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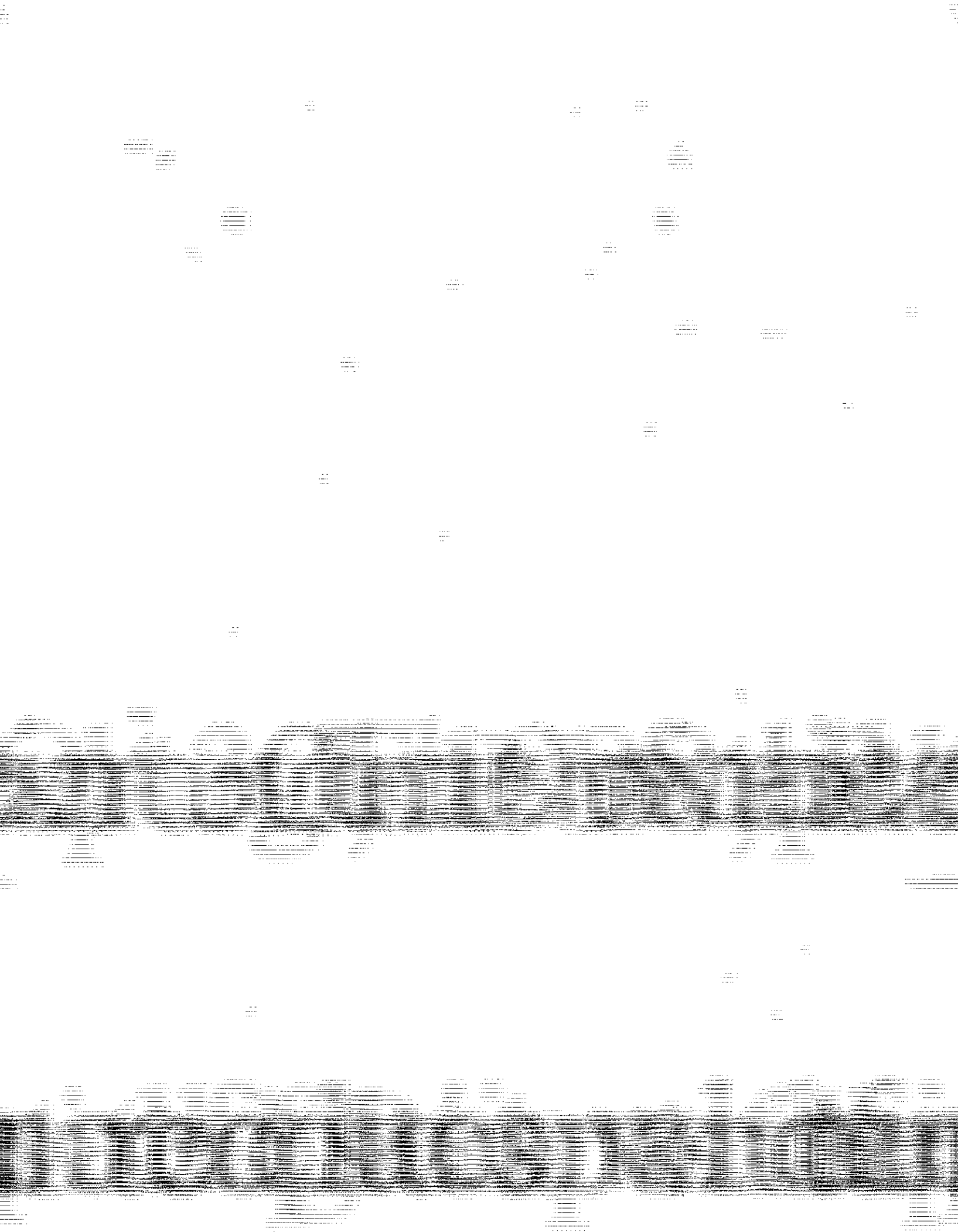
Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and a member of the STATE BAR OF TEXAS. Respondent's resident and principal place of practice is Harris County, Texas; therefore, venue is appropriate in Harris County, Texas, pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE. Respondent may be served at [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

ORTEGON COMPLAINT

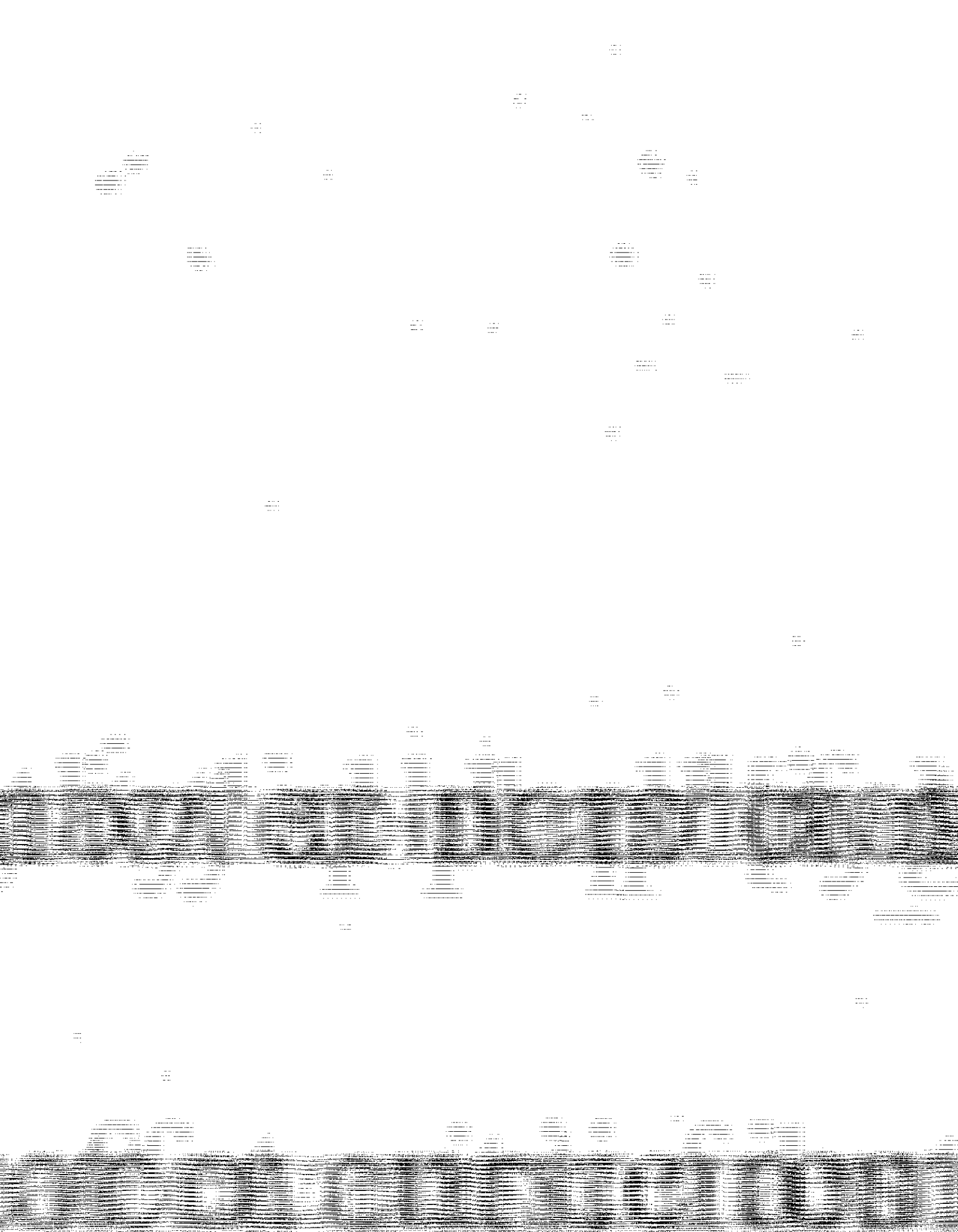
On or about September 9, 1995, Mario Ortegon (hereinafter referred to as "Ortegon") retained Respondent to handle a personal injury case. Respondent contacted Ortegon by phone to set an appointment to settle his case and offered Ortegon \$1,000.00 to settle, Ortegon would not accept Respondent's offer. Ortegon called Respondent's office and left numerous messages to contact him as to the status of his case since he had rejected Respondent's offer, but Respondent failed to return his calls.

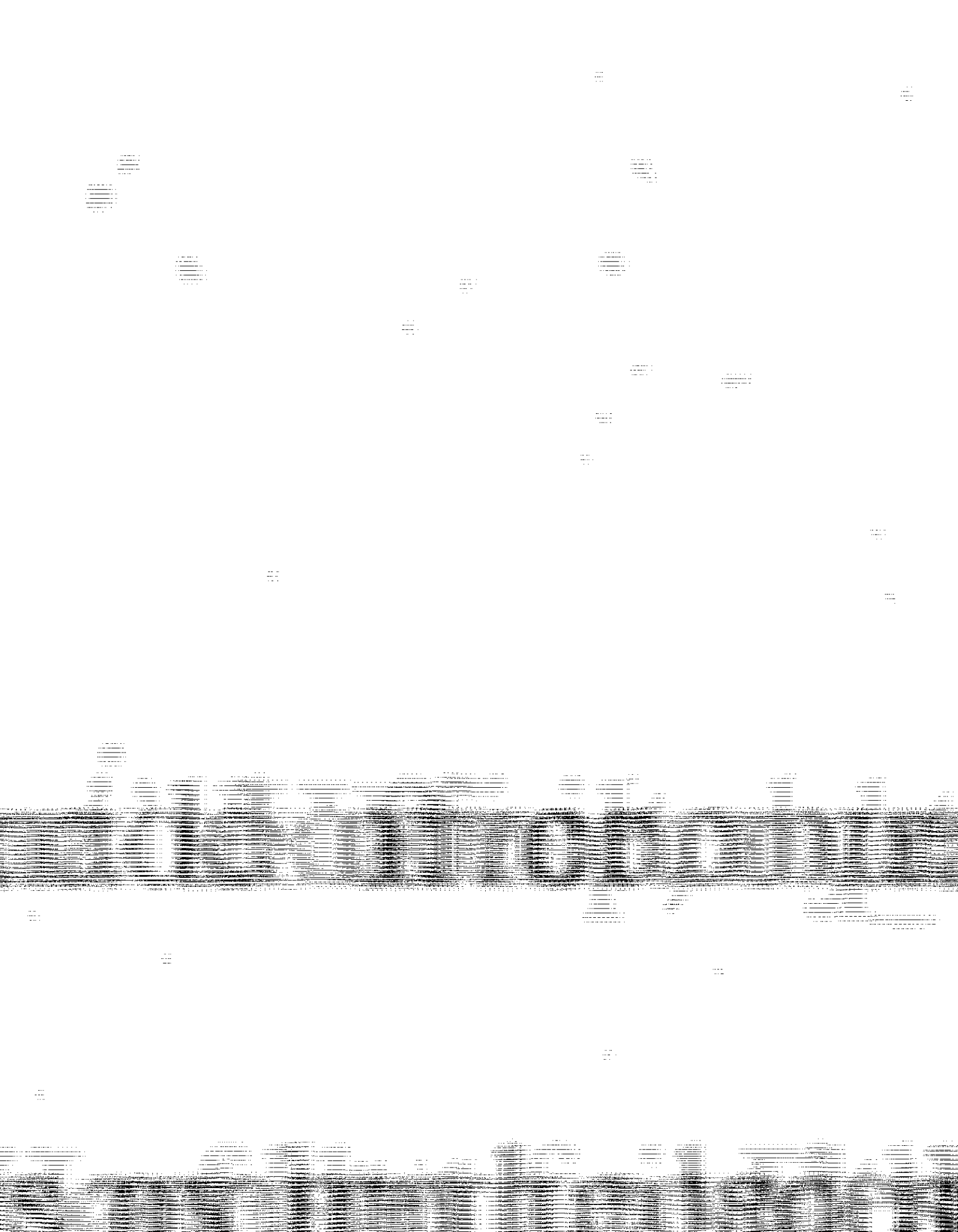
Ortegon's son, Enrique Ortegon, received a call from Respondent requesting his father Mario Ortegon to appear in court on Monday morning. Respondent failed to leave the time and the court in which Ortegon was to appear before, nor did Respondent send Ortegon anything in writing by mail regarding his appearance in court on Monday. Ortegon then tried to contact Respondent by phone, but Respondent failed to return his call.

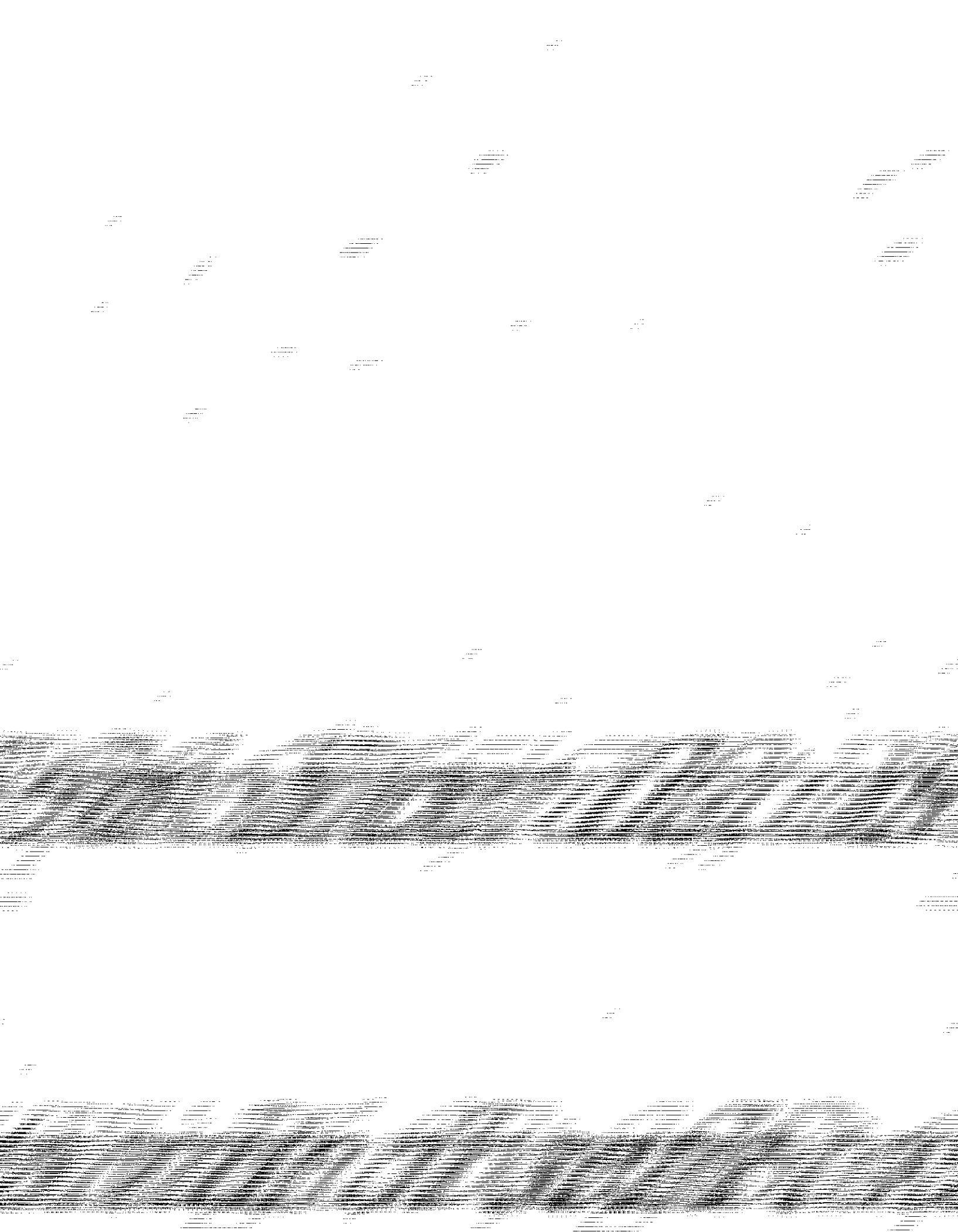
On Monday Ortegon contacted Mr. Arturo Martinez an attorney from McAllen for advice. Mr. Martinez agreed to contact Respondent's office only for information about court for Mr. Ortegon. Respondent's office informed Mr. Martinez that Ortegon's case had been closed due to his failure to appear in court, and that he needed to come to Houston and sign some documents.

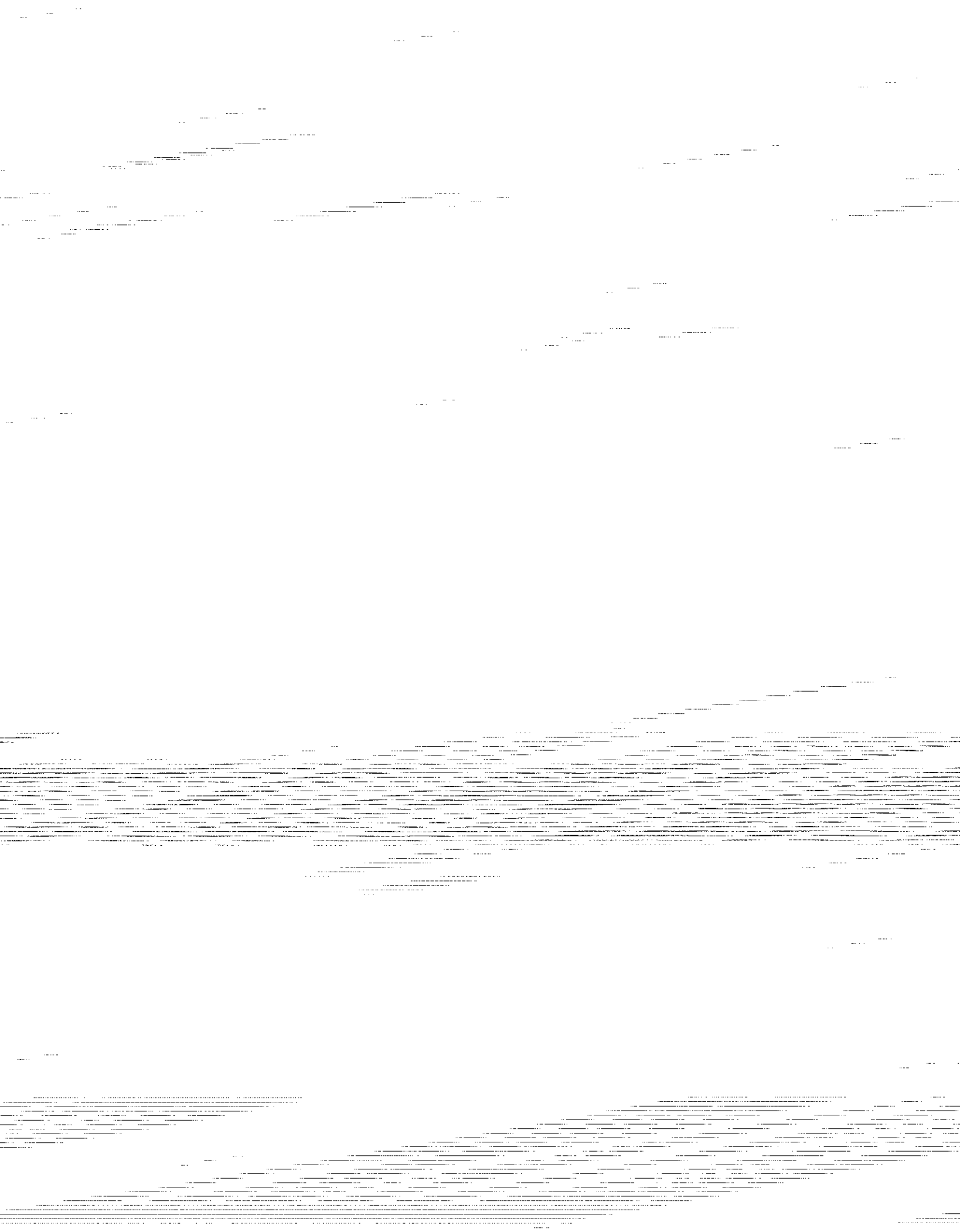












STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

October 29, 1999

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. D.J. Seidel

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 D. J. Seidel. Mr. Seidel has designated Harris 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 hereby made that you notify the Respondent at the address shown below and the undersigned of the identity and address of the judge assigned:

D. J. Seidel
[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 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.





The Supreme Court of Texas

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Mr. D.J. Seidel
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Dear Ms. Gamble and Mr. Seidel:

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 Frances Harris, Judge of the 302nd District Court, Dallas, Texas to preside in

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk



