III.
VENUE AND SERVICE

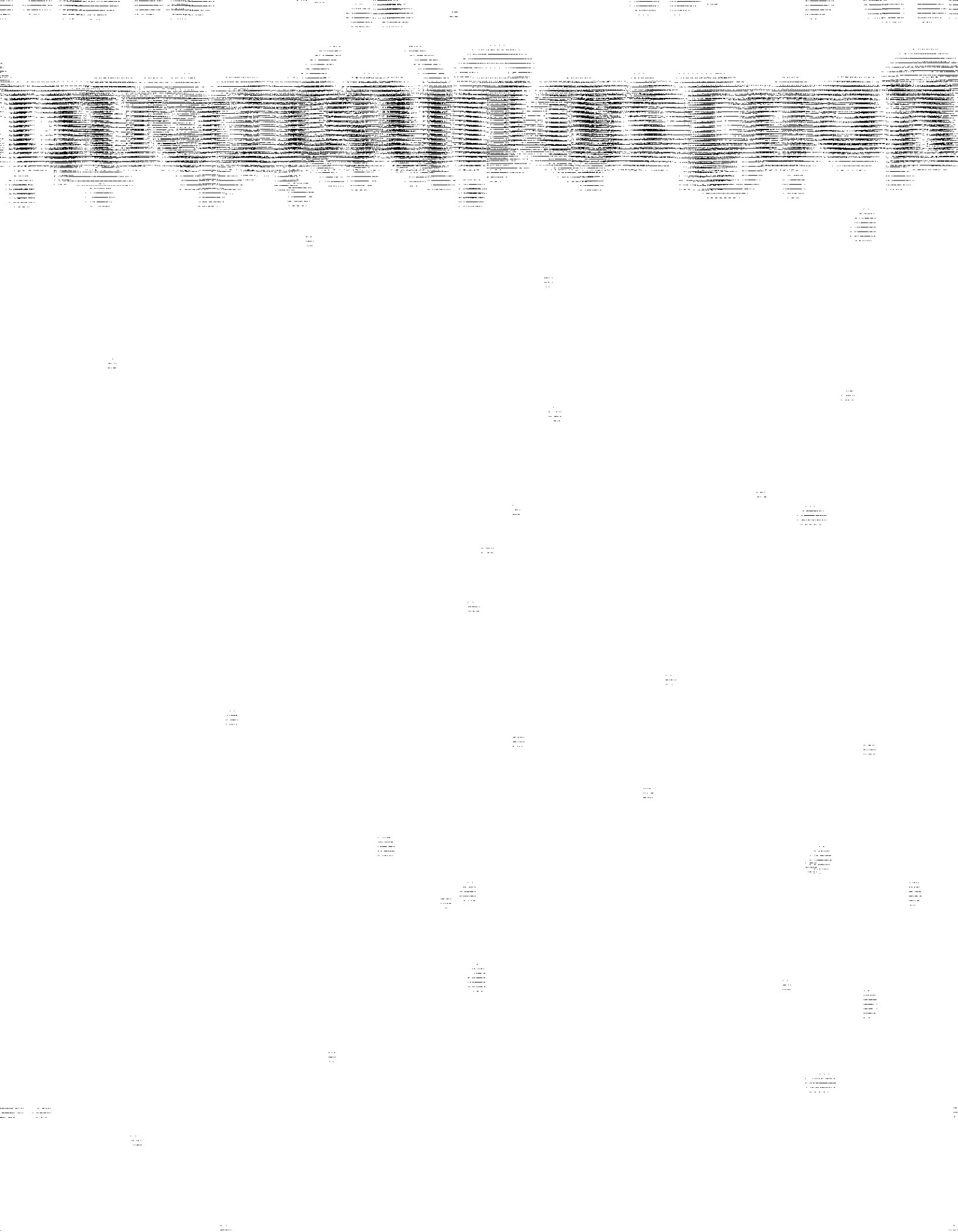
Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent's principal place of practice is Harris County, Texas, and therefore venue is appropriate in Harris County, Texas, pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. An officer may service citation upon Respondent located at [redacted].

IV.
FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

On or about April 13, 1998, Dorothy F. Woodley, (hereinafter referred to as "Complainant") retained Respondent to represent her son, Damon Woodley (hereinafter referred to as "Woodley"), at a parole board review hearing scheduled for July 10, 1998. At that time, Complainant paid Respondent $500.00 and later paid Respondent an additional $200.00 on May 20, 1998. At an April 13, 1998 interview with Complainant, Respondent indicated that he would consult with a former parole board member to seek advise as to how to proceed with Woodley's matter.

V.

From the time of employment to early June 1998, Respondent failed to contact Complainant or Woodley or to otherwise gather information necessary to adequately represent Woodley at the July 10, 1998 parole board review hearing. When Complainant contacted the parole board after the July 10, 1998 hearing to inquire about the board's decision, she was informed that their records had no indication that Respondent was representing Woodley. The parole board further indicated that since they did not show Respondent as the attorney for her



STATE BAR OF TEXAS

Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

April 10, 2001

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. James M. Brooks

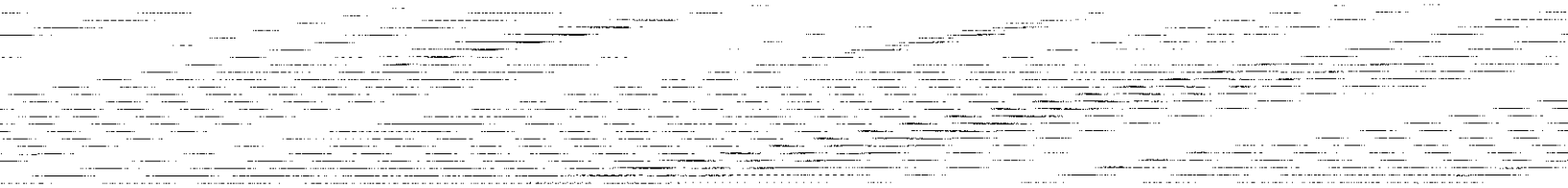
Dear Mr. Adams:

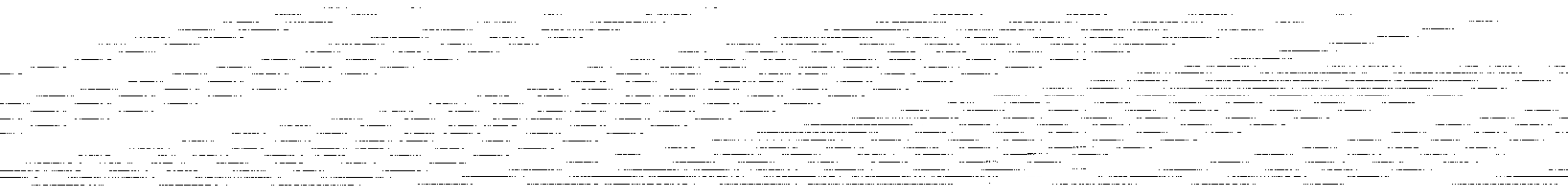
Enclosed please find an original and two (2) copies of a Disciplinary Petition being filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline against James M. Brooks. Mr. Brooks has designated Harris County, Texas, as her principal place of practice. Request is hereby made that the Court appoint an active District 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:

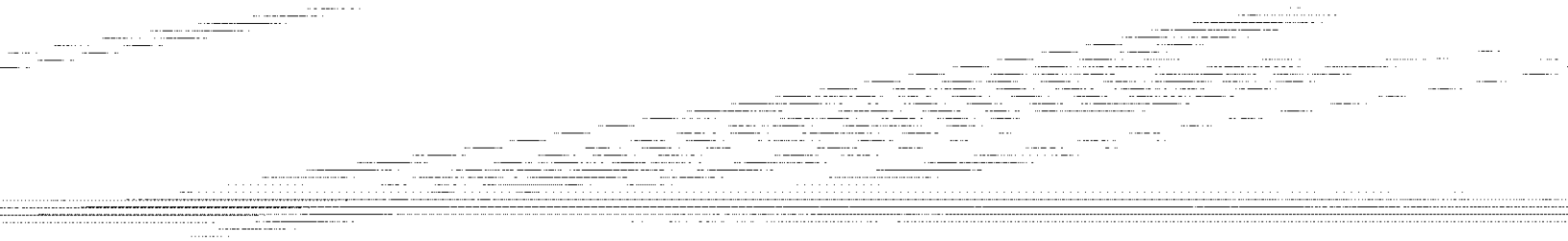
James M. Brooks
[redacted]

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 trial as 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 Harris 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.







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Mr. James M. Brooks
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Dear Mr. Molleston and Mr. Brooks:

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 Carole W. Clark, Judge of the 321st District Court, Tyler, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. James M. Brooks

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk