

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS
IN THE MATTER OF
RANDY LEE BULLIS

Misc. Docket No. 94-9058

ORDER

On this day came on for consideration the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Randy Lee Bullis together with the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel. The Court has reviewed said Motion and Response and finds each to be legally sufficient. Based on said Motion and Response, being advised that such resignation is tendered in lieu of disciplinary sanction, and being of the opinion that such resignation is in the public interest and will meet the ends of justice, hereby concludes that the following order is appropriate.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED that the law license of Randy Lee Bullis of El Paso County, Texas, State Bar Card No. 03331500 heretofore issued by this Court on May 26, 1980, be cancelled and his name be dropped and deleted from the list of persons licensed to practice law in the State of Texas.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED that Randy Lee Bullis shall notify each of his current clients of this resignation. In addition to such notification, said Randy Lee Bullis is ORDERED to

return any files, papers, unearned monies and other property belonging to the clients and former clients in his possession to the clients and former clients or to another attorney at the client's or former client's request. Said Randy Lee Bullis is ORDERED to file with the General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P.O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Order, an affidavit stating that all current clients have been notified of his resignation, and that all files, papers, monies, and other property belonging to all clients and former clients have been returned as ordered herein.

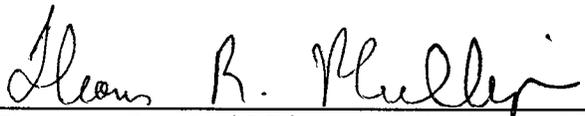
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND DECREED that Randy Lee Bullis shall immediately notify in writing each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every court in which Randy Lee Bullis has any matter pending of this resignation, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s), and the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Randy Lee Bullis is representing in that Court. Said Randy Lee Bullis is ORDERED to file with the General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, P. O. Box 12487, Austin, Texas 78711, within thirty days of the effective date of this Order, an affidavit that he has notified each and every justice of the peace, judge, magistrate, and chief justice of each and every Court in which he has any matter pending of his resignation, the style and cause number of the pending matter(s),

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and the name, address, and telephone number of the client(s) Respondent is representing in that Court.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND DECREED that should Randy Lee Bullis seek reinstatement to the practice of law in the State of Texas, the terms, conditions, and requirements of Part XI, of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure shall be in effect and shall apply to all subsequent proceedings. It is ORDERED that should Randy Lee Bullis seek reinstatement to the practice of law, he must produce written documentation of his compliance with the terms of restitution to the aggrieved parties made the basis of the Motion, and the payment of fees and expenses incurred by the State Bar of Texas in each of the complaints made the basis of the Motion.

By the Court, en banc, in chambers, on this the 26th
day of April, 1994.


Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice


Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

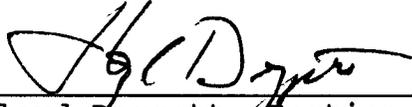

Jack Hightower, Justice

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Nathan L. Hecht, Justice



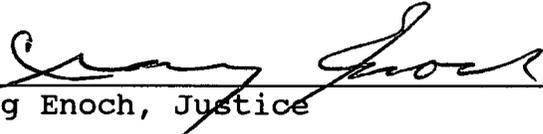
Lloyd Doggett, Justice



John Cornyn, Justice



Bob Gammage, Justice



Craig Enoch, Justice



Rose Spector, Justice

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STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
P 392 536 945**

March 30, 1994

John T. Adams, Clerk
Supreme Court of Texas
201 W. 14th Street, Room 104
Austin, Texas 78701

RE: Randy Lee Bullis, State Bar No. 03331500

Dear Mr. Adams:

Pursuant to Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, please find enclosed herewith the following:

- (1) Original executed Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law for the above-referenced attorney;
- (2) Original and two (2) copies of the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel to Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law for the above referenced attorney;
- (3) The law license of the above-referenced attorney; and
- (4) A proposed Order of Resignation for the above-referenced attorney.

As of this date the attorney has made no attempt to withdraw the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation. Therefore, pursuant to Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the detailed statement of professional misconduct is deemed to have been conclusively established for all purposes.

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I will appreciate you bringing this to the Court's attention.
Please return a fully executed copy of the Order to this office
at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret J. Reades". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Margaret J. Reades
Assistant Chief Disciplinary Counsel
Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel
State Bar of Texas

Enclosures

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS
MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION AS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW

OF

Randy Lee Bullis

NOW COMES your Applicant, Randy Lee Bullis, and hereby resigns as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in the State of Texas; and hereby submits to the Court his resignation as an Attorney and Counselor at Law; and prays that the Court accept said resignation.

I.

Attached hereto is the License issued by this Court to the Applicant, Randy Lee Bullis, as an Attorney and Counselor at Law on May 26, 1980. Said License is hereby surrendered by the Applicant. The Applicant's permanent State Bar Card has been stolen and Applicant is not in possession of a permanent State Bar Card. Applicant further represents that if his permanent State Bar Card is recovered he will immediately surrender it to Supreme Court of the State of Texas.

II.

In connection with such resignation, Applicant acknowledges the following findings of fact:

HAROLD FORDHAM COMPLAINT

(1) Applicant is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

(2) Mr. Fordham hired Applicant in June of 1990 to recover \$27,000.00 in investment monies or to file suit for their loss.

Thereafter, Applicant failed to pursue the case, resulting in the expiration of the Statute of Limitations and the loss of Mr. Fordham's cause of action. In response to Mr. Fordham's request for the status of the case, Applicant made misrepresentations to Mr. Fordham about the work performed on the case and failed to advise Mr. Fordham that the Statute of Limitations had expired.

(3) After Mr. Fordham discovered that his case had actually been neglected by Applicant and that the Statute of Limitations had expired, Applicant offered to pay damages to Mr. Fordham. Applicant gave Mr. Fordham \$1,700.00 in cash, and promised to pay the balance of \$25,800.00 in monthly payments. On January 27, 1993, Applicant prepared and signed a promissory note for the balance.

4) Applicant acknowledges that by his conduct, he has violated Rule 1.01 (b) (1) and (2); and Rule 8.04 (a) (3) of The Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

RAMON R. HUERTA COMPLAINT

(1) Applicant is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

(2) The Committee found no misconduct on the fact case. However, Applicant failed to respond to the Grievance Committee request for information. Applicant was noticed of the allegations and request for information on this matter on September 16, 1993 as per return receipt of certified mail. Pursuant to Rule 2.09 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, Applicant failed to furnish a written response to the allegations within thirty (30) days.

(3) Applicant acknowledges that by his conduct he has violated Rule 8.01 (b) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

(4) The Committee found that Applicant's practice of law posed a substantial threat of irreparable harm to clients, requiring an interim suspension.

VICTORIA BILLS COMPLAINT

(1) Applicant is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

(2) In January, 1990, Mrs. Bills hired U.S. Acceptance Collections, a child support collection firm, to handle collection of child support garnishment. Applicant was employed as a contract attorney for U.S. Acceptance Collections and was assigned Mrs. Bills' case. Applicant failed to do anything in the matter, and failed to keep Mrs. Bills informed of the status of the matter, or promptly comply with her requests for information.

(3) The Committee found that Applicant failed to respond to the Grievance Committee request for information. Applicant was noticed of the allegations and request for information on this matter on September 16, 1993 as per return receipt of certified mail. Pursuant to Rule 2.09 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, Applicant failed to furnish a written response to the allegations within thirty (30) days.

(4) Applicant acknowledges that by his conduct he has violated Rule 8.01 (b) and Rule 1.03 (a); of The Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

MIGUEL AND LOURDES MEDRANO COMPLAINT

(1) Applicant is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

(2) Mr. and Mrs. Medrano hired Applicant in April, 1991 on a civil lawsuit matter. Applicant deceived and misrepresented to Mr.

and Mrs. Medrano that a settlement had been reached in the case, when in fact, no settlement had been made.

(3) The Committee found Applicant failed to respond to the Grievance Committee request for information. Applicant was noticed of the allegations and request for information on this matter on October 7, 1993, as per return receipt of certified mail. Pursuant to Rule 2.09 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, Applicant failed to furnish a written response to the allegations within (30) days.

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JAMES BARRY GROSS COMPLAINT

(1) Applicant is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

(2) Mr. Gross hired Applicant in April of 1992 in a divorce matter and Mr. Gross paid \$356.00 of a \$600.00 fee. Applicant did not properly respond to Original Divorce Petition and did nothing in the matter. Applicant misled Mr. Gross in believing Applicant would appear in New Mexico Court for hearing.

(3) The Committee found that Applicant continued representation of Mr. Gross in a New Mexico divorce court proceeding although Applicant was not licensed to practice law in New Mexico.

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RALPH LLOYD COMPLAINT

(1) Applicant is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

(2) Mr. Lloyd hired Applicant in May 1987 to represent him in a medical malpractice case. Applicant deceived Mr. Lloyd by claiming a settlement had been reached in the case, when in actuality a Motion for Summary Judgment was granted to defendant on May 24, 1993.

(4) Applicant acknowledges that by his conduct, he has violated Rule 8.04 (a) (3); of The Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

CLAUDIA S. GONZALEZ COMPLAINT

(1) Applicant is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

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(3) Applicant was noticed of these allegations on December 12, 1993, by certified mail and failed to respond within thirty (30) days pursuant to Rule 2.09 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

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(1) Applicant is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas.

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(3) The Committee found that Applicant neglected the matter by not filing a lawsuit as requested by Mr. Lopez to protect Mr. Lopez's interest and failed to complete the obligations that Applicant owed to Mr. Lopez.

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(5) Applicant has misled Mr. Lopez by informing him that the lawsuit was filed when it had not been and informing the client that funds had been collected when they had not been.

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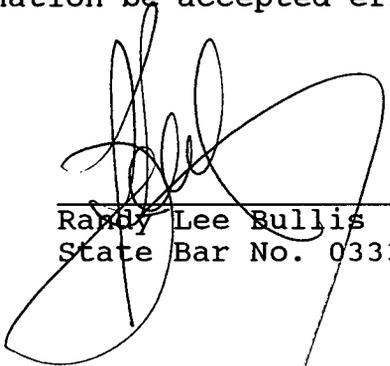
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Applicant acknowledges that State Bar of Texas Attorney's fees are due in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the investigation and

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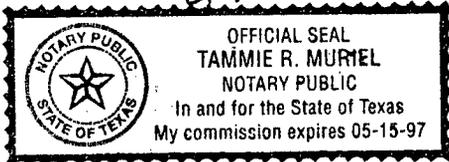
IV.

Your applicant is voluntarily resigning and withdrawing from the practice of law; Applicant does so in lieu of discipline for professional misconduct; and Applicant prays that his name be dropped and deleted from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas; and that his resignation be accepted effective April 1, 1994.



Randy Lee Bullis
State Bar No. 03331500

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me by the said Randy Lee Bullis this the 24th day of February, 1994.



NOTARY PUBLIC in and for
the State of Texas

Randy Lee Bullis
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El Paso, Texas 79901-1331
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF TEXAS
RESPONSE TO MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION AS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW

OF

RANDY LEE BULLIS

TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:

Pursuant to Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, James M. McCormack, Chief Disciplinary Counsel, hereby files this response on behalf of the State Bar of Texas, acting by and through the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, to the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation in Lieu of Discipline filed by Randy Lee Bullis, State Bar Number 03331500, and would show as follows:

I.

The acceptance by the Court of the Resignation of Randy Lee Bullis is in the best interest of the public and of the profession.

II.

In connection with such resignation, Randy Lee Bullis has acknowledged the following findings of fact:

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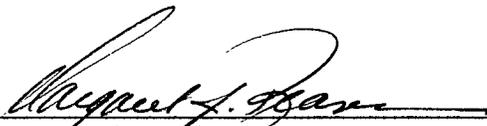
IV.

WHEREFORE, the State Bar of Texas moves the Court to accept the resignation in lieu of discipline and grant the motion filed by Movant.

Respectfully submitted,

James M. McCormack
Chief Disciplinary Counsel

Margaret J. Reaves
Assistant Chief Disciplinary Counsel
Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel
4171 N. Mesa, Bldg. A-104
El Paso, Texas 79902
(915) 533-1373 / (915) 532-8369 (fax)



Margaret J. Reaves
State Bar No. 16643800

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

This is to certify that the Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel to the Resignation of Randy Lee Bullis has been served on Randy Lee Bullis, at 303 Texas, 13th Floor, El Paso, Texas 79901, via certified mail return receipt requested, Certified Mail #P 392 536 936, on March 3, 1994.



Margaret J. Reaves
Assistant Chief Disciplinary Counsel