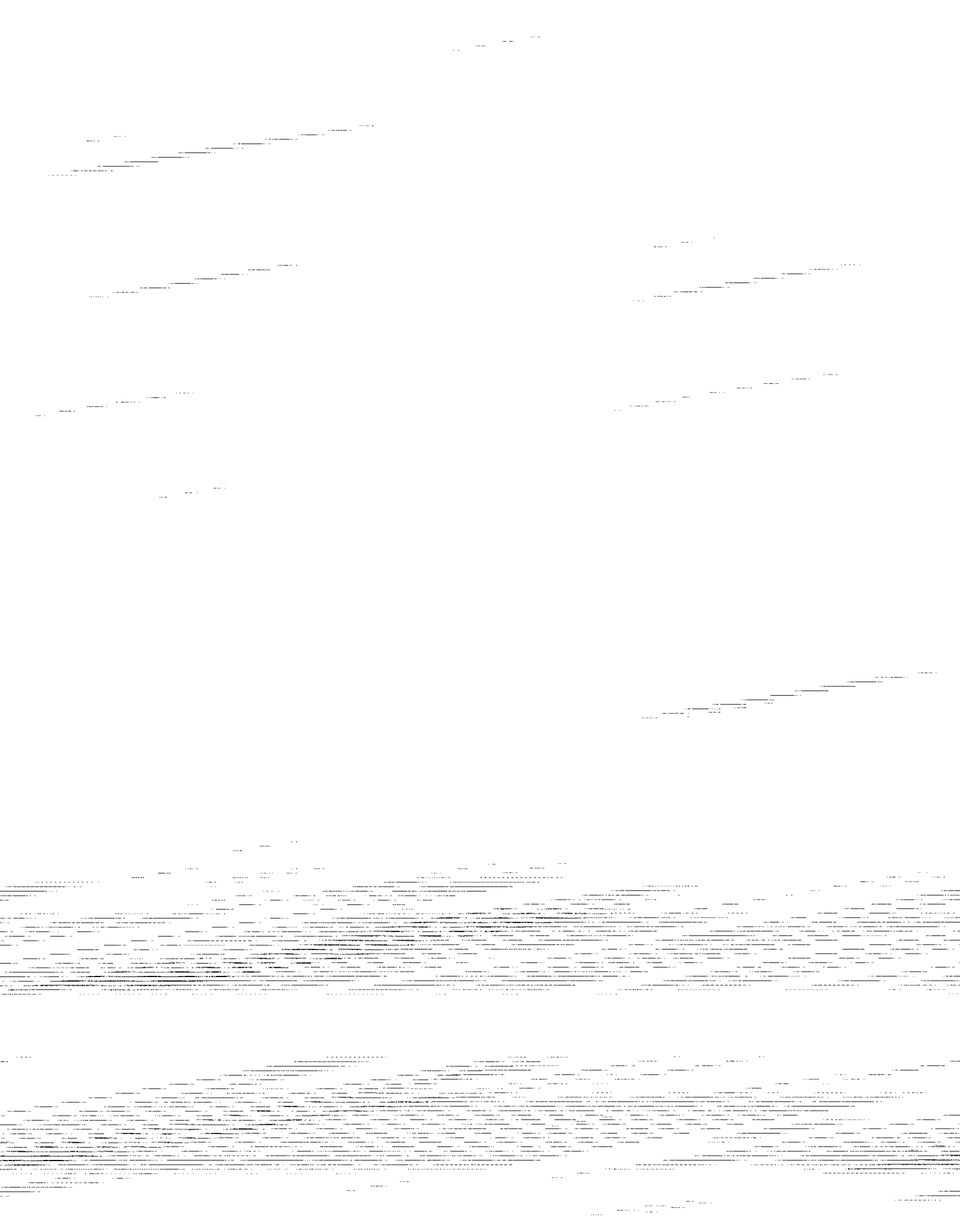
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As a result of the conduct described in Paragraphs IV and V, hereinabove, Adams filed a complaint against Respondent with the State Bar of Texas on February 21, 2000.

VII.







STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

September 27, 2000

CMRRR NO. 7099 3220 0005 9143 5553

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

RE: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. James P. Hopkins

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 James P. Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins has designated Dallas County, Texas, as his principal place of practice. 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 made that you notify the Respondent at the address shown below and the undersigned of the identity and address of the judge assigned:

James P. Hopkins



As a practical matter, I would respectfully suggest that you inquire with the judge to be appointed as to: (1) whether he or she will be able to comply with the 180 day deadline by which the case must be set for trial set forth in Section 3.07 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. If not, I would respectfully request that an alternate appointment be made.

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Mr. James P. Hopkins
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Dear Ms. Vick and Mr. Hopkins:

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 Margaret A. Cooper, Judge of the 353rd District Court, Austin, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. James P. Hopkins

Sincerely,


John T. Adams
Clerk