







### III.

Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent is a resident of and has her principal place of practice in Travis County, Texas. An officer may serve citation on Respondent, Cynthia Gayle Crumley, whose address is [REDACTED]

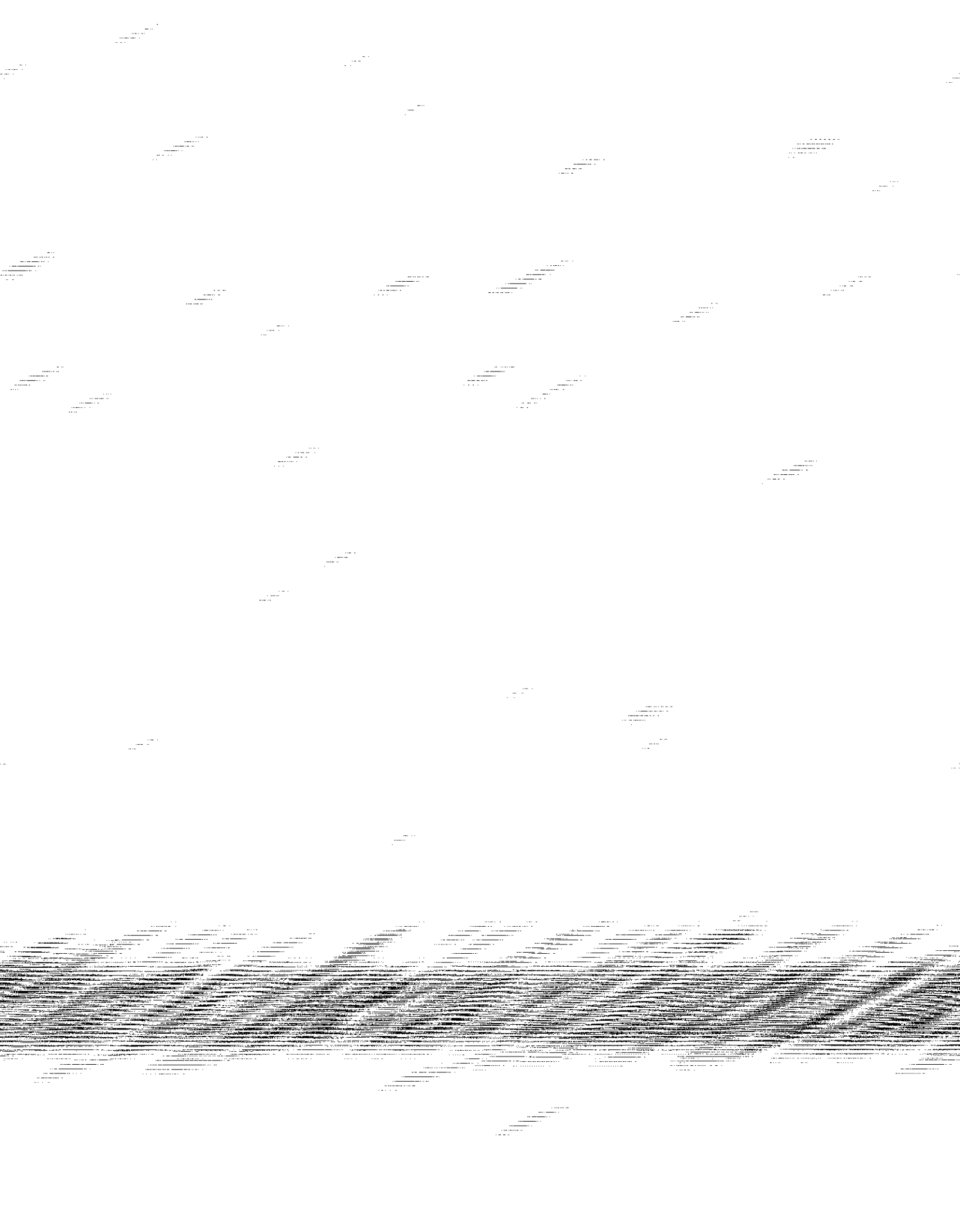
### COUNT ONE

### IV.

On February 22, 1999, Lonnie Fletcher (hereinafter called "Complainant") and her sister, Deloros Smith, paid Respondent \$500 to file an application for guardianship for their father, Dock Vincent, who had suffered a major stroke and was incapacitated. Respondent agreed to handle the matter and promised to process the guardianship quickly. On March 19, 1999, an application seeking appointment of the guardian was signed by Complainant and Ms. Smith. Thereafter, Complainant made numerous phone calls to Respondent to determine whether a date had been set to appear before the court. Respondent often did not return these calls. About mid-May 1999, Respondent informed Complainant that the court would hear the case on May 17, 1999. On that day, Respondent went to the courthouse and discovered that the case was not set for hearing and, indeed, that the application for guardianship did not appear to be on file with the court. Instead of admitting these facts to Complainant and Ms. Smith, who were waiting to testify, Respondent told them that no court hearing was necessary, and that she would forward the completed guardianship documents to them within one week. One week later, Respondent told Complainant that she needed another week to secure the final guardianship documents. Following this week, Complainant called

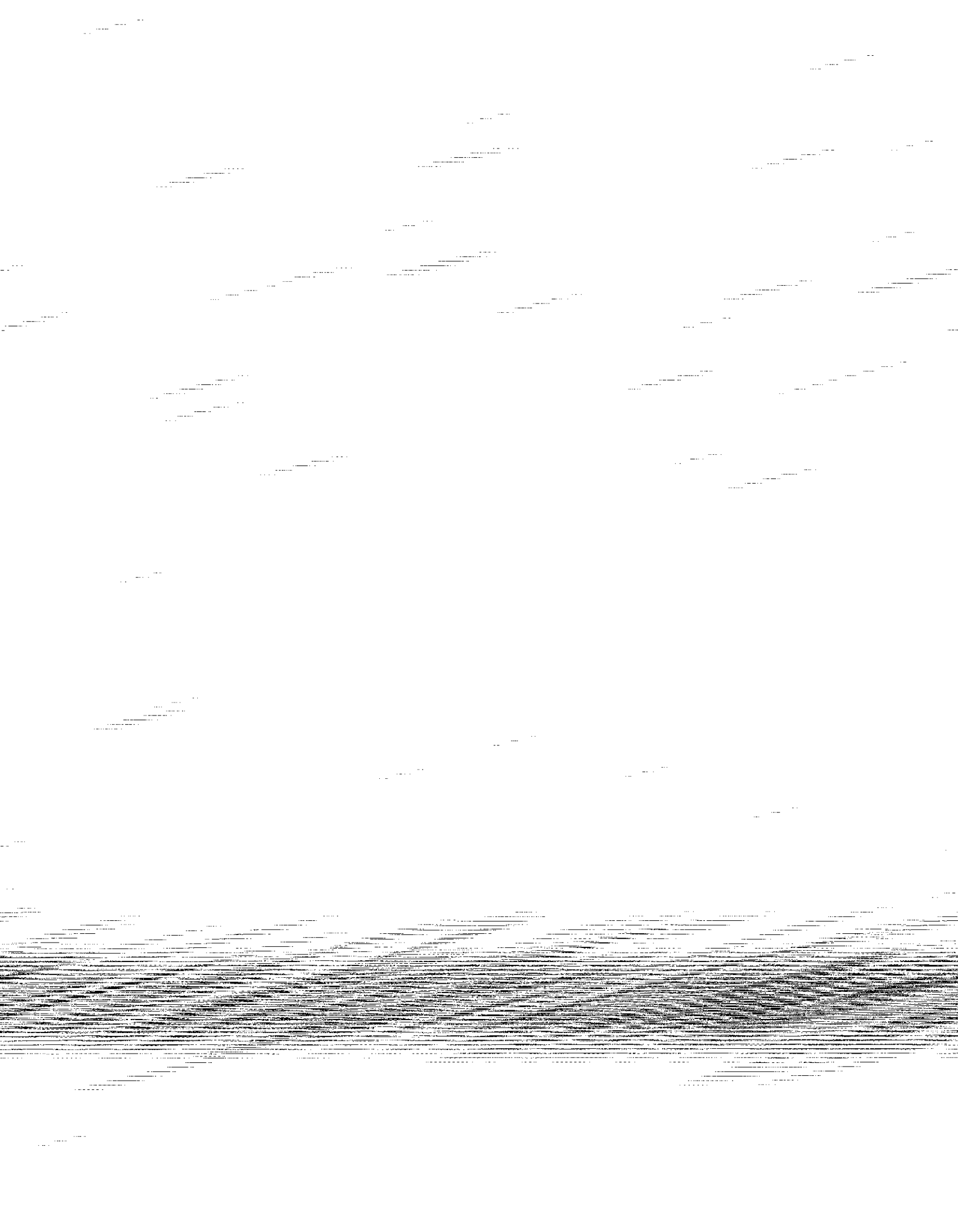






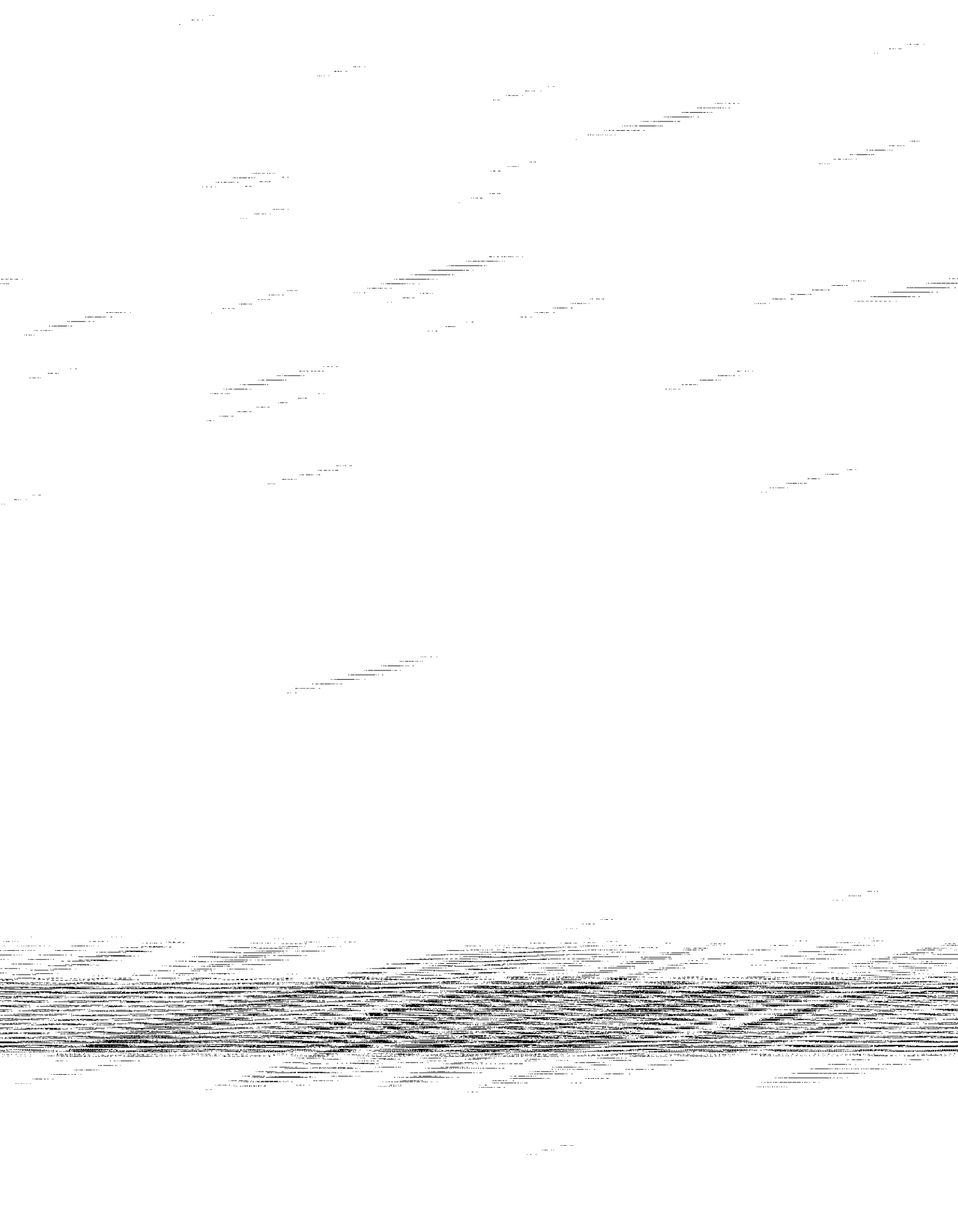












# STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

November 29, 2000

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

RE: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Cynthia Gayle Crumley

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is an original and two (2) copies of a Disciplinary Petition being filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline against Cynthia Gayle Crumley. Ms. Crumley has designated Travis County, Texas, as her 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:

Cynthia Gayle Crumley  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

As a practical matter, I would respectfully suggest that you inquire with the judge to be appointed as to 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.

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, and the Court's appointing order to the District Clerk of Travis County, Texas, with the request that the suit be filed and a file-marked copy of the petition be returned to the undersigned.





# The Supreme Court of Texas

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Ms. Cynthia Gayle Crumley  
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Dear Mr. McClendon and Ms. Crumley:

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 J.C. Zbranek, Judge of the 75<sup>th</sup> District Court, Liberty, Texas to preside in

*Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Cynthia Gayle Crumley*

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

John T. Adams  
Clerk





