

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc Docket No. 97- 9196

Appointment of a District Judge to Preside
in a State Bar Disciplinary Action

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby appoints the Honorable Randy Catterton, Judge of the 231st District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, to preside in the Disciplinary Action styled:


The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Leslie E. Vaughn

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

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

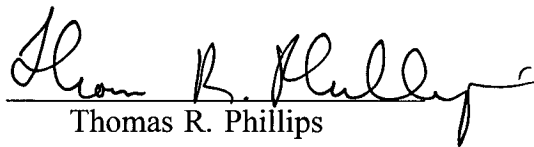
As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

with the Seal thereof affixed at the City
of Austin, this 6th day of November, 1997.


JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

This assignment, made by Misc. Docket No. 97-9196, is also an assignment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Texas Government Code §74.057.

Signed this 13 day of November, 1997.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas R. Phillips". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Thomas R. Phillips
Chief Justice

No. _____

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER
DISCIPLINE

V.

LESLIE E. VAUGHN

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF

BEXAR COUNTY, TEXAS

____TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

DISCIPLINARY PETITION

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Comes now, Petitioner, COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, a committee of the State Bar of Texas, complaining of Respondent, LESLIE E. VAUGHN, and in support thereof would respectfully show the Court the following:

Parties

Petitioner is the COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, a committee of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent, LESLIE E. VAUGHN Texas State Bar Number 20522500, is an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent is a resident of Bexar County, Texas. No service is necessary at this time.

Venue

Respondent's principal place of law practice is in Bexar County, Texas. Accordingly, pursuant to Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure 3.03, venue is proper in Bexar County, Texas:

I.

Petitioner brings this disciplinary action pursuant to State Bar Act, Tex. Gov't. Code Ann., Sec. 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 this action was filed on or about May 5, 1997. The acts and conduct of Respondent, as hereinafter alleged, constitute professional misconduct.

II.

Respondent was hired by Grace I. Little for representation to recover her automobile that was being held by a mechanic for the cost of repairs. During the term of representation, the Respondent failed to keep Ms. Little reasonably informed about the status of his investigative efforts expended in attempting to recover her vehicle and failed to respond to her numerous requests for information. Furthermore, due to the Respondent's failure to communicate necessary facts to Ms. Little about the status of his investigative efforts, Ms. Little was prevented from making informed decisions regarding the representation.

III.

The conduct of Respondent described above constitutes a violation the following Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct:

Rule 1.03(a) -- A lawyer shall keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information.

Rule 1.03(b) -- A lawyer shall explain a matter to the extent reasonably necessary to permit the client to make informed decisions regarding the representation.

PRAYER

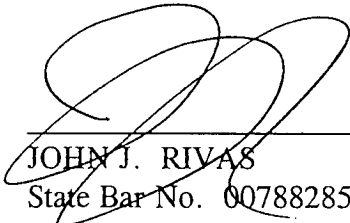
WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner prays that a judgment of professional misconduct be entered against Respondent imposing an appropriate sanction as the facts shall warrant and that Petitioner have such other relief to which it is entitled, including costs of court and attorney's fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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October 10, 1997

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

RE: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Leslie E. Vaughn

Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed please find an original and three (3) copies of a Disciplinary Petition being filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline against Leslie E. Vaughn. Mr. Vaughn has designated **Bexar County** 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 practices 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:

Leslie E. Vaughn
115 E. Travis St., Suite 1405
San Antonio, Texas 78205-1606

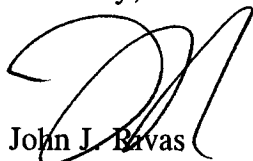
As a practical matter, I would respectfully suggest that you inquire with the judge to be appointed as to whether he or she will be able to comply with the 180 day deadline by which the case must be set for trial as set forth in Section 3.07 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. If not, I would respectfully request that an alternate appointment be made.

Once a trial judge has been appointed, please forward the original and three (3) copies of the Disciplinary Petition and the filing fee check, also enclosed herewith, and the Court's appointing order to the District Clerk of Bexar County, Texas, with the request that the suit be filed, service be obtained, and a filemarked copy of the petition returned to the undersigned.

Also enclosed are a pre-addressed envelope for your use in transmitting the petition, etc., to the District Clerk of Bexar County, Texas and a return envelope to be sent to the District Clerk of Bexar County, Texas, for the Clerk's use in returning a filemarked copy of the petition to the undersigned.

Thank you for your courtesies in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JJB', written over the printed name.

John J. Bivas
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

JJR/cah



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The Honorable David J. Garcia
District Clerk of Bexar County
100 Dolorosa Street
San Antonio, Texas 78205-1205

Dear Mr. Garcia:

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. Leslie E. Vaughn, and a copy of the Supreme Court's order appointing the Honorable Randy Catterton, Judge of the 231st District Court, Fort Worth, Texas, to preside in this Disciplinary Action.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

cc: Hon. Randy Catterton
Mr. John J. Rivas
Ms. Leslie E. Vaughn



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Honorable Randy Catterton
Judge, 231st District Court
100 W. Weatherford Street
Fort Worth, Texas 76196

Dear Judge Catterton:

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 Ms. Vaughn and Mr. Rivas, and a copy of the letter to the District Clerk of Bexar County.

It is recommended that, six to eight weeks after receipt of this letter, you or your coordinator contact the Bexar County Administrative Office (210-220-2300) to find out the district court to which this disciplinary case has been assigned, names and addresses of counsel, etc. 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 (210-769-3519) to reserve a courtroom, obtain a court reporter, obtain claims forms for your expenses incident to presiding over this disciplinary case.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
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Dear Mr. Rivas and Ms. Vaughn:

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 Randy Catterton, Judge of the 231st District Court, Fort Worth, Texas to preside in

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk