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COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
V.	§	MCLENNAN COUNTY, TEXAS
JOHN L. BATES, JR.	§	_____ 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, JOHN L. BATES, JR. (hereinafter called "Respondent"), showing the Court:

I.

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.

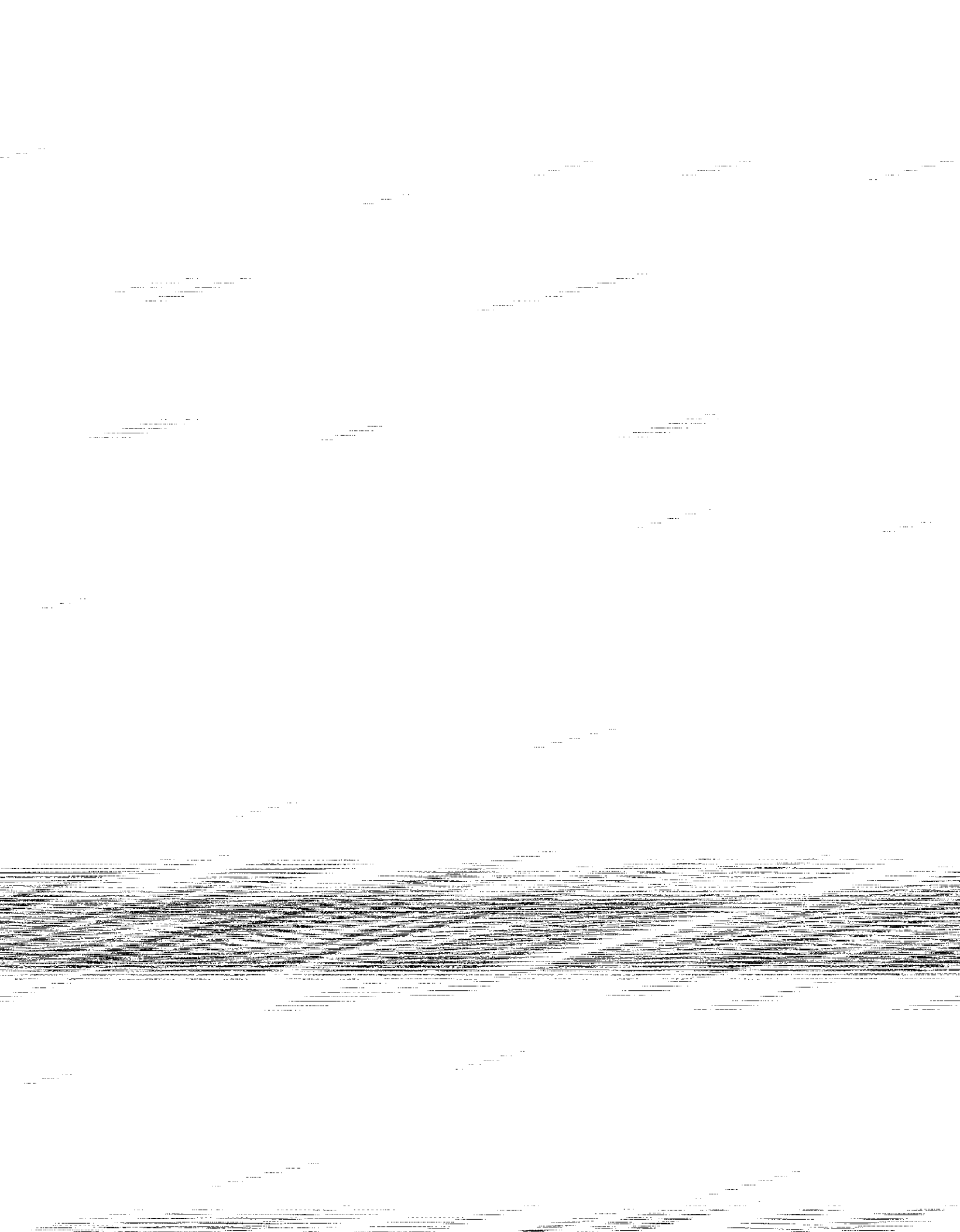
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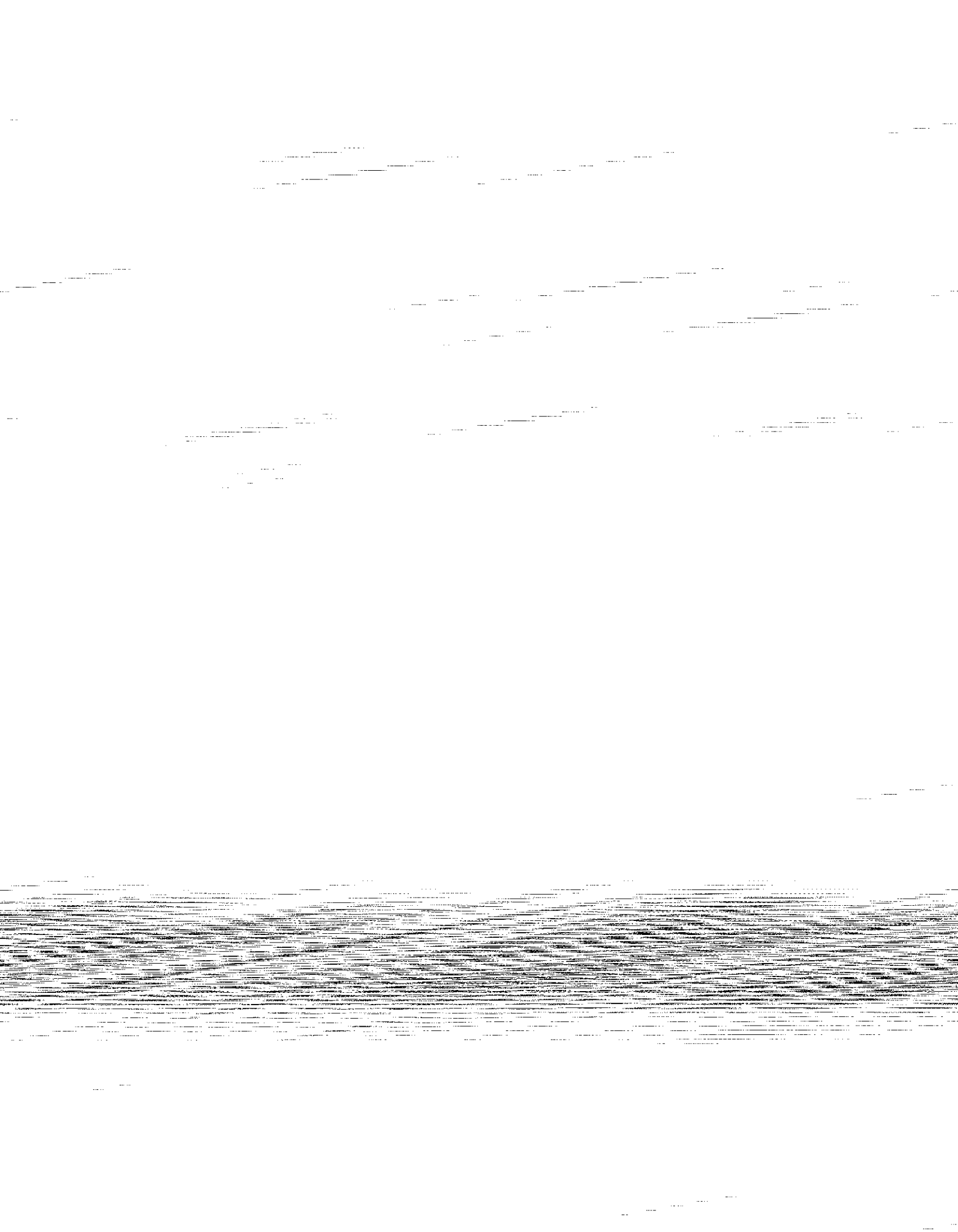
Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent is a resident of and has his principal place of practice in McLennan County, Texas. An officer may serve citation on Respondent at _____, _____.

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

III.

In 1975 Respondent established an attorney-client relationship with Joe R. Pesina by





STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

October 23, 1996

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. John L. Bates, Jr.

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 John L. Bates, Jr. Mr. Bates is a resident of McLennan County, Texas. 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 hereby made that you notify the Respondent at the address shown below and the undersigned of the identity and address of the judge assigned:

John L. Bates, Jr.
[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 herewith, and the Court's appointing order to the District Clerk of McLennan County, Texas, with the request that the suit be filed, service be obtained, and a filemarked copy of the petition be returned to the undersigned. Further, please provide the undersigned a copy of the Court's appointing order in the pre-addressed envelope enclosed.









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December 16, 1996

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State Bar of Texas
201 Main Street, Suite 1150
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Mr. John L. Bates, Jr.
[REDACTED]
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Dear Ms. Rymell and Mr. Bates:

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 Ben Hardfin, Judge of the 23rd District Court, Angleton, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. John L. Bates, Jr.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk