ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS Misc Docket No. 99- 9154

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

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby appoints the Honorable Pat Boone, Judge of the 57th District Court of Bexar County, Texas, to preside in the Disciplinary Action styled:

The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Harold J. Eisenman

filed as No. 95-CV0750 in the 212th District Court of Galveston County, Texas.

The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall promptly forward to the District Clerk of Galveston County, Texas, a copy of this Order for filing 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 30th day of August, 1999.

JOHN **)**. ADAMS, CLERK SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS This assignment, made by Misc. Docket No. 99-9154, is also an assignment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Texas Government Code §74.057.

Signed this 3 day of August, 1999.

Thomas R. Phillips

Chief Justice

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July 12, 1999

Mr. Brian Plotts Office of the General Counsel State Bar of Texas P. O. Box 12487 Austin, Texas 78711

Re:

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Harold Eisenman; in the 212th District

Court of Galveston County

Dear Mr. Plotts:

I am enclosing our Objection to Judge Homer Salinas. The Objection is self-effectuating. An Objection to a visiting judge is automatic and requires no hearing.

Salinas was judge of the 92nd District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas. While this case was on appeal, Salinas was beaten in the Democratic Primary by Edward Aparicio. Please request that the Supreme Court appoint a replacement judge.

Please let me know if you need any further information in order to make this request to the Supreme Court.

urt G. Paxson

KGP/jjv

Enclosure

NO. 95-CV0750

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

Petitioner,

V.

GALVETON COUNTY, TEXAS

HAROLD J. EISENMAN

212TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Respondent.

OBJECTION TO JUDGE

COMES NOW the Petitioner and would object to Judge Homer Salinas and would show as follows:

I.

Rule 3.02 of the Rules of Disciplinary Procedure requires the appointment of an "active district judge." Although Homer Salinas was an active district judge at the time of his appointment, he is now a former or retired district judge as those terms are defined by the Texas Government Code.

II.

Petitioner objects to Homer Salinas and would request the Supreme Court appoint a replacement judge.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that this matter be set down for a hearing, with notice to all parties, and upon due consideration, Petitioner's objection be sustained and that the Texas Supreme Court appoint a replacement judge.

Respectfully submitted,

KURT G. PAXSON

Special Assistant Disciplinary

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THE STATE OF TEXAS)	
)	<u>VERIFICATION</u>
COUNTY OF EL PASO.)	

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, on this day personally appeared Kurt G. Paxson, who, being by me duly sworn on his oath, deposed and said that he is the attorney of record for the Petitioner, that he has prepared and read the above and foregoing Objection to Judge, and that every factual statement made therein is within his personal knowledge and is true and correct.

Kurt G. Paxson

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me on this 18th day of June, 1999, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

JOSEFINA J. VASQUEZ
NOTARY PUBLIC
In and for the State of Texas
My commission expires
March 23, 2003

Notary Rublis in and for The State of Texas

The State of Texas

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing instrument was transmitted, via facsimile, (713) 225-2298, to Alan J. Winters, M.D., J.D., 4140 Bank of America Center, 700 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 770 2, op mis day of June, 1999.

urt G. Paxson

STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

July 28, 1999

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Harold Eisenman; in the 212th District Court of Galveston County.

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed is a letter from Special Assistant Disciplinary Counsel Kurt G. Paxson and a copy of the *Objection To Judge* filed in the above referenced case. Therefore, we respectfully request that a new judge be appointed to this case.

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 new trial judge has been appointed, please forward the Court's appointing order to the General Counsel's office of the State Bar of Texas.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely.

Brian Plotts

Assistant General Counsel

BLP/lac Enclosures

cc: Kurt G. Paxson

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Mr. Brian Plotts Assistant General Counsel, State Bar of Texas P.O. Box 12487, Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711-2487

Mr. Harold J. Eisenman 1900 West Loop South, Suite 1420 Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Plotts and Mr. Eisenman:

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 Pat Boone. Judge of the 57th District Court, San Antonio, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Harold J. Eisenman

Sincerely,

John T. Adams Clerk



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The Honorable Evelyn Wells Robison District Clerk of Galveston County 722 Moody Avenue Galveston, Texas 77550

Dear Ms. Robison:

Pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, I am sending for filing a copy of the Supreme Court's order appointing the Honorable Pat Boone, Judge of the 57th District Court. San Antonio, Texas, to preside in 95-CV0750, *The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Harold J. Eisenman*, in the 212th District Court of Galveston County, Texas.

Sincerely,

John T. Adams Clerk

cc:

Hon. Pat Boone Mr. Brian Plotts

Mr. Harold J. Eisenman



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Honorable Pat Boone Judge, 57th District Court 100 Dolorosa Street, #410 San Antonio, Texas 78205

Dear Judge Boone:

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. Eisenman and Mr. Plotts, and a copy of the letter to the District Clerk of Galveston County.

We then recommend that, four or five weeks after receipt of this letter, you or your coordinator contact the presiding judge or the District Clerk of Galveston County to find out the district court to which this disciplinary case has been assigned. We then recommend that, either before or immediately after you set the date for trial, the judge or coordinator of that court be contacted to reserve a courtroom, provide for a court reporter, etc. Finally, you should contact the Presiding Judge of the Administrative Judicial Region into which you have been assigned (713-655-2700) to obtain information on lodging, allowable expenses, and claims forms for your expenses incident to presiding over this disciplinary case.

Sincerely,

John T. Adams Clerk