

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 02- 9085

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VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF ATTORNEY

ORDER

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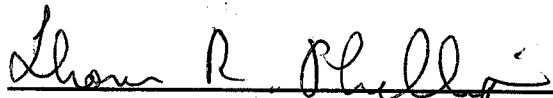
The Court considered the Affidavits of Voluntary Resignation of:


<u>NAME</u>	<u>BAR NUMBER</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
Reed F. Steele	24004360	Kennesaw, GA
Bradford C. Vassey	20503200	San Antonio, TX

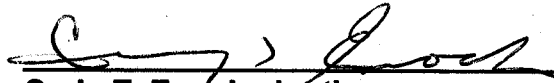
and the Certifications of the General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas and concludes each is legally sufficient. Further, the Court has been advised that the resignations are not tendered in lieu of disciplinary action. Consequently, the Court determines that the law licenses and Bar Card Numbers of the attorneys should be canceled and that the attorneys should be dropped from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas.


IT IS SO ORDERED.

May 9, 2002  
Date

  
Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice


  
Nathan L. Hecht, Justice


  
Craig T. Enoch, Justice

  
Priscilla R. Owen, Justice

  
James A. Baker, Justice

  
Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice

  
Harriet O'Neill, Justice

  
Wallace B. Jefferson, Justice

  
Xavier Rodriguez, Justice

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**  
**CERTIFICATION OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL**  
**OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS**  
**REGARDING**

**BRADFORD C. VASSEY**  
**20503200**

**TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:**

I, Dawn Miller, Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, in accordance with the State Bar Rules, Art. III, Section 6(B), hereby certify that there is currently no disciplinary action pending against Bradford C. Vassey nor is Bradford C. Vassey the subject of an investigation for professional misconduct at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Dawn Miller**  
**Chief Disciplinary Counsel**

Bradford C. Vassey  
HC 35, Box 166m  
South Gouldsboro, Maine 04607  
February 13, 2001

# 20503200

State Bar Membership Dept.  
PO Box 12487, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

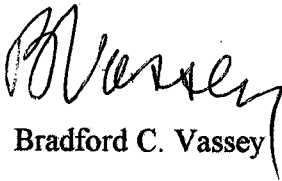
To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter as my resignation from the Texas Bar.

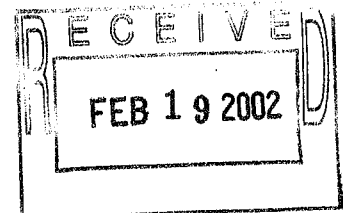
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Between 1983 and 1991 when I retired from the military, I moved five times on military orders, and lost contact with the Bar during this period. During this period, apparently a law was passed in the Texas legislature that required inactive members of the bar to pay dues. I did not have notice of this law, and had I been aware of it, I would have resigned from the Bar at the time, as I did not intend to return to Texas to live or practice law. Also, I was not aware of the need for inactive members of the Bar on active duty out of the state in the military to notify the Bar of my new address everytime I moved under military orders.

Sincerely,

  
Bradford C. Vassey

Last pd. 1981  
Vel. Resign letter





THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

P.O. BOX 12248      CAPITOL STATION  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78711

CHIEF JUSTICE  
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EXECUTIVE ASST.  
WILLIAM L. WILLIS  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.  
MARY ANN DEFIBAUGH

June 1, 1982

Re:                    INACTIVE STATUS

If you are not practicing law in Texas during any given fiscal year it is not necessary that you pay the membership fee, and you may request inactive status.

Inactive status means you will not receive the Texas Bar Journal, Texas Lawyer's Weekly Digest and other correspondence sent out by the State Bar of Texas. You will not be eligible to participate in elections and referendums. You will not be eligible for the insurance as you must be a voting member to receive the insurance.

If you elect to become inactive, you must return your silver bar card along with a written notice requesting such status.

You can be reinstated to the rolls of the State Bar of Texas at any time by signing a statement certifying you have not practiced law in Texas during the fiscal period you were inactive and paying the current fee. Your bar card will be returned to you at that time.

Cordially yours,

Garson R. Jackson, Clerk

By Cleo Delz  
Cleo Delz, Secretary

CD/jm

*Requested inactive status by letter dated 12 June 82.*

Bradford C. Vassey  
HC 35, Box 166M  
S. Gouldsboro, ME 04607  
Mar. 29, 2002

Dee Stacey  
State Bar of Texas  
Membership Department  
The Supreme Court of Texas  
P.O. Box 12487  
Austin Texas 78711-2487

Dear Ms. Stacey:

Enclosed herewith are the following documents:

- a) A copy of a letter to the State Bar dated February 13, 2001 (which apparently was not received) containing my resignation from the Texas Bar.
- b) A sworn affidavit stating that I have returned all licenses, certificates and bar cards issued to me by the Supreme Court of Texas.
- c) A notarized statement stating that the purpose of resigning in not to avoid disciplinary action, and that there are no unresolved allegations of professional misconduct.
- d) A certificate/license issued on June 1, 1982, and an expired temporary bar card issued on June 1, 1981 ( as previously explained, a permanent card was never issued to me).

Also, as previously explained, I left Texas in 1983 having never practiced in the state at the time when bar dues were not required of inactive members, and was not notified of any change in this practice until I contacted the Bar in late 1996 about the possibility of activating the membership. At this time, Mr. Guerrero informed me that I would have to pay back dues as a result of a rule change that I was not aware of requiring dues of inactive members. As a result, I decided against activating the membership, and had no further contact with the Texas Bar until applying for membership in the Maine Bar in 2001. After disclosing my Texas inactive status on the Maine Bar application, the Texas bar reported a dues delinquency to the Maine bar examiners. Now, the Maine Board has informed me that it will not issue a license to practice to me until my resignation from the Texas Bar is cleared up.

While I still maintain that it is unjust to require me to pay back dues in order to resign from the Texas Bar under these circumstances, because of the position of the Maine Board, I am unable to make a living without doing so. Please send a current statement of

the dues owed without delay. Also, someone in your office mentioned a procedure for petitioning for a refund of dues that might be available in my situation. Also, please send the details for filing such a petition.

Also, please advise if there is anything else required to resign from the Texas Bar.

Sincerely,



Bradford C. Vassey

Copy to Maine Board of Bar Examiners

Bradford C. Vassey  
HC 35, Box 166m  
South Gouldsboro, Maine 04607  
February 13, 2001

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to Me Bar Examiners  
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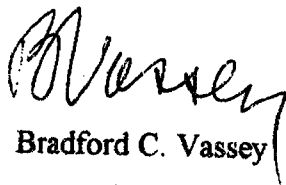
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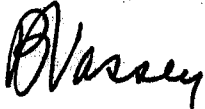
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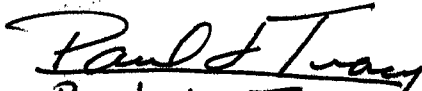
**AFFADAVIT**

I, Bradford C. Vassey, solemnly swear that I have surrendered all Bar Cards, all Law Licenses, and all certiciates issued to me by the Supreme Court of Texas.



Bradford C. Vassey

Sworn and signed before me this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2002 at Gouldsboro Maine.

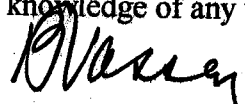


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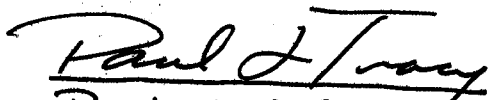
I, Bradford C. Vassey, do on this 29th day of March 2002 resign as a member of the Texas Bar.

The purpose of my resignation is not to avoid disciplinary action and I have no knowledge of any unresolved allegations of professional misconduct.



Bradford C. Vassey

Signed before me this 29 day of March 2002 at Gouldsboro, Maine



Paul L. Traub  
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