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No. _____

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE)	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
)	
V.)	BEXAR COUNTY, T E X A S
)	
RONALD J. SHAW)	___TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

ORIGINAL DISCIPLINARY PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

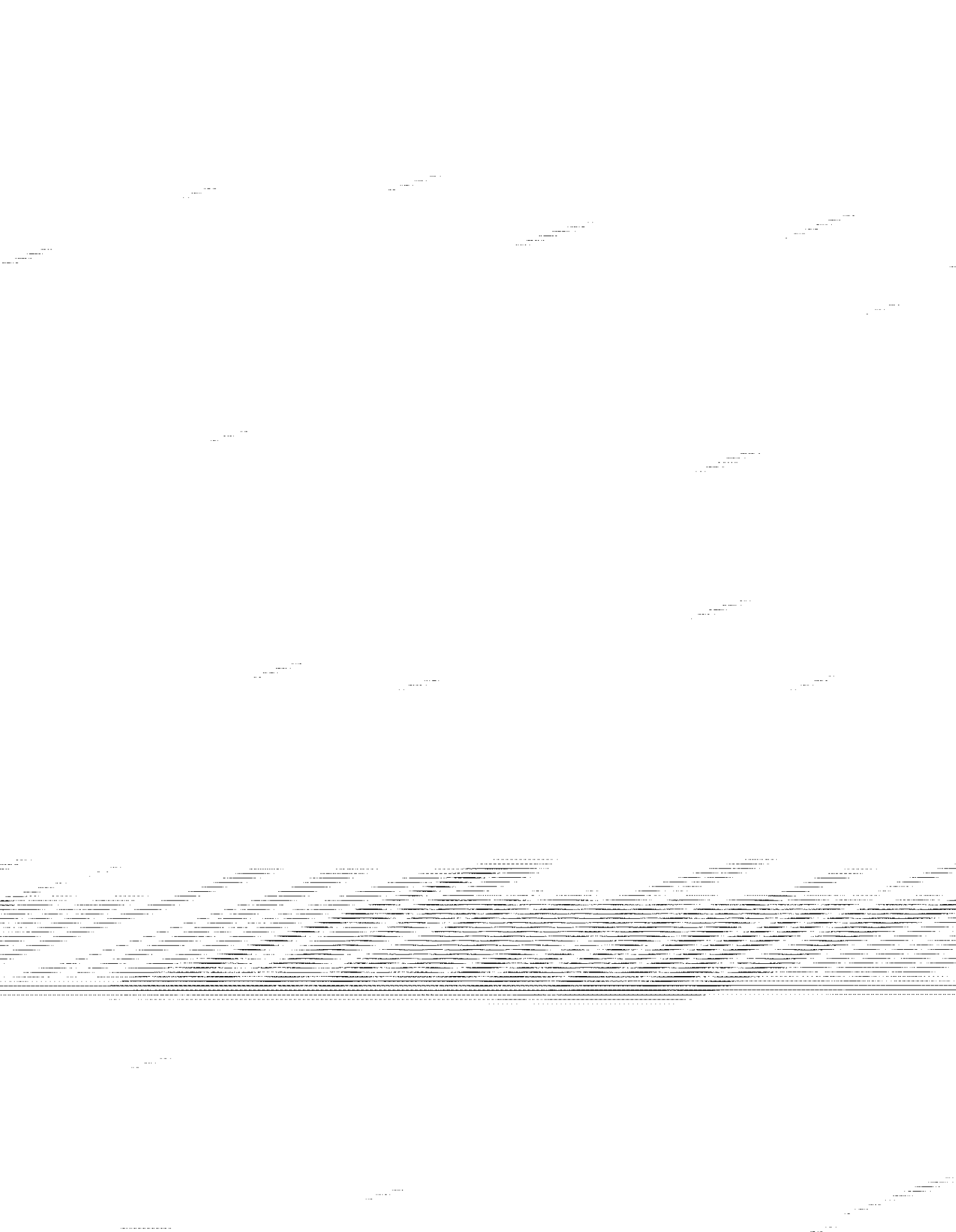
Comes now, Petitioner, COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, a committee of the State Bar of Texas, complaining of Respondent, RONALD J. SHAW, and in support thereof would respectfully show the Court the following:

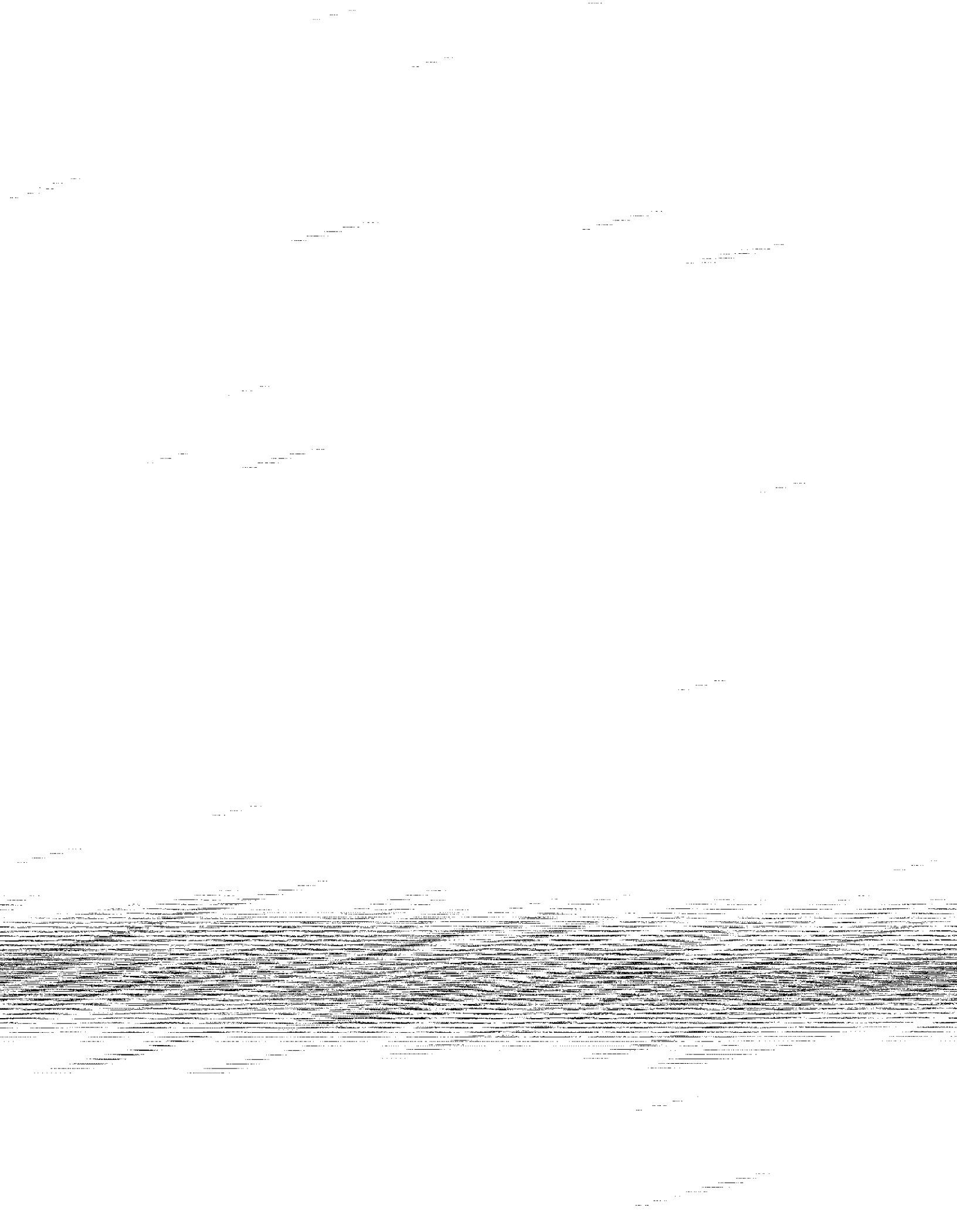
Parties

Petitioner is the COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, a committee of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent, RONALD J. SHAW, State Bar Number 18152300, was, at the time the following alleged acts of professional misconduct occurred, an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent maintains his principal law practice and resides in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas and may be served with process at _____

Venue

At the time the alleged professional misconduct occurred, Respondent maintained a law office in San Antonio, Bexar County, Texas. The alleged professional misconduct occurred in whole or in part in Bexar County, Texas. Accordingly, pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 3.03, venue is proper in Bexar County, Texas.





VI.

In addition to the \$489,290.26 held in trust by Respondent, Sidney Armstrong had entrusted Respondent with \$9,000.00 of his personal funds. Upon the January 10, 1998 demand, Respondent failed to account for the \$9,000.00 and failed to return the funds to Sidney Armstrong. Upon information and belief, Respondent has stolen Sidney Armstrong's funds.

VII.

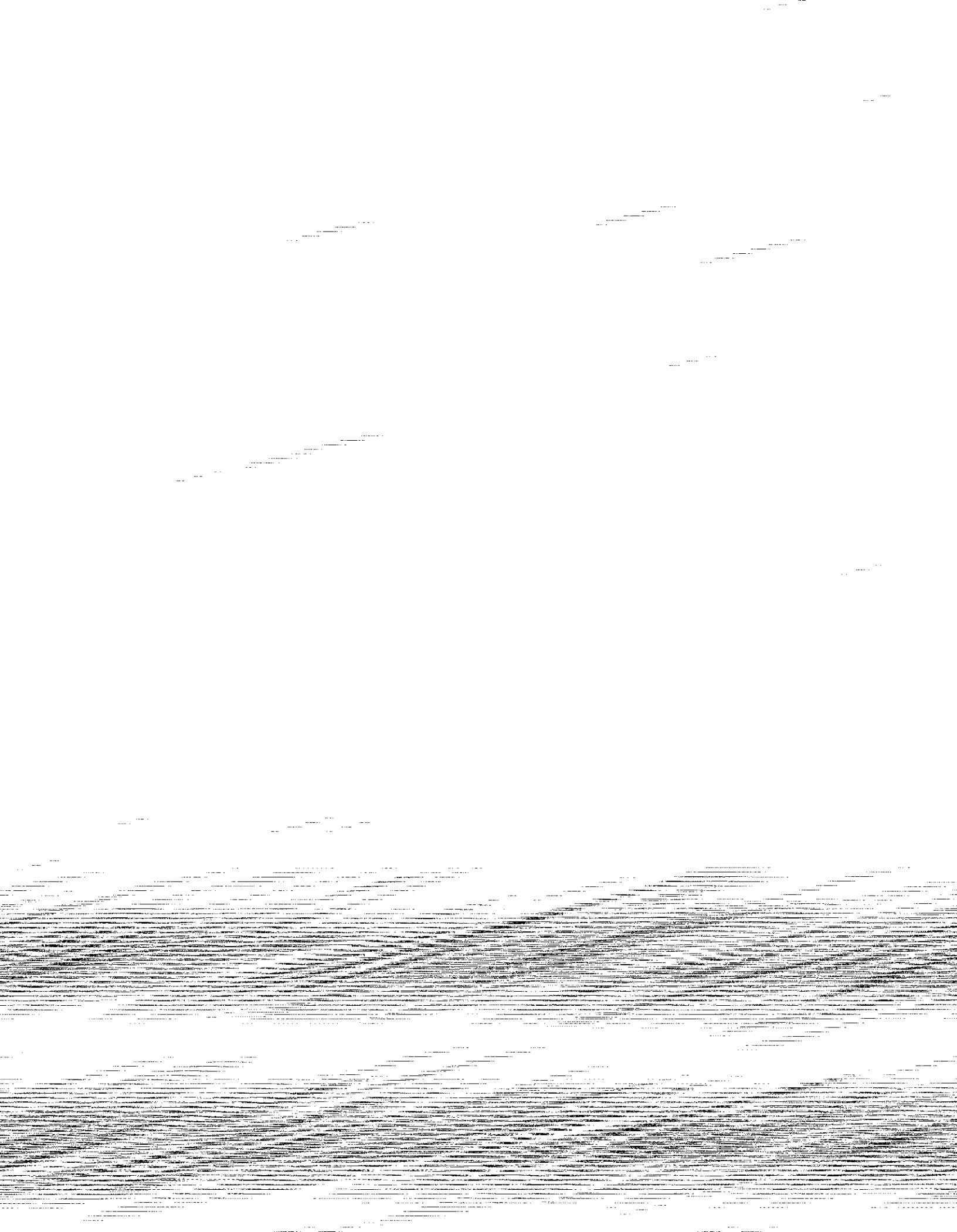
In addition to the funds entrusted to Respondent, Respondent and Sidney Armstrong were partners in a real estate venture. The real estate consisted of rental property located at [REDACTED]. Upon the advice of Respondent, Sidney Armstrong invested his personal funds with Respondent to purchase the real estate in the name of Real Property Investment Co. By agreement, Respondent and Sidney Armstrong were to be equal owners of the real estate and share equally in the rent profits. Respondent has failed to account for the rental income and has transferred ownership of this property to Garreth Shaw without the permission of Sidney Armstrong.

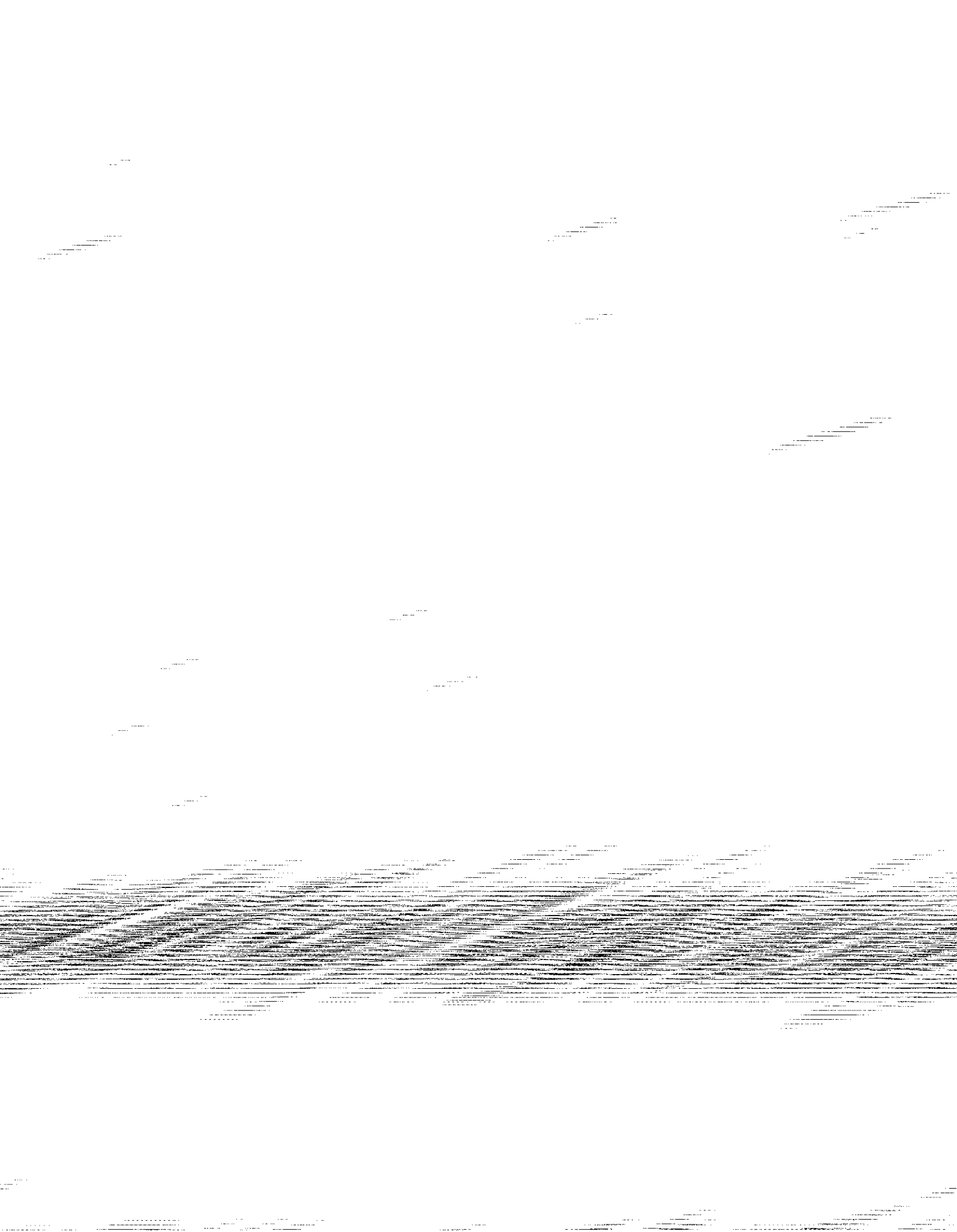
VIII.

In relation to the representation of the Armstrongs and Alice Roofing & Sheet Metal Works, Inc., the conduct of Respondent described above constitutes violations of the following Disciplinary Rules:

Rule 1.03(a) -- A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rule 1.03(b) -- A lawyer shall explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation.





STATE BAR OF TEXAS



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September 29, 1998

John T. Adams, Clerk
Supreme Court of Texas
P.O. Box 12248
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RE: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Ronald J. Shaw

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of a Disciplinary Petition being filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline against Ronald J. Shaw. Mr. Shaw 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 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:

Ronald J. Shaw
[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 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 three (3) copies of the Disciplinary Petition, the filing fee check, also enclosed herewith, and the Court's appointing order to the District Clerk of Bexar County, Texas, with the request that the suit be filed, service





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Mr. Ronald J. Shaw
[REDACTED]
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Dear Mr. Ehler and Mr. Shaw:

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 Edwin V. King, Judge of the Criminal District Court No. 2, Dallas, Texas to preside in each of the three disciplinary actions styled:

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Ronald J. Shaw

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

