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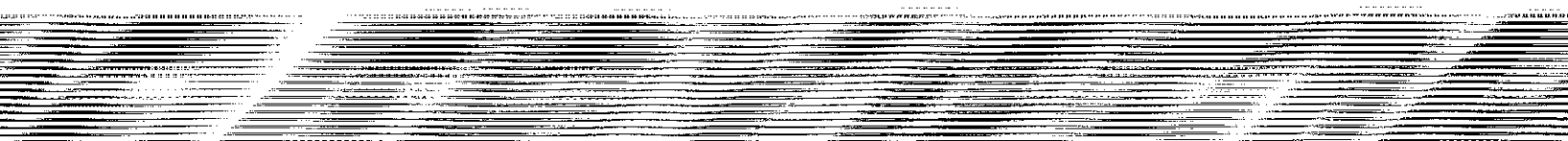
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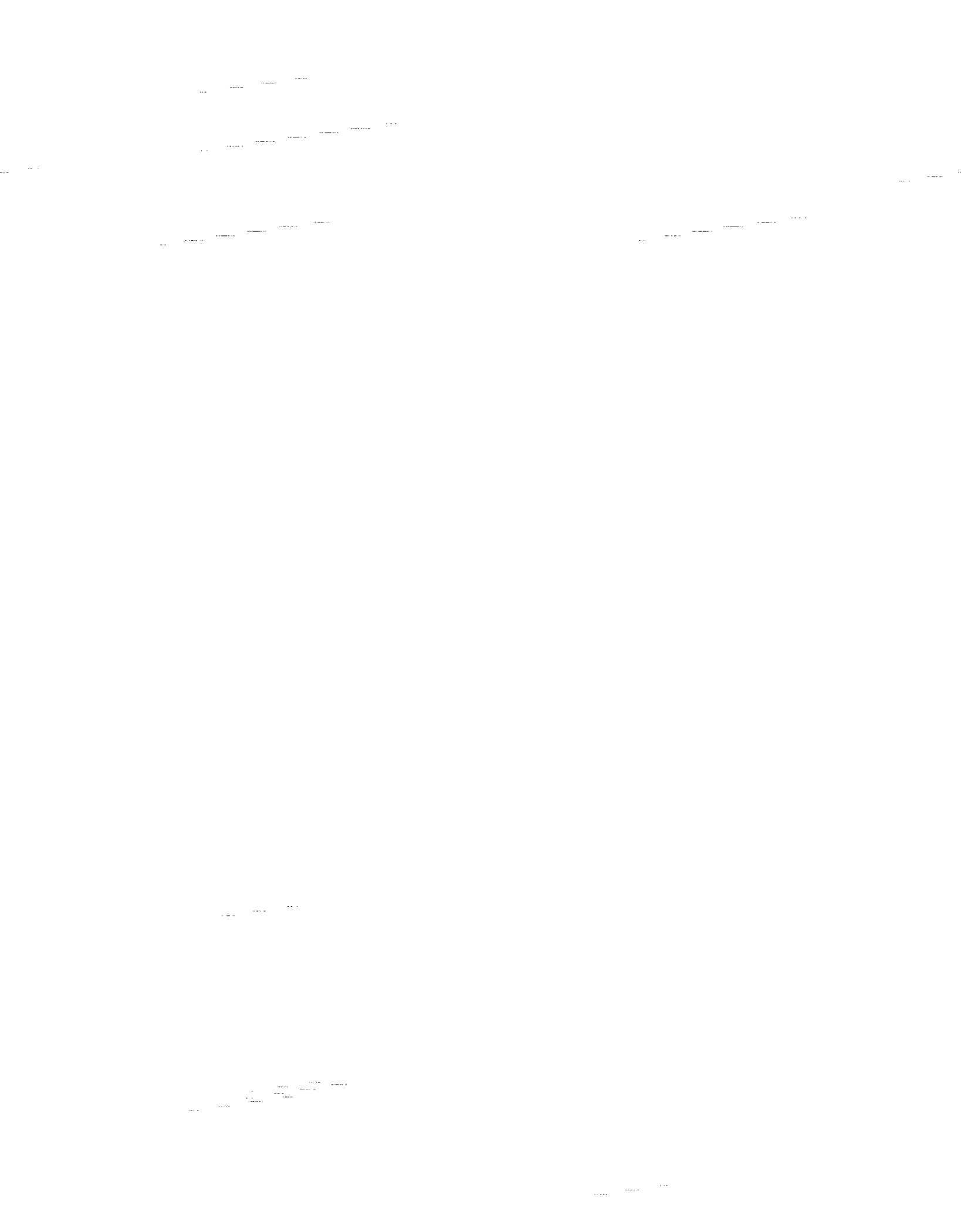
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An officer may serve citation on Respondent at [REDACTED]

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

IV.

On or about February 2, 1998, Deborah K. Jiminez, ("Jiminez") retained Respondent to represent her in a family law matter. During the initial conference, Respondent did not meet with Jiminez. Jiminez's conference was with Respondent's paralegal, Dale Fowler, who prepared legal documents for Jiminez. Jiminez paid Fowler \$1000.00 in advance, for Respondent's representation through the conclusion of the case. While Jiminez was in the office, Mr. Fowler signed Respondent's name to the pleadings. Later, Respondent did appear in court on behalf of Jiminez, but was not properly prepared.

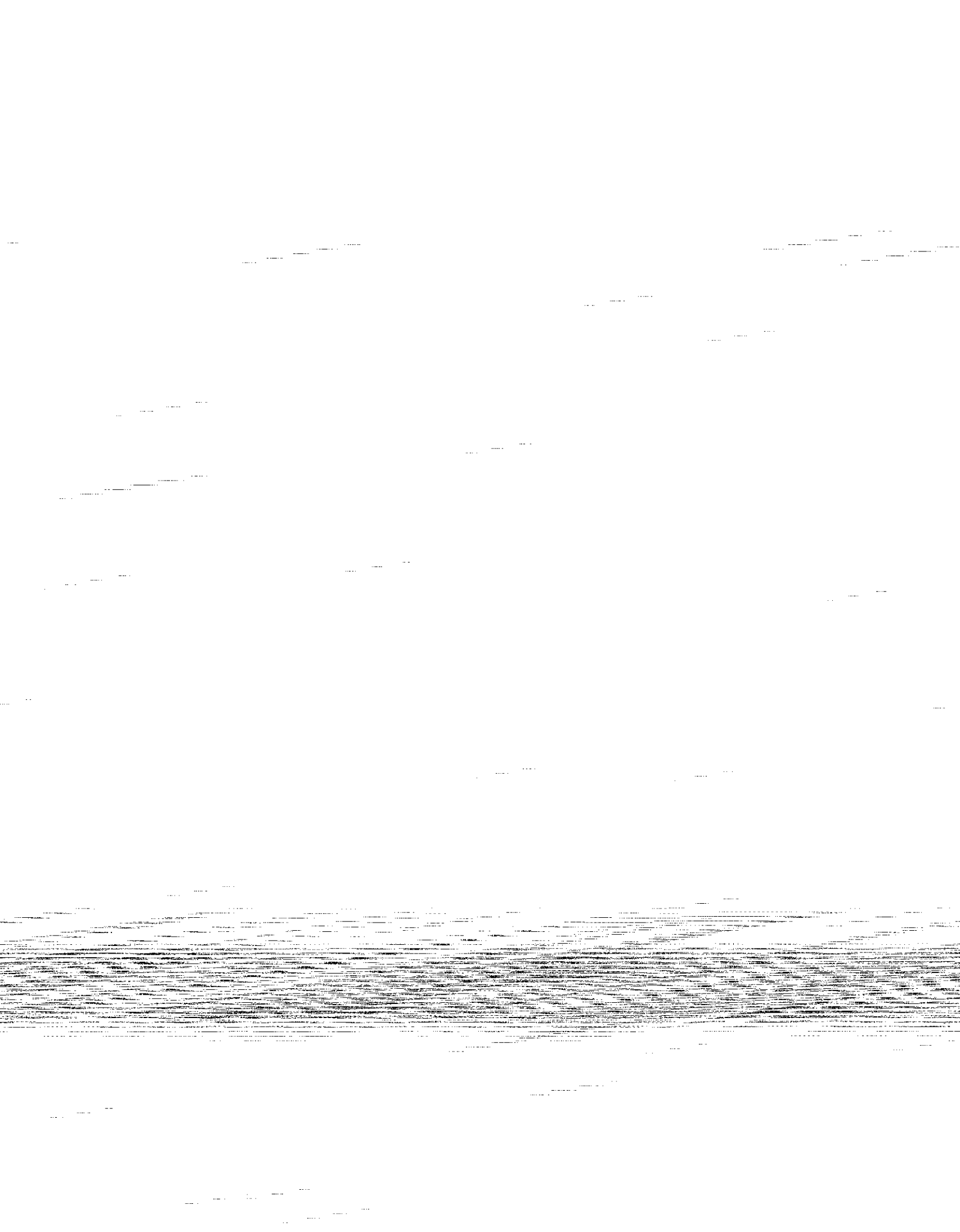
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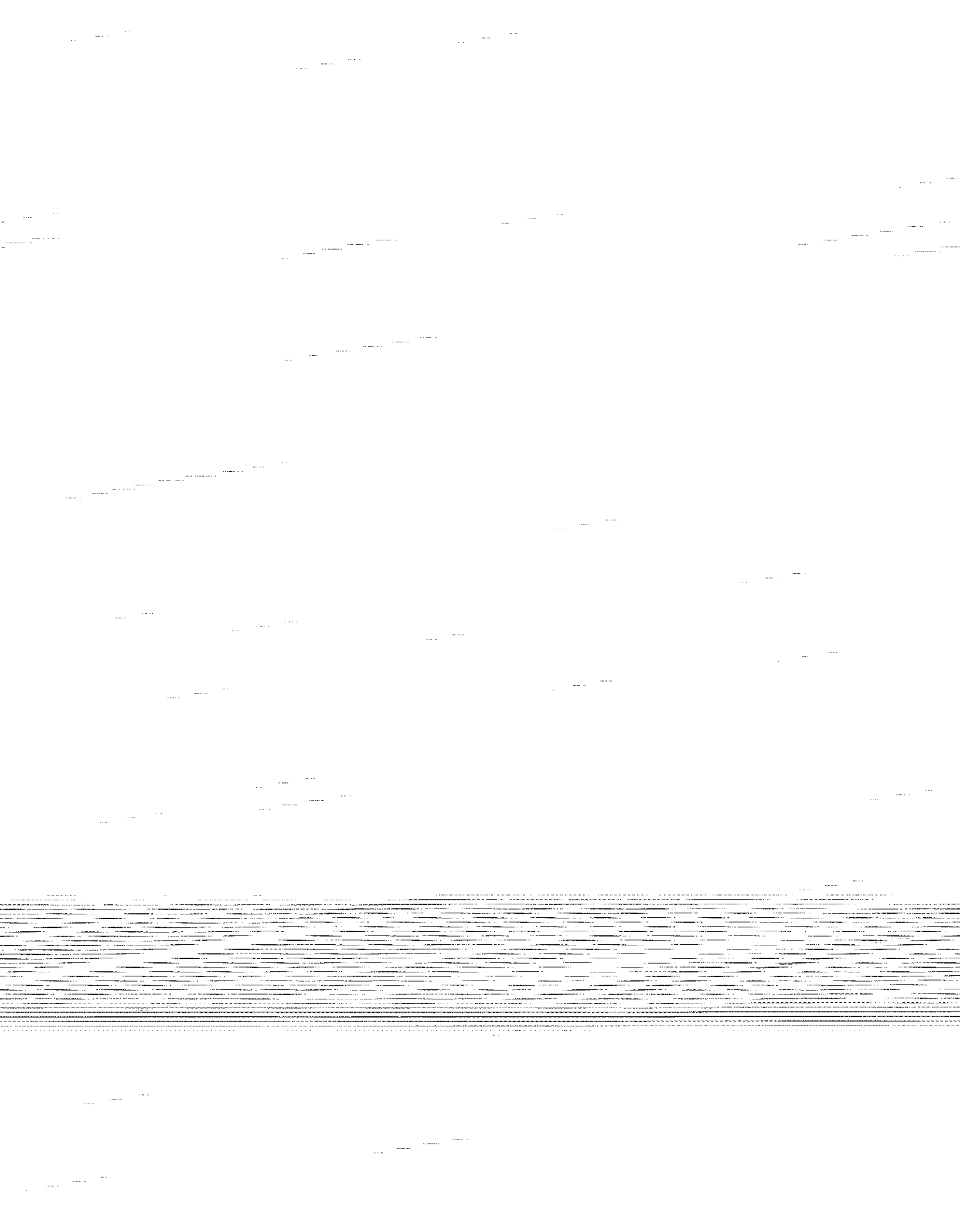
By the end of April, Jiminez's case was ready to go back to court but Respondent failed to get the case re-set for a hearing. Respondent would not communicate with Jiminez and failed to return Jiminez's phone calls. In addition, Respondent has failed to take any further action on behalf of Jiminez to conclude her case.

VI.

Such acts and/or omissions on the part of Respondent as are described in Paragraphs IV and V, hereinabove, which occurred on or after January 1, 1990, constitute conduct which violates Rules 1.01(b)(1), 1.03(a), 1.14(a) and 5.03(a) and 5.05(b) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

VII.







STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

July 6, 1999

CMRRR NO. Z 359 582 362

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

RE:: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. William S. McCants

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 William S. McCants. Mr. McCants has designated Navarro 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:

William S. McCants
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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

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