



## STATE BAR OF TEXAS



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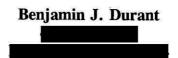
March 11, 1996

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

RE: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Benjamin J. Durant

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 Benjamin J. Durant. Mr. Durant is a resident of Harris County, Texas. 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:



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 stamped copy of the petition be returned to the undersigned.

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

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COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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VS.	§	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS
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BENJAMIN J. DURANT	8	JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO.

## **DISCIPLINARY PETITION**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

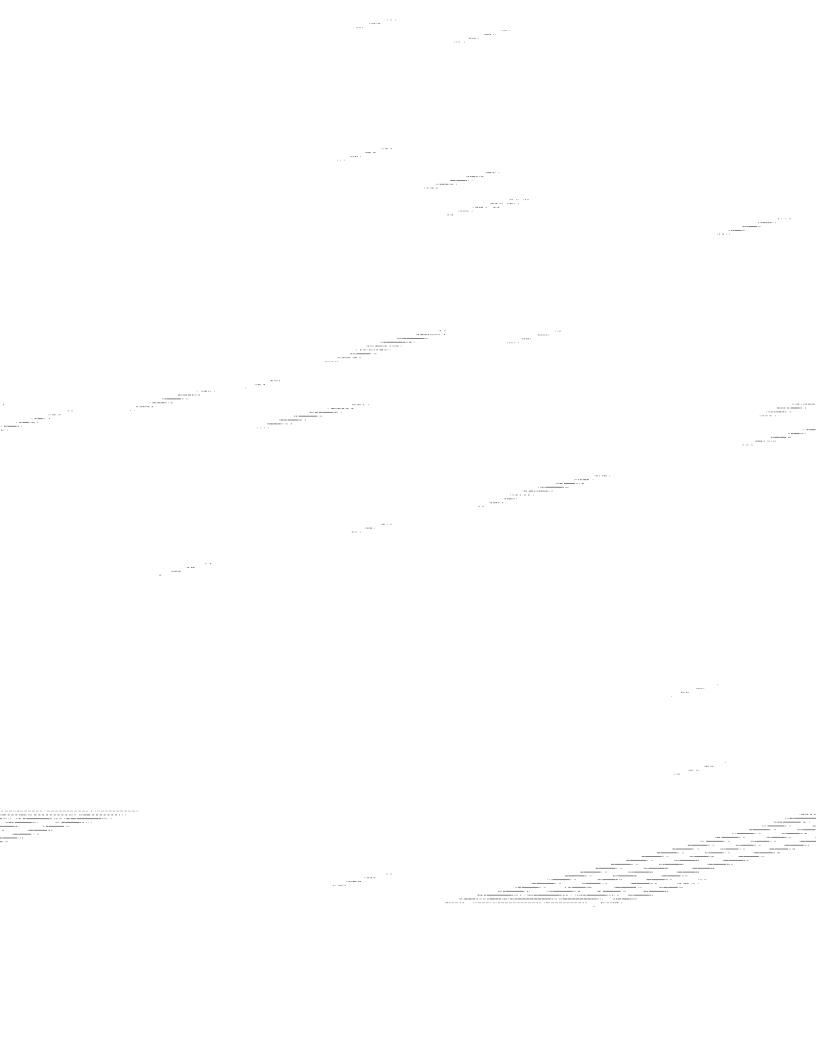
COMES NOW Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, a committee of the State Bar of Texas (hereinafter called "Petitioner"), complaining of Respondent, Benjamin J. Durant (hereinafter called "Respondent"), showing the Court:

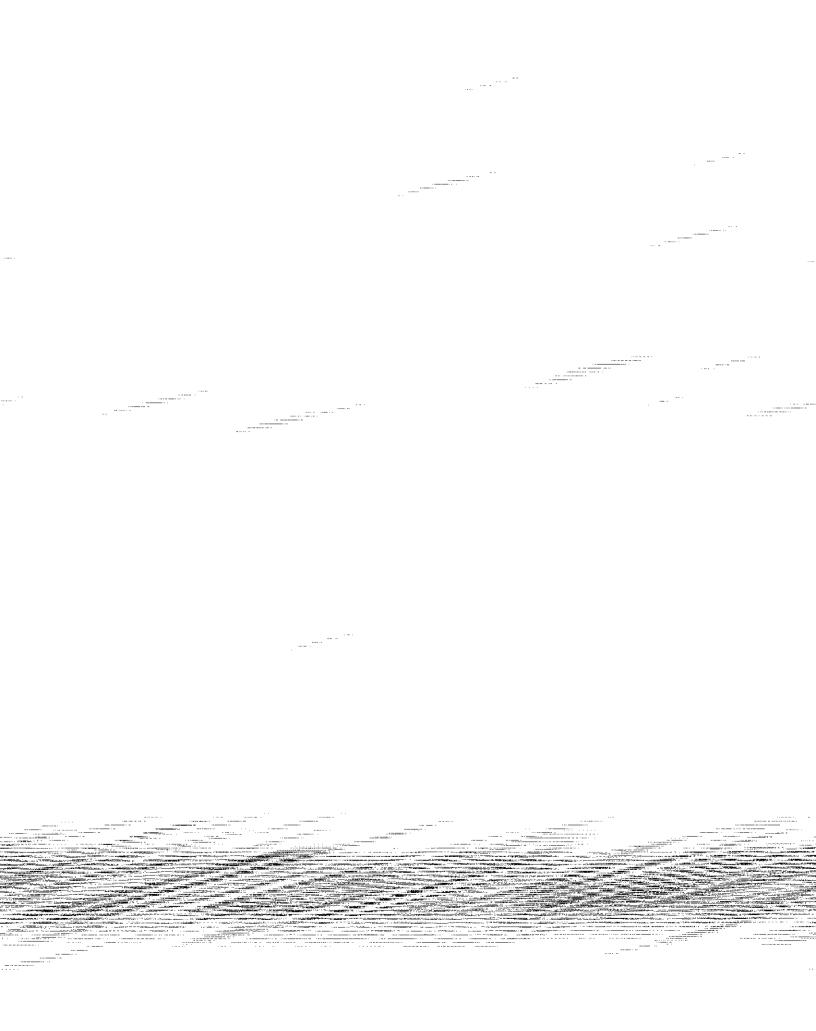
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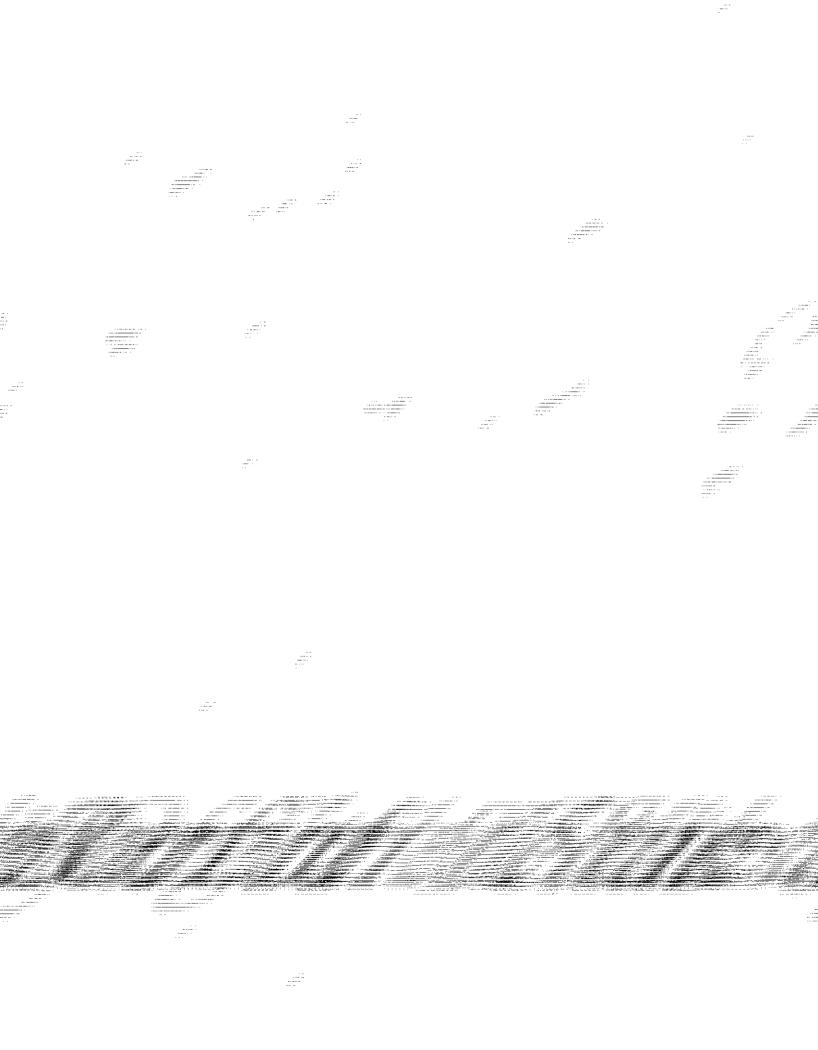
Petitioner brings this disciplinary action pursuant to the State Bar Act, Tex. Gov't. Code Ann. §81.001, et seq. (Vernon 1988), the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, and the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The complaint which forms the basis of the Disciplinary Petition was filed after May 1, 1992.

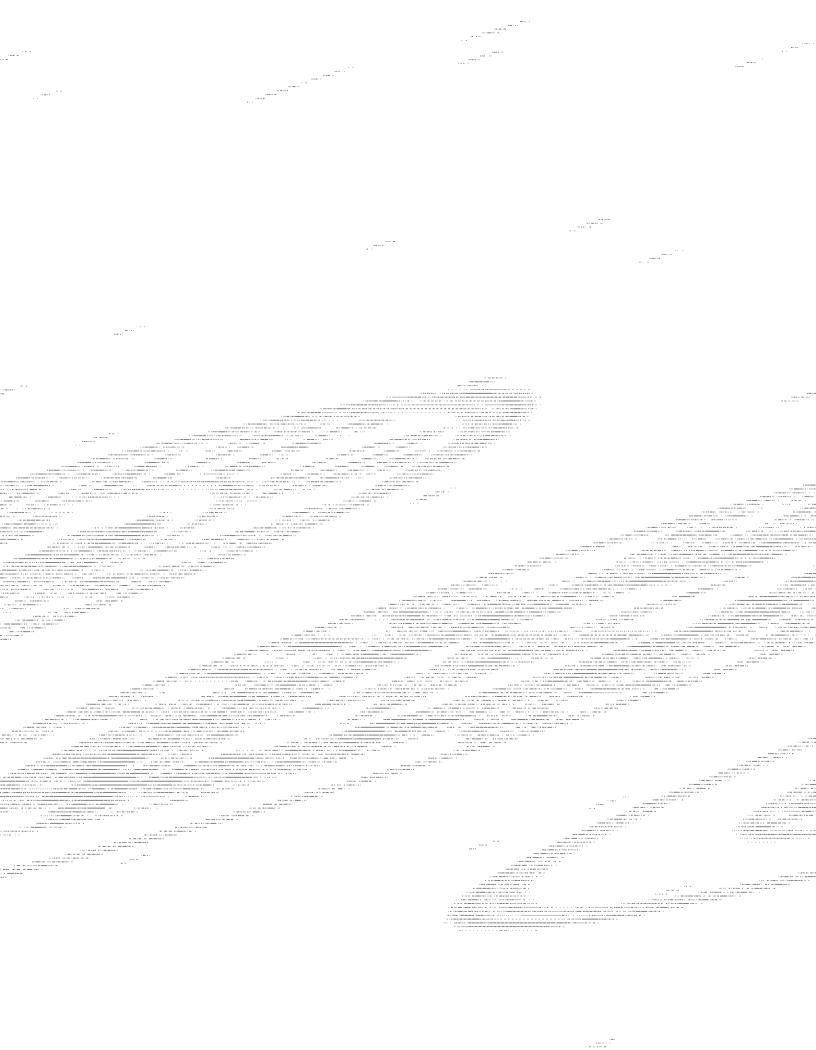
II.

Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent is a resident of and has his principal place of practice in Harris County, Texas. An officer may serve citation on Respondent at









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## THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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Mr. James M. McCormack General Counsel, State Bar of Texas P.O. Box 12487 Austin, Texas 78711

Mr. Benjamin J. Durant



Dear Mr. McCormack and Mr. Durant:

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 Alvin G. Khoury, Judge of the 124th District Court, Longview, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Benjamin J. Durant

Sincerely,

CIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk