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COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
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V.	§	ECTOR COUNTY, TEXAS
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BENNY J. LOWE	§	JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO.

## **DISCIPLINARY PETITION**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

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COMES NOW Petitioner, the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, a committee of the State Bar of Texas (hereinafter called "Petitioner"), complaining of Respondent, Benny J. Lowe (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 on or after May 1, 1992.

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

## FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

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In or about February, 1996 Respondent was retained by Yvonne Marie Morris to represent her in matters related to the suspension of her drivers license. Respondent required Ms. Morris to pay to him the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) in addition to other fees which sum was

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## STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

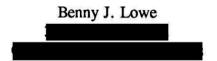
April 21, 1998

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Benny J. Lowe

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 Benny J. Lowe. Mr. Lowe has designated Ector 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 Ector 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.



## THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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Mr. Benny J. Lowe



Dear Mr. Molleston and Mr. Lowe:

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 Andy Kupper, Judge of the 286th District Court, Morton, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Benny J. Lowe

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk

