

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc Docket No. 97- 9026

Appointment of a District Judge to Preside
in a State Bar Disciplinary Action

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby appoints the Honorable Tryon D. Lewis, Judge of the 161st District Court of Ector County, Texas, to preside in the Disciplinary Action styled:


The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Sam Jackson Legate

to be filed in a District Court of El Paso County, Texas.

The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall promptly forward to the District Clerk of El Paso County, Texas, a copy of this Order and of the Disciplinary Petition for filing and service pursuant to Rule 3.03, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

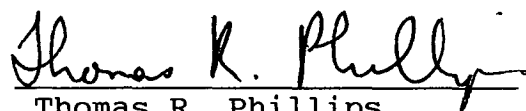
As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

with the Seal thereof affixed at the City
of Austin, this 29th day of January, 1997.


JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

This assignment, made by Misc. Docket No. 97-9026, is also an assignment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Texas Government Code §74.057.

Signed this 27 day of January, 1997.


Thomas R. Phillips
Chief Justice

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COMMISSION FOR LAWYER
DISCIPLINE

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

V.

EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS

SAM JACKSON LEGATE

___TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISCIPLINARY PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Comes now, Petitioner, COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, a committee of the State Bar of Texas, complaining of Respondent, SAM JACKSON LEGATE, and in support thereof would respectfully show the Court the following:

Parties

Petitioner is the COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, a committee of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent, SAM JACKSON LEGATE, is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent is a resident of El Paso County, Texas and no service is necessary at this time.

Venue

Respondent's principal place of law practice is in El Paso County, Texas. Accordingly, pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 3.03, venue is proper in El Paso County, Texas.

I.

Petitioner brings this disciplinary action pursuant to State Bar Act, Tex. Gov't. Code Ann., Sec. 81.001, et seq. (Vernon 1988), the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct and the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The complaint which form the basis of this action was filed on or about September 17, 1995. The acts and conduct of Respondent, as hereinafter alleged, constitute professional misconduct.

II.

Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent placed a listing for "Discount Legal Services" in the 1995, 1996, El Paso Southwestern Bell Yellow Pages. Such listing constitutes advertising under a "trade name."

III.

The conduct of Respondent described above constitutes a violation of Texas Disciplinary Rule of Professional Conduct 7.01(a) and 7.01(e) (formerly 7.04(a)).

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that a judgment of professional misconduct be entered against Respondent imposing an appropriate sanction as the facts shall warrant and that Petitioner have such other relief to which it is entitled, including costs of court and attorney's fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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JOHN J. RIVAS
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December 3, 1996

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

RE: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Sam Jackson Legate; In the District Courts
of El Paso County, Texas

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 Sam Jackson Legate. Mr. Legate has designated Bexar County 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 practices 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:

Sam Jackson Legate
BY AND THROUGH HIS ATTORNEY OF RECORD
Jim Darnell
310 N. Mesa, Ste. 212
El Paso, Texas 79901

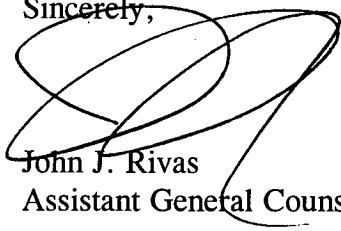
As a practical matter, I would respectfully suggest that you inquire with the judge to be appointed as to whether he or she will be able to comply with the 180 day deadline by which the case must be set for trial as set forth in Section 3.07 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. If not, I would 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 and the filing fee check, also enclosed herewith, and the Court's appointing order to the District Clerk of El Paso County, Texas, with the request that the suit be filed, service be obtained, and a filemarked copy of the petition returned to the undersigned.

Also enclosed are a pre-addressed envelope for your use in transmitting the petition, etc., to the District Clerk of El Paso County, Texas and a return envelope to be sent to the District Clerk of El Paso County, Texas, for the Clerk's use in returning a filemarked copy of the petition to the undersigned.

Thank you for your courtesies in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Rivas". The signature is stylized with overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John J. Rivas
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

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February 4, 1997

Honorable Tryon D. Lewis
Judge, 161st District Court
331 Courthouse
300 N. Grant Avenue
Odessa, Texas 79761

Dear Judge Lewis:

We enclose for your information a copy of the order of assignment, a copy of the Disciplinary Action, a copy of the notification letter to Mr. Rivas and Mr. Legate, and a copy of the letter to the District Clerk of El Paso County.

It is recommended that, a month or six weeks after receipt of this letter, you or your coordinator contact the District Court Administrative Office (915-546-2143) to find out the district court to which this disciplinary case has been assigned, names and addresses of counsel, etc. We then recommend that, either before or immediately after you set the case for trial, you contact the Presiding Judge of the Administrative Judicial Region into which you have been assigned (915-546-8135) to reserve a courtroom, obtain a court reporter, obtain claims forms for your expenses incident to presiding over this disciplinary case.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk



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February 4, 1997

The Honorable Edie Rubalcaba
District Clerk of El Paso County
500 East San Antonio Avenue, Room 103
El Paso, Texas 79901-2496

Dear Mr. Rubalcaba:

Pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, I am sending for filing State Bar of Texas Disciplinary Action styled: The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Sam Jackson Legate, and a copy of the Supreme Court's order appointing the Honorable Tryon D. Lewis, Judge of the 161st District Court, Odessa, Texas, to preside in this Disciplinary Action.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

cc: Hon. Tryon D. Lewis
Mr. Sam Jackson Legate
Mr. John J. Rivas



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El Paso, Texas 79901

Dear Mr. Rivas and Mr. Legate:

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 Tryon D. Lewis, Judge of the 161st District Court, Odessa, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Sam Jackson Legate

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk