







GOVERNMENT CODE ANNOTATED §81.001, *et seq.* (Vernon 1988 and supp. 1994); the TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT; and the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE.

III. VENUE

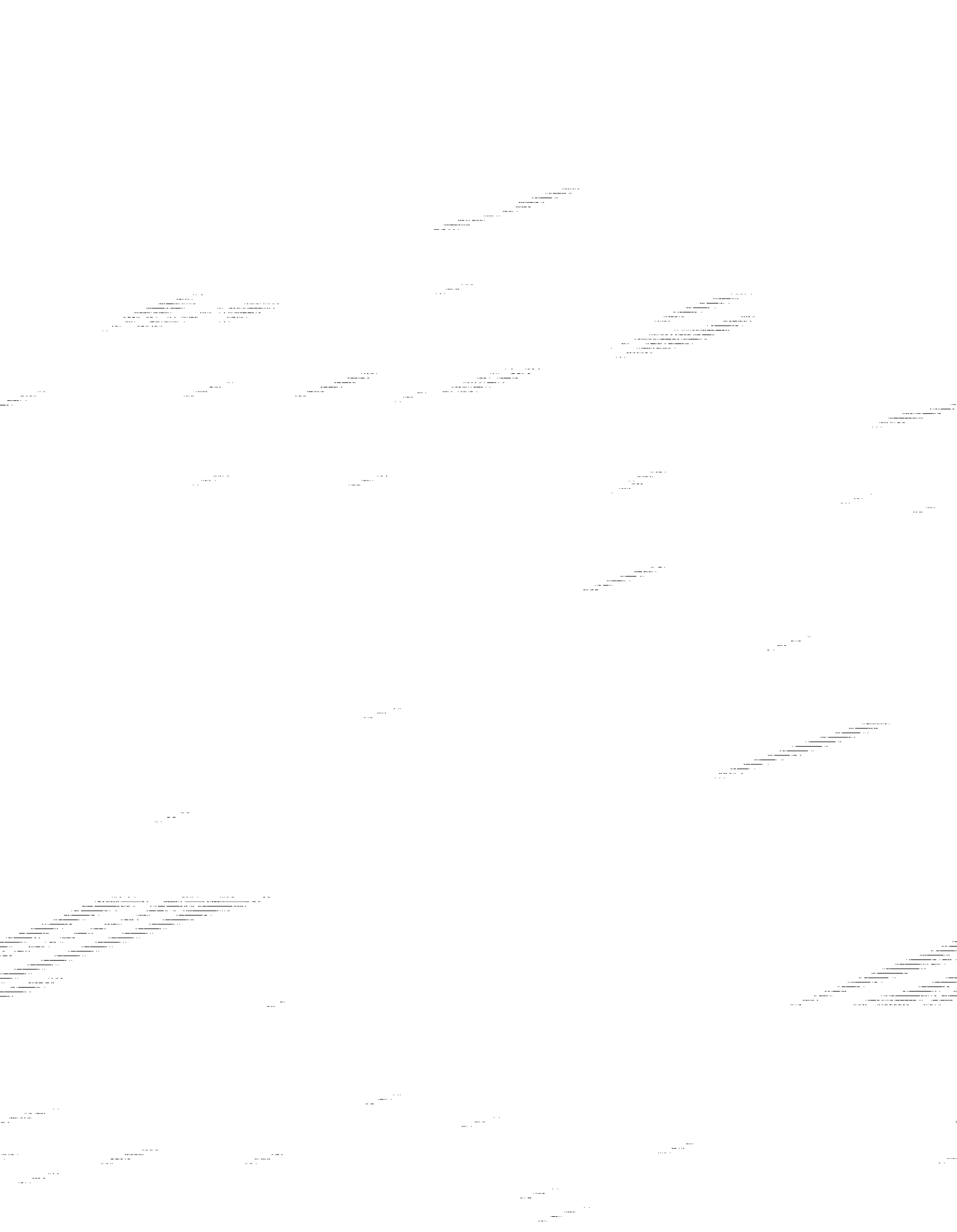
Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas, bar number 17490300. Respondent's residence and principal place of practice is San Jacinto County, Texas; therefore, venue is appropriate in San Jacinto County, Texas, pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE. Respondent may be served at his business address, P.O. Box 1034, Shepherd, San Jacinto County, Texas 77371-1034 or [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

IV. CAUSE OF ACTION

On or about April 14, 1998, Complainant, Richard Tomec, retained the Respondent, Peter E. Ryba, to represent him in a civil matter arising from property damage to Complainant's land. On or about May 22, 1998, Respondent filed an Original Petition on behalf of Complainant.

In December 1998, Complainant and Respondent arrived for a scheduled deposition that was immediately canceled and rescheduled for March 15, 1999, when Respondent failed to bring subpoenaed documents. When Complainant contacted Respondent by phone to verify the date of the rescheduled deposition in March, 1999, he was informed that the case had been non-suited. Respondent had non-suited Complainant's case without his knowledge or consent during a Motion for Summary Judgment hearing held on February 4, 1999. The Court granted the non-suit on February 25, 1999. Respondent failed to keep Complainant informed of the status of the case by





STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel

February 2, 2001

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Peter E. Ryba

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 Peter E. Ryba. Mr. Ryba has designated San Jacinto 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:

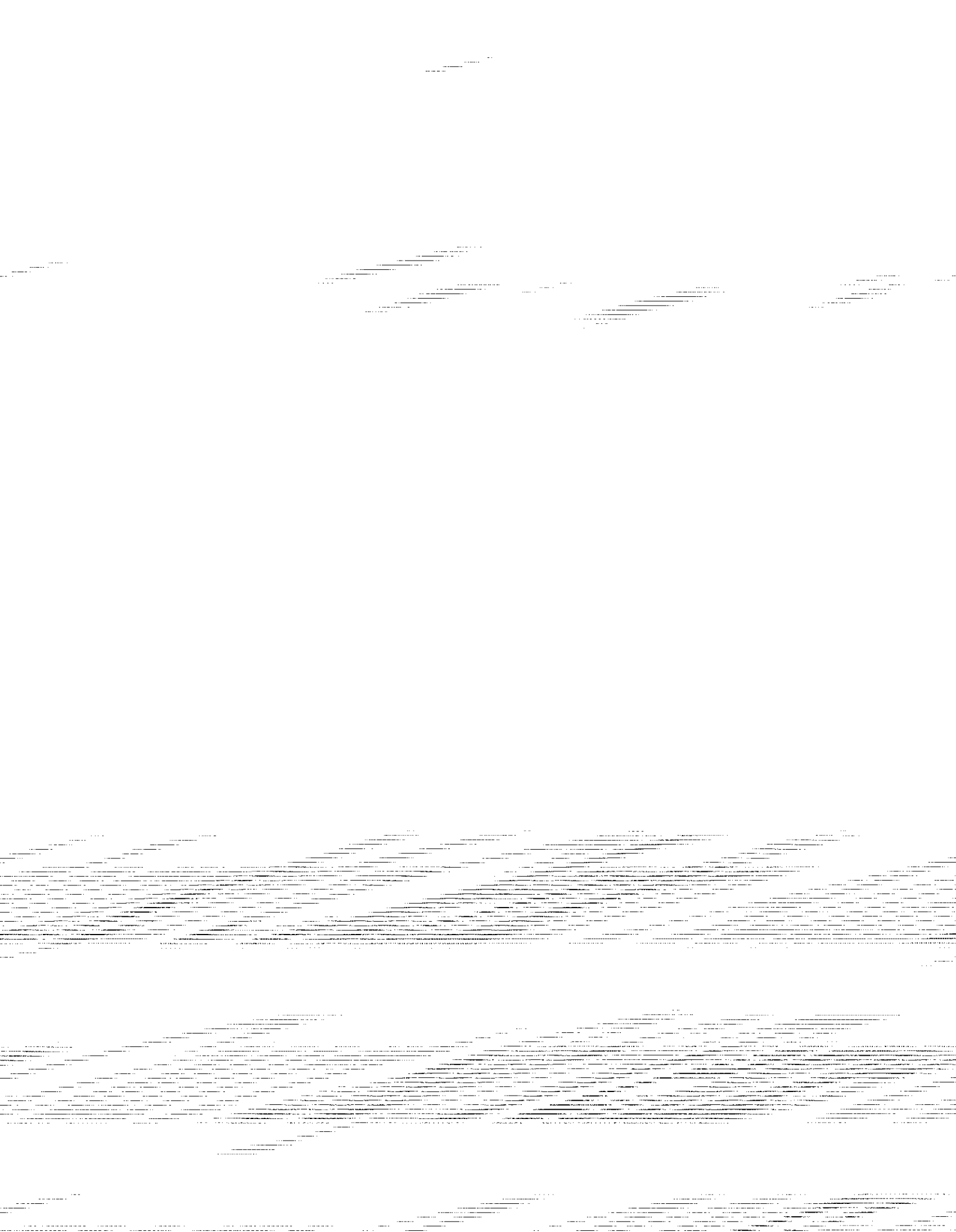
Peter E. Ryba
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Shepherd, TX 77371

or

Peter E. Ryba
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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.

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 San Jacinto 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.





The Supreme Court of Texas

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Mr. Peter E. Ryba
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Dear Ms. Arnemann and Mr. Ryba:

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 John H. Jackson, Judge of the 13th District Court of Corsicana, Texas to preside in

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

