

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 00-**9166**

Appointment of a District Judge to Rule on a Motion
to Recuse filed in a State Bar Disciplinary Action

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby appoints the Honorable Mary Ann Bramlett, Judge of the 41st District Court of El Paso County, Texas, to preside in the Disciplinary Action styled:

The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Paul Kobbe Williams

to be filed in a District Court of Midland County, Texas.

The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall promptly forward to the District Clerk of Midland County, Texas, a copy of the Disciplinary Petition and this Order for filing and service pursuant to Rule 3.03, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

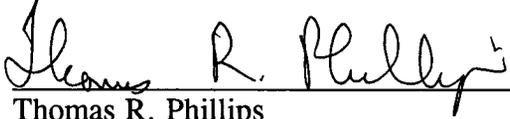
As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

With the Seal thereof affixed at the City
Of Austin, this 16th day of November, 2000.


JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

This assignment, made by Misc. Docket No. 00-9166, is also an assignment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Texas Government Code §74.057.

Signed this 7 day of November, 2000.



Thomas R. Phillips
Chief Justice

NO. _____

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
V.	§	MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS
PAUL KOBBE WILLIAMS	§	_____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

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, Paul Kobbe Williams (hereinafter called "Respondent"), showing the Court:

I.

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 September 24, 1998.

II.

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, Midland County, Texas. Citation may be served on Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, at 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 1125, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79701-4736.

CAUSE OF ACTION ARISING FROM PATTERSON COMPLAINT

III.

A. On or about March 18, 1996, Paul Kobbe Williams ("Respondent") agreed to represent Elizabeth Patterson ("Complainant") for a personal injury claim resulting from a 1996 motor vehicle accident. During the course of the representation, Respondent referred the case to another attorney, but failed to consult with or obtain the consent of Complainant. The attorney, who accepted the referral from Respondent, referred the case to a third attorney, with the Respondent's knowledge, but without the knowledge or consent of Complainant. Complainant continued to rely on Respondent as Complainant's attorney, directing all inquiries to Respondent.

In addition, Respondent represented to Complainant that her lawsuit had been filed, when Respondent knew or should have known the case had not been filed as represented. Respondent neglected the matter entrusted to him by Complainant and knowingly misrepresented to the client the status of the Complainant's case.

The foregoing acts and/or omissions on the part of Respondent occurred on or after January 1, 1990, and constitute conduct violative of Rules 1.01(a)(b)(1); 1.03(a)(b) and 8.04(a)(1)(3) of the Texas Rules of Professional Conduct.

IV.

The complaint which forms the basis of the cause of action hereinabove set forth was brought to the attention of the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas by a complaint filed on or about September 24, 1998 by Elizabeth Patterson.

PRAYER

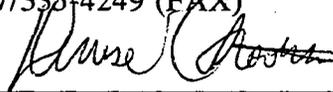
WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays for judgment that Respondent be disciplined as the facts shall warrant; and that Petitioner have such other relief to which entitled, including costs of Court and attorney's fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief Disciplinary Counsel

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STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

August 17, 2000

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Paul Kobbe Williams

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 Paul Kobbe Williams. Mr. Williams is a resident of Midland 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 hereby made that you notify the Respondent at the address shown below and the undersigned of the identity and address of the judge assigned:

200 N. Loraine Street
Suite 1125
Midland, Texas 79701-4736

As a practical matter, I would respectfully suggest that you inquire with the judge to be appointed whether he or she will be able to comply with the 180 day deadline by which the case must be set for trial pursuant to 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 Midland 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. Further, please provide the undersigned a copy of the Court's appointing order in the pre-addressed envelope enclosed.

John T. Adams, Clerk
August 17, 2000
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Also enclosed is a pre-addressed envelope for your use in transmitting the petition, etc., to the District Clerk of Midland County, Texas, and a return envelope to be sent to the District Clerk of Midland County, Texas, for the Clerk's use in returning a filemarked copy of the petition to the undersigned.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise C. Stooksberry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Denise C. Stooksberry
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The Supreme Court of Texas

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Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Mr. Paul Kobbe Williams
c/o Paul Higdon
203 West Wall Street, Suite 1107
Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Ms. Stooksberry and Mr. Williams:

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 Mary Anne Bramlett, Judge of the 41st District Court, El Paso, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Paul Kobbe Williams

Sincerely,


John T. Adams
Clerk



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The Honorable Vivian Wood
District Clerk of Midland County
200 W. Wall Street
Midland, Texas 79701

Dear Ms. Wood:

Pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, I am sending for filing State Bar of Texas Disciplinary Action styled: *The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Paul Kobbe Williams*, and a copy of the Supreme Court's order appointing the Honorable Mary Ann Bramlett, Judge of the 41st District Court, El Paso, Texas, to preside in this Disciplinary Action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John T. Adams".

John T. Adams
Clerk

cc: Honorable Mary Ann Bramlett
Ms. Denise S. Stooksberry
Mr. Paul Kobbe Williams



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Honorable Mary Ann Bramlett
Judge, 41st District Court
1006 Courthouse
500 E. San Antonio
El Paso, Texas 79901-2496

Dear Judge Bramlett:

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. Williams and Ms. Stooksberry, and a copy of the letter to the District Clerk of Midland County.

It is recommended that, four or five weeks after receipt of this letter, you contact the District Clerk of Midland 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 case for trial, you contact the Presiding Judge of the Administrative Judicial Region into which you have been assigned (915-236-6944) to reserve a courtroom, obtain a court reporter, obtain claims forms for your expenses incident to presiding over this disciplinary case.

Sincerely,

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John T. Adams
Clerk