

pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. An officer may serve citation on Respondent, George O. Jacobs, at

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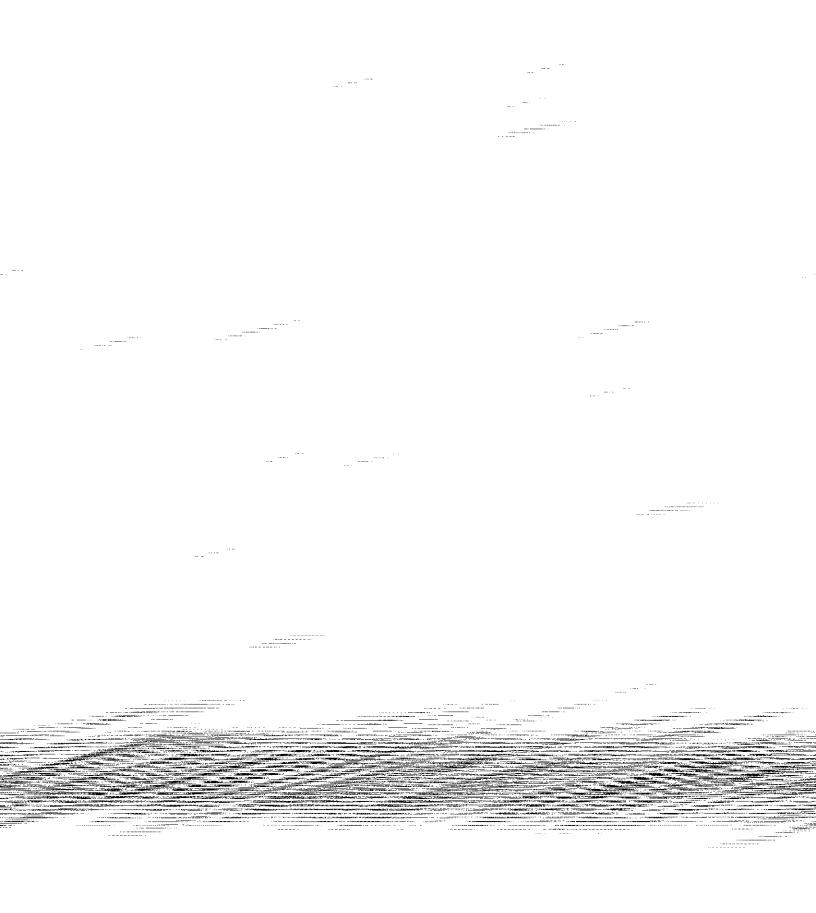
Respondent was retained in or around May 1993 to represent Sidney A. Abel, (hereinafter referred to as "Complainant"), in a divorce matter. Respondent was paid Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), and entered into an oral contingency fee agreement with Complainant to receive a percentage of the final property settlement resulting from the divorce. The final divorce decree included that the Defendant pay Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to Respondent as attorney's fees. Respondent failed to properly advise his client of the normally expected fees and expenses incurred in an uncontested divorce matter. Respondent failed to explain the divorce process and laws to his client sufficiently so that she could make an informed decision concerning the details of the property settlement and other items of personal interest.

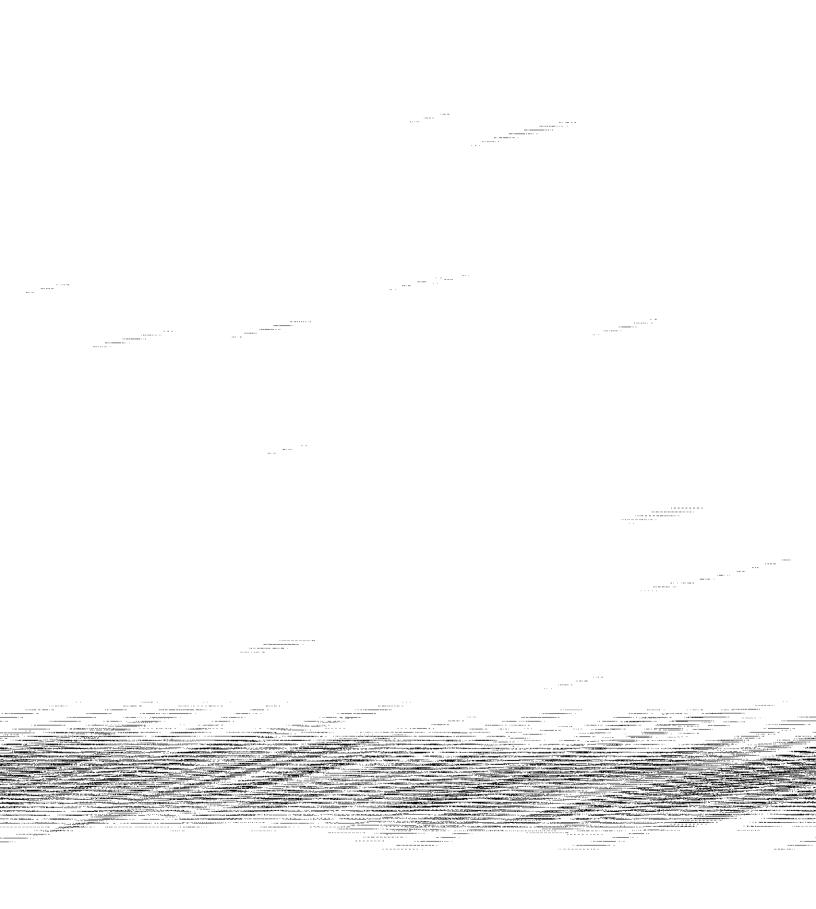
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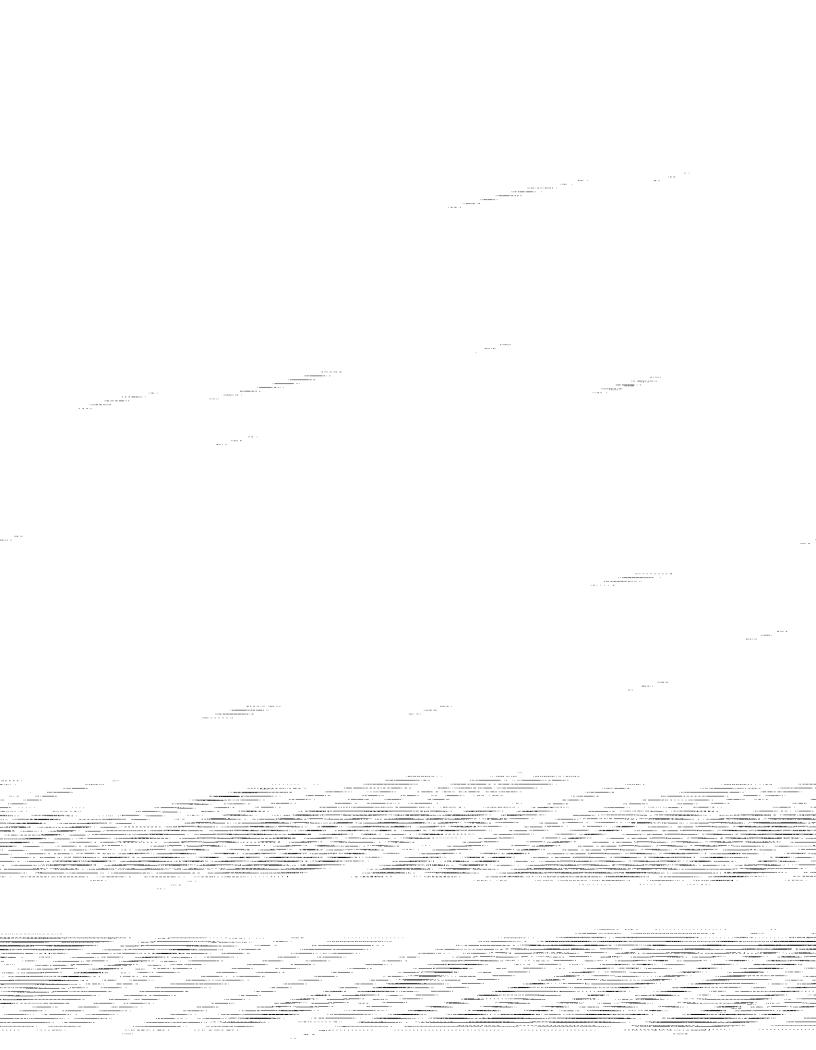
The final divorce decree was signed on February 18, 1994, and Respondent agreed to accept payments from the Defendant in resolving the property settlement matter. Respondent failed to maintain accurate accounting records of funds received and disbursed. Respondent could not provide an accounting when a fee dispute arose with Complainant.

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Respondent has made partial disbursements to Complainant, payable from a bank account other than the Respondent's proper IOLTA trust account. Respondent failed to promptly notify







STATE BAR OF TEXAS



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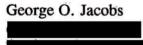
December 15, 1997

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. George O. Jacobs

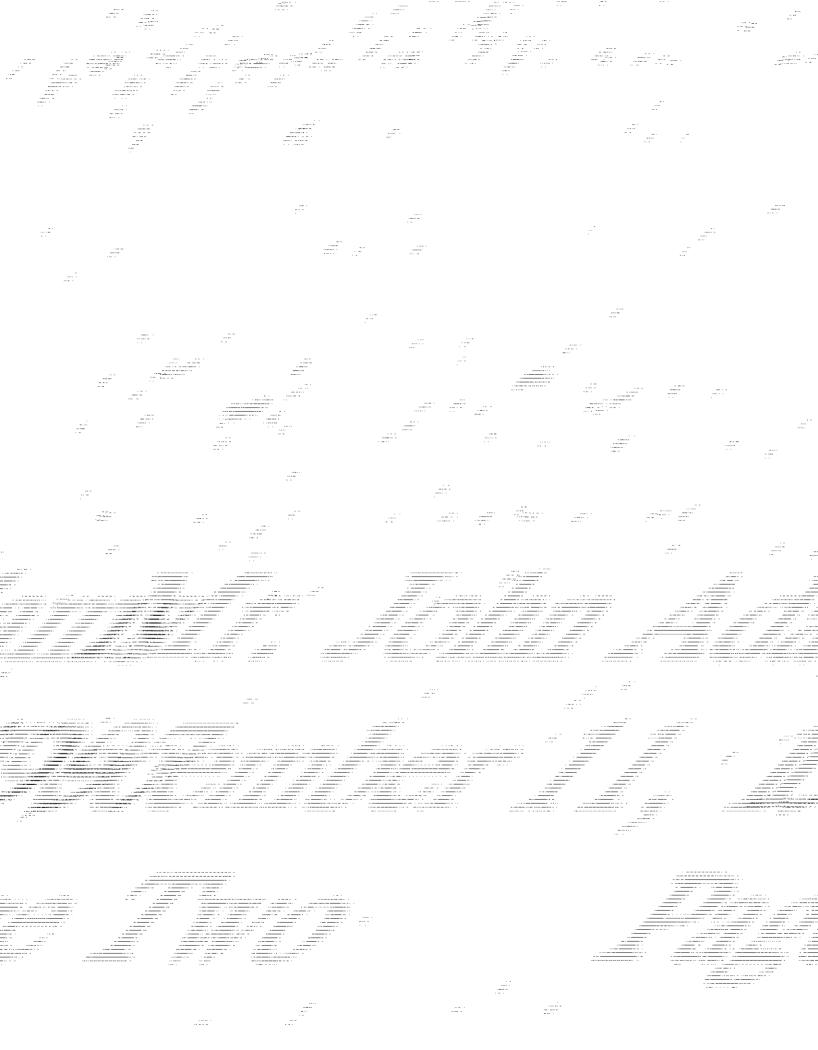
Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed please find an original and two (2) copies of a Disciplinary Petition being filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline against George O. Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs has designated Fort Bend County, Texas, 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:



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 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 Fort Bend County, Texas, with the request that the suit be filed, service be obtained, and a file-marked copy of the petition be returned to the undersigned.





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February 6, 1998

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Mr. George O. Jacobs

Dear Mr. Paredes and Mr. Jacobs:

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 Adolph Canales, Judge of the 298th District Court, Dallas, Texas to preside in

- Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. George O. Jacobs

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk



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