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COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
V.	§	TARRANT COUNTY, TEXAS
J.W. RICHARDS, II	§	_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

**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, J.W. Richards, II (hereinafter called "Respondent"), showing the Court:

I.

**Discovery Control Plan**

Pursuant to Rules 190.1 and 190.3, Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, Petitioner intends discovery in this case to be conducted under the Level II Discovery Control Plan.

II.

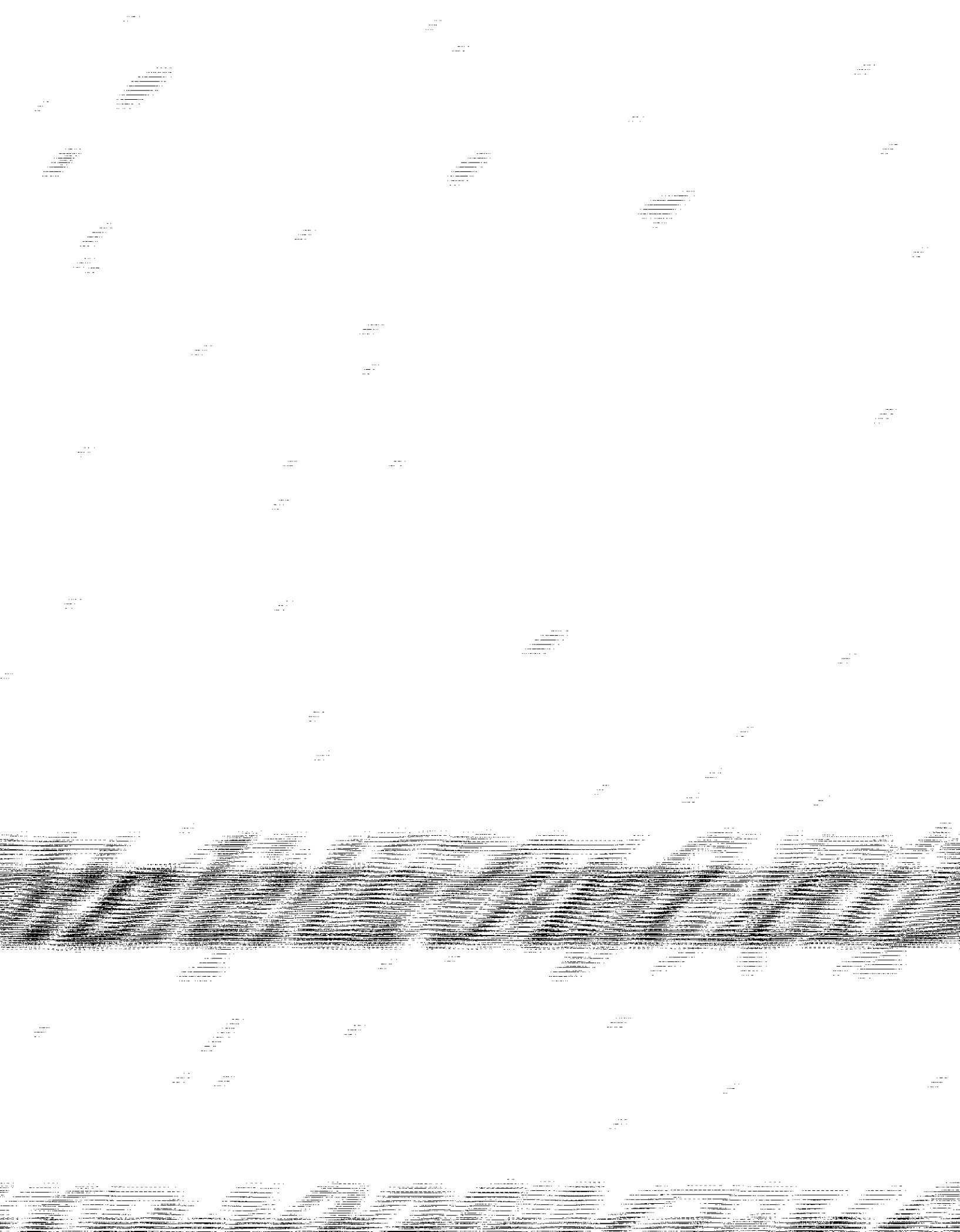
Petitioner brings this disciplinary action pursuant to the State Bar Act, Tex. Gov't. Code Ann. §81.001, et seq. (Vernon 1988), the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The complaint which forms the basis of the Disciplinary Petition was filed on or after May 1, 1992.

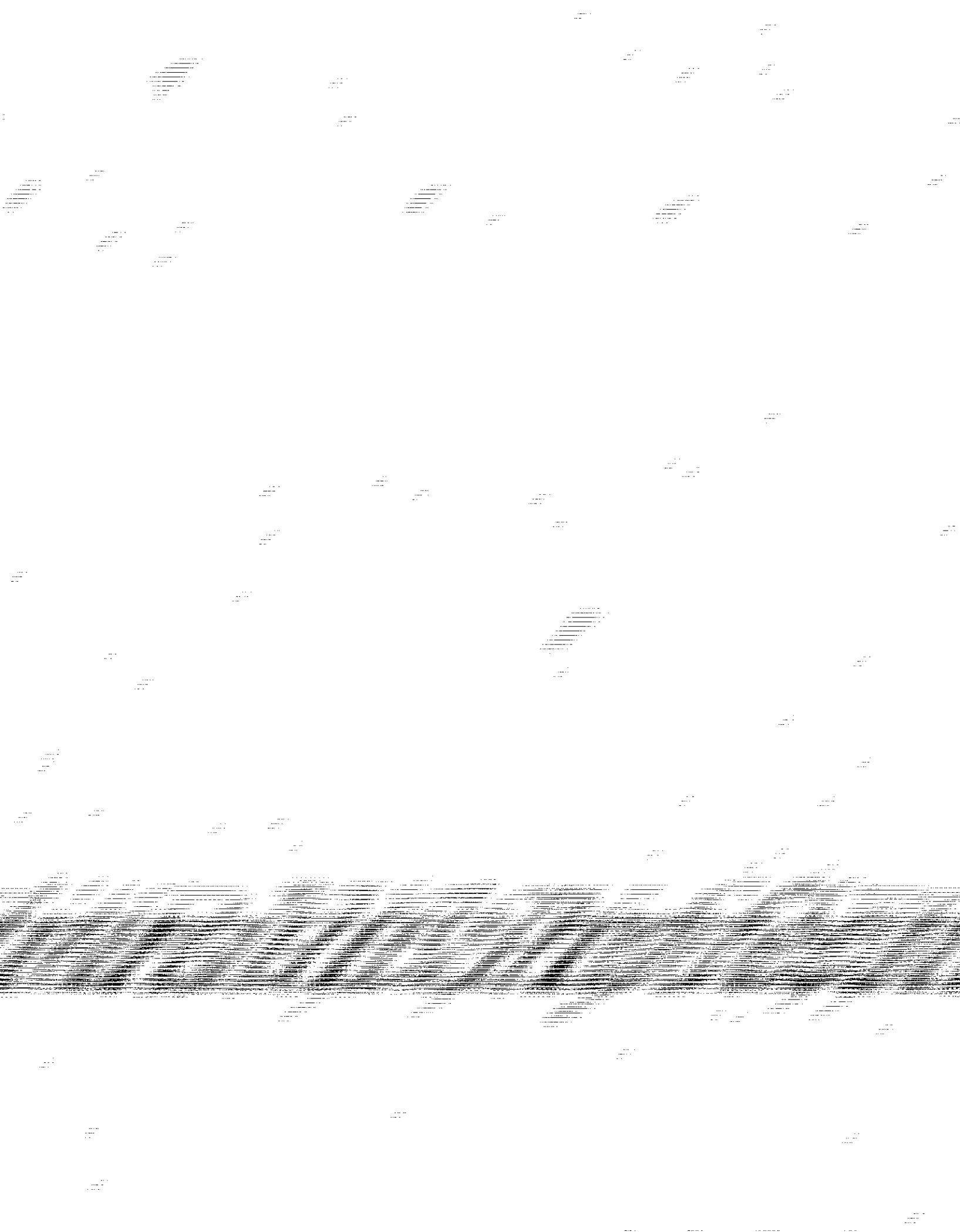
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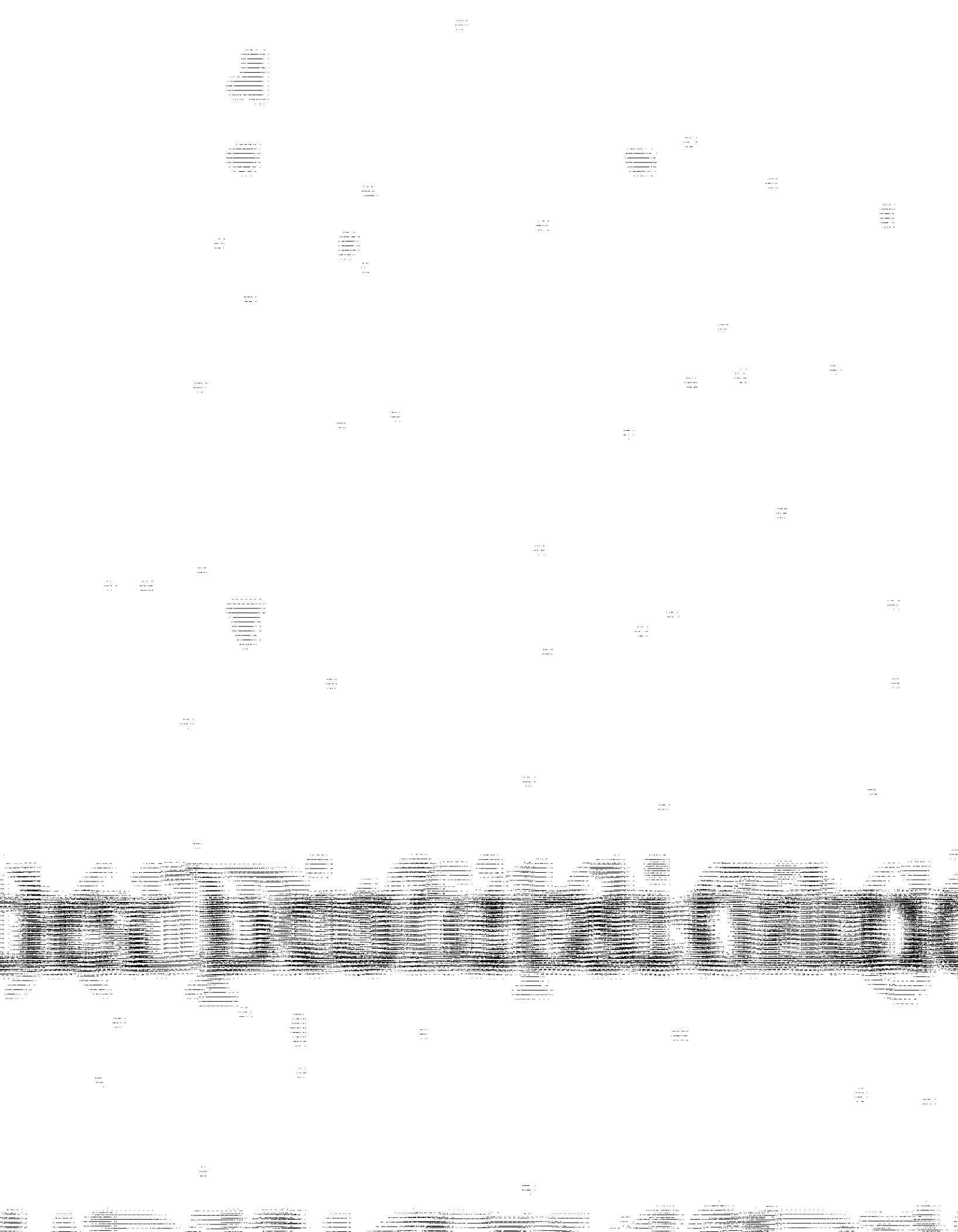
Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent is a resident of Wilton Manors, Florida and is not currently engaged in the practice of law. Mr. Richards has certified his principal place of practice is Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas. An officer may serve citation on Respondent at [REDACTED]

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# STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

May 30, 2001

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. J. W. Richards II

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 J. W. Richards. Mr. Richards has designated Tarrant 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:

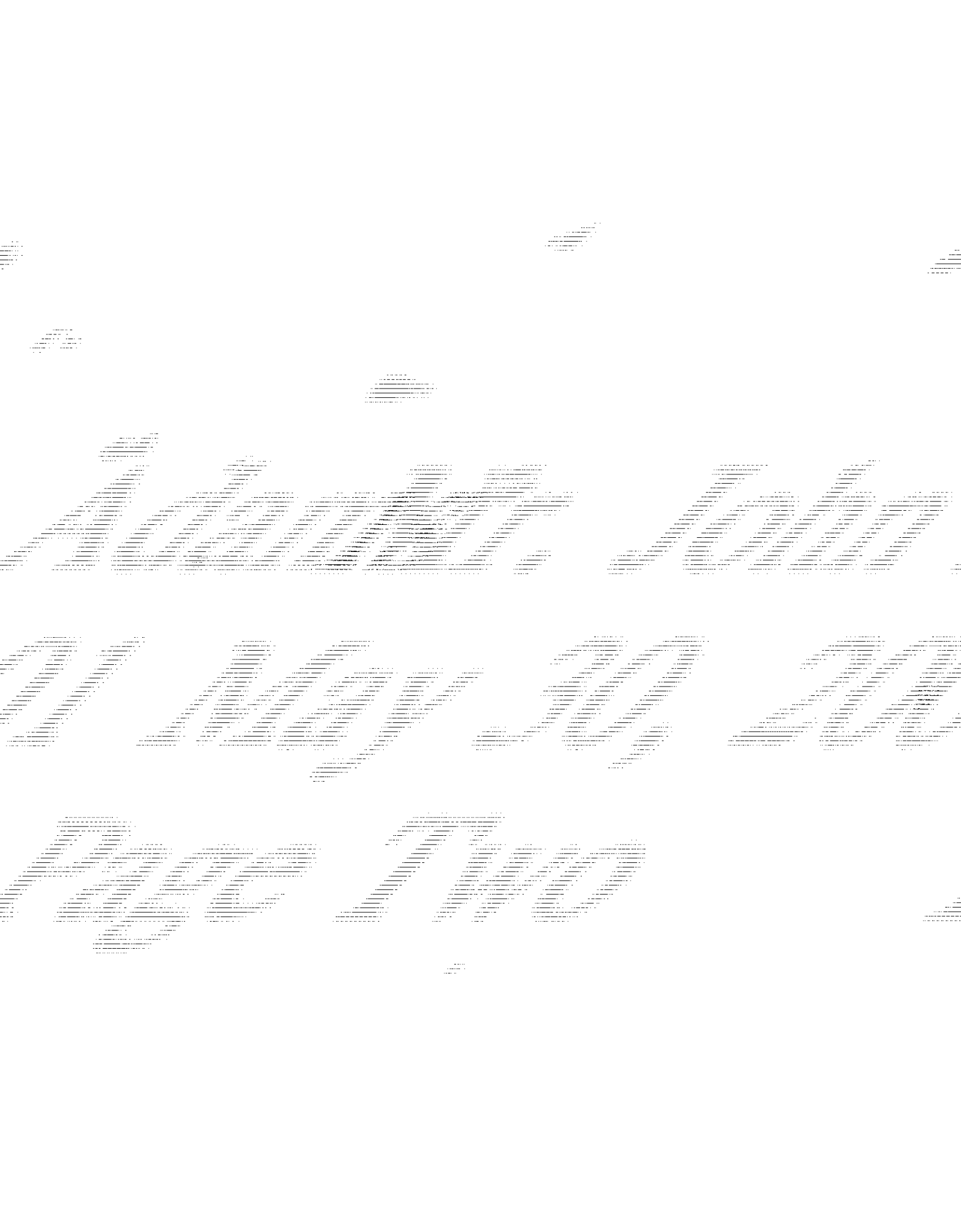
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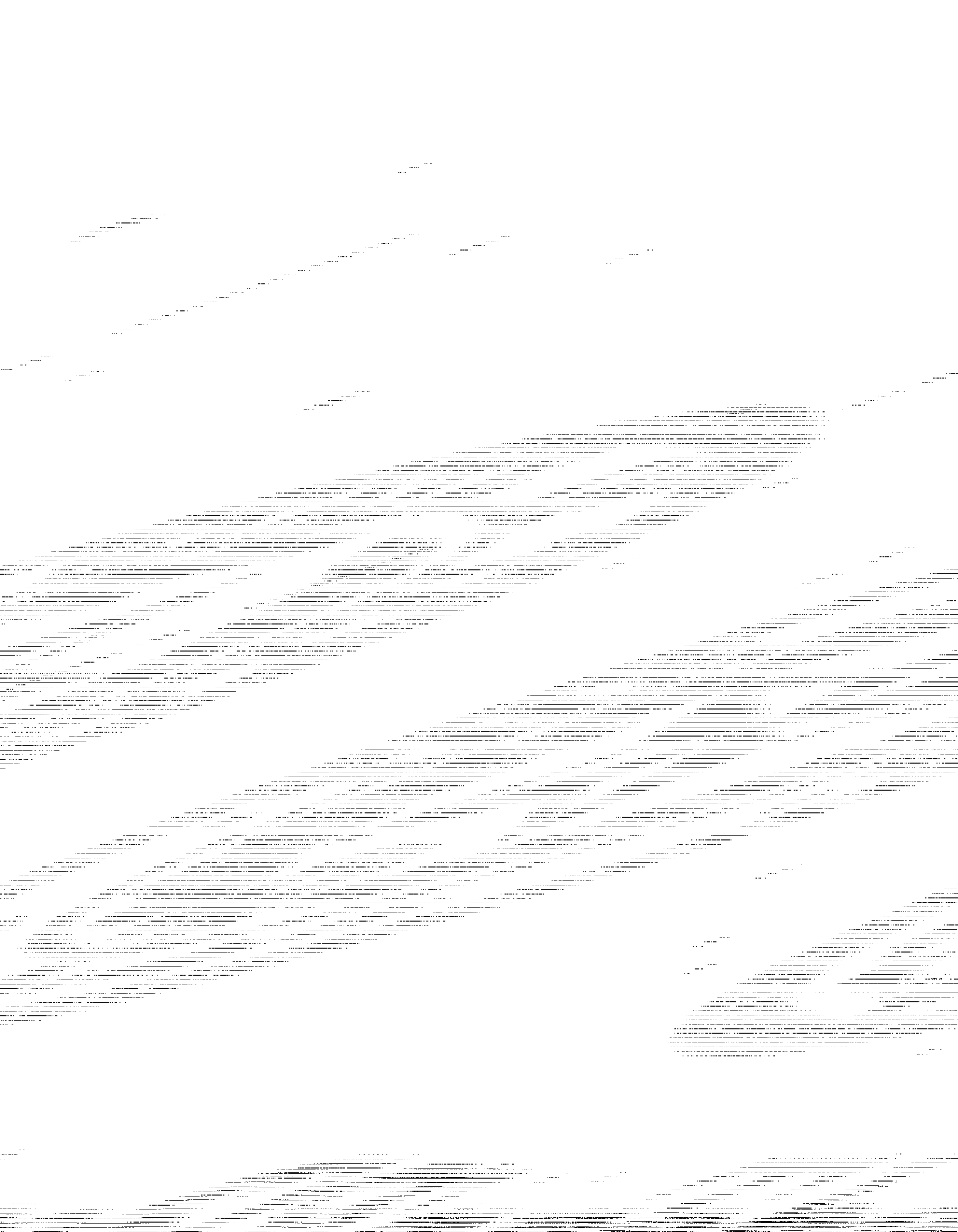
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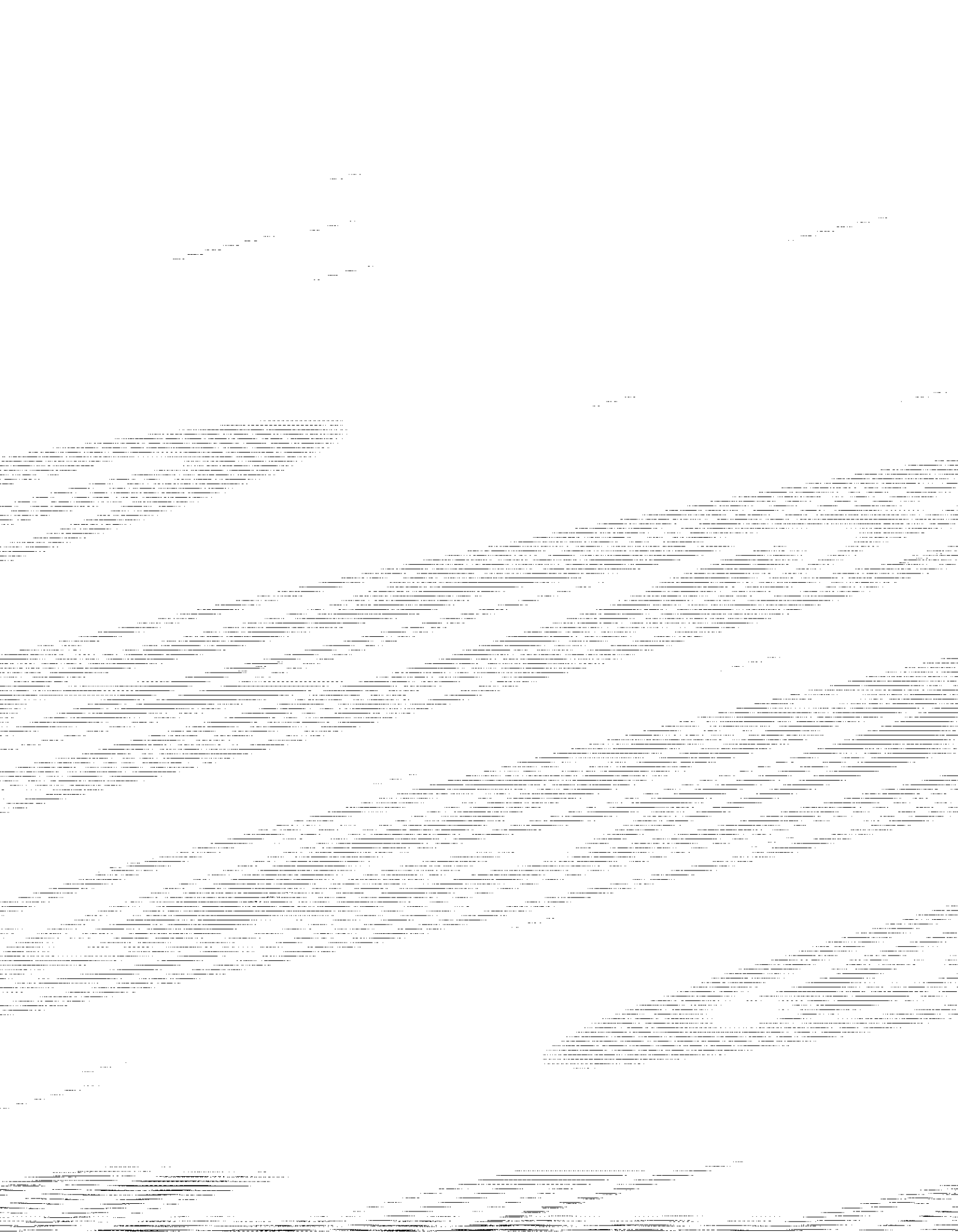
As a practical matter, I would respectfully suggest that you inquire with the judge to be appointed as to: (1) whether he or she will be able to comply with the 180 day deadline by which the case must be set for trial set forth in Section 3.07 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure; and (2) whether he or she can accommodate compliance with *Mellon Service Co., et al v. Touche Ross Co.*, 946 S.W.2d 862 (Tex. App. - Houston [14th Dist.] 1997), which requires that all proceedings incident to a case occur in the county of proper venue. 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 Tarrant 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. J.W. Richards, II  
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Dear Ms. Messer and Mr. Richards:

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 Tommy W. Wallace, Judge of the 294<sup>th</sup> District Court, Canton, Texas to preside in

*Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. J.W. Richards, II*

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams  
Clerk