

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 01- 9108

VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OF ATTORNEY
ORDER

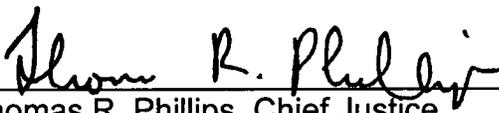
The Court considered the Affidavit of Voluntary Resignation of:

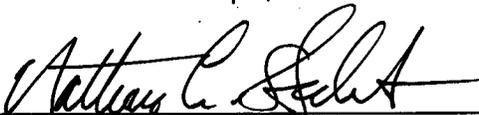
<u>NAME</u>	<u>BAR NUMBER</u>	<u>RESIDENCE</u>
David W. Content	04712200	Friday Harbor, WA

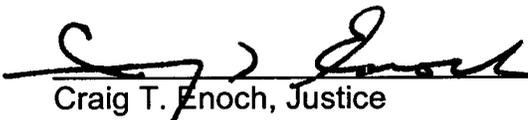
and the Certification of the General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas and concludes it is legally sufficient. Further, the Court has been advised that the resignation is not tendered in lieu of disciplinary action. Consequently, the Court determines that the law license and Bar Card Number of the attorney should be canceled and that the attorney should be dropped from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

July 18, 2001
Date


Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

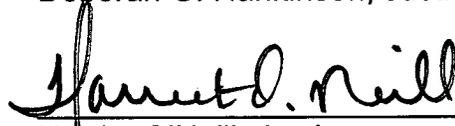

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice


Craig T. Enoch, Justice


Priscilla R. Owen, Justice


James A. Baker, Justice


Deborah G. Hankinson, Justice


Harriet O'Neill, Justice


Wallace B. Jefferson, Justice

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS
CERTIFICATION OF THE GENERAL COUNSEL
OF THE STATE BAR OF TEXAS
REGARDING

DAVID W. CONTENT.
04712200

TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:

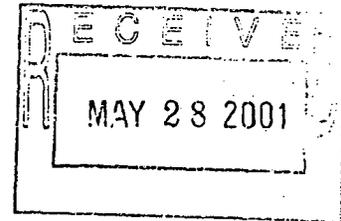
I, Dawn Miller, Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, in accordance with the State Bar Rules, Art. III, Section 6(B), hereby certify that there is currently no disciplinary action pending against David W. Content, nor is David W. Content the subject of an investigation for professional misconduct at this time.

Respectfully submitted,



Dawn Miller
Chief Disciplinary Counsel

David Content
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May 17, 2001

The Honorable Thomas R. Phillips
Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Texas
PO Box 12248
Austin, TX 78711

RE: Record Keeping and the Membership Department—State Bar of Texas

Dear Chief Justice Phillips,

The processes of the administration of the State Bar of Texas Membership Department perplex me.

I became a member of the State Bar of Texas about 1977, however I have never practiced law in Texas. I worked and lived in Seattle, Washington. In 1993 I retired, put my records and possessions in storage, and commenced happily sailing around the world in a walnut shell. I receive postal mail three or four times each year. I continue to be a member in good standing of the Washington State Bar Association and a former partner of the law firm of Perkins Coie in Seattle. On April 17, 2001 the State Bar of Texas Membership Department (Membership Dept.) wrote me a letter sent by certified mail. That letter is the first communication to me from the Membership Dept. in seven years.

My recollection is that in 1994 or 1995 I received a State Bar of Texas dues notice that contained a perfunctory option to select to either become an inactive member or to voluntarily resign, I don't recall which. At that time I knew that I would probably never return to Texas and practice law so I selected that option and returned the dues notice form to the Membership Dept. For the next seven years I received nothing from the Membership Department until the arrival of the letter dated April 17, 2001. This letter, which came into my hand two weeks ago, is purposefully ambiguous about the seven-year communication and record-keeping lapse. The letter threatens that if I do not respond within "fifteen (15) days... your status will be changed to reflect an automatic suspension of your law license for non-payment of fees".

I communicated with the Membership Dept. and it has demanded satisfaction of 5 items to "move forward with a resignation": (1) Payment of \$50; (2) Return bar card; (3) Return law license; (4 & 5) Two notarized affidavits stating resignation is not in lieu of disciplinary action and all bar cards, licenses, and certificates have been turned in.

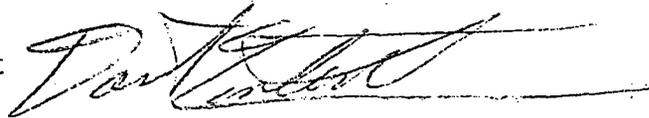
My response is that for seven years I have been under the impression that my membership in the State Bar of Texas was either inactive or voluntarily resigned. The bar card and Texas law license may be in storage, I don't recall. To the best of my

knowledge there are now no and never have been any disciplinary actions against me in any State. Finally, I can see no basis for paying the Membership Dept. \$50.

If State Bar of Texas thinks it necessary, I hereby authorize the Membership Dept. to deem this letter a confirmation of my existing voluntary resignation from the State Bar of Texas. I will have nothing more to say about this matter. In my opinion the management of the Membership Dept. has been negligent in its record keeping and acted in a grossly inappropriate manner in writing and sending to me its rather nasty letter of April 17, 2001. I think the matter reflects quite poorly on the management of the State Bar of Texas.

Sincerely,

David Content



Enc: Letter dated April 17, 2001

E-mail dated May 8, 2001 from Membership Dept.

Cc: State Bar of Texas Membership Department (w/o enc.)