

**ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS**

Misc. Docket No. 00- 9065

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

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby appoints the Honorable Glen M. Ashworth, Judge of the 86<sup>th</sup> District Court, Kaufman County, Texas, to preside in the Disciplinary Action styled:

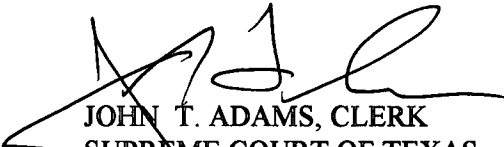
**The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Arthur David Courtade**

filed as No. 96-176180 in the 96<sup>th</sup> District Court of Tarrant County, Texas.

The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall promptly forward to the District Clerk of Tarrant County, Texas, a copy of this Order for filing pursuant to Rule 3.03, Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The Honorable Caprice Cosper, previously appointed to preside, has recused.

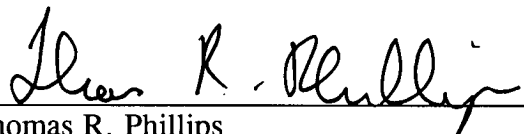
As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

With the Seal thereof affixed at the City  
Austin, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2000.

  
JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK  
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

This assignment, made by Misc. Docket No. 00-9065, is also an assignment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Texas Government Code §74.057.

Signed this 13 day of April, 2000.

  
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Thomas R. Phillips  
Chief Justice



**CAPRICE COSPER**  
JUDGE, 339TH DISTRICT COURT  
301 SAN JACINTO  
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March 23, 2000

Mr. William L. Willis  
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The Supreme Court of Texas  
P.O. Box 12248  
Austin, TX 78711

RE: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Arthur David Courtade, in the 96<sup>th</sup>  
District Court of Tarrant County, Texas

Dear Mr. Willis:

Pursuant to our recent telephone conversation, I am forwarding an Order of Voluntary Recusal. This case was referred to mediation by agreement of the parties, but ultimately did not settle. Additionally, the parties have had many scheduling conflicts and I have had two capital murder trials on my docket during this period. I apologize for any inconvenience this has caused. However, at this time I feel I have no choice but to recuse myself from this case and exempt myself from near future assignments.

Thank you for your consideration in these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caprice Cospers".

Caprice Cospers  
Judge, 339<sup>th</sup> District Court  
Harris County, TEXAS

CC: Denise C. Stooksberry  
Arthur David Courtade  
Marcia Huckaby, Court Coordinator, 96<sup>th</sup> District Court

CAUSE NO. 96-176180

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER  
DISCIPLINE

IN THE 96<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT

V.

OF


ARTHUR DAVID COURTADE

TARRANT COUNTY, T E X A S

**ORDER OF VOLUNTARY RECUSAL**

BE IT REMEMBERED in the above-entitled and numbered cause, the undersigned Judge voluntarily recuses herself from further proceedings in this matter and hereby refers the matter to the Supreme Court of Texas for assignment of another district judge.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2000.

  
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CAPRICE COSPER



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The Honorable Thomas A. Wilder  
District Clerk of Tarrant County  
401 West Belknap  
Fort Worth, Texas 76196-0402

Dear Mr. Wilder:

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. David Courtade*, and a copy of the Supreme Court's order appointing the Honorable Glen M. Ashworth, Judge of the 86<sup>th</sup> District Court, Comanche, Texas, to preside in this Disciplinary Action.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

John T. Adams  
Clerk

cc: Hon. Glen M. Ashworth  
Ms. Denise C. Stooksberry  
Mr. David Courtade



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Honorable Glen M. Ashworth  
Judge, 86<sup>th</sup> District Court  
P.O. Box 621  
Kaufman, Texas 75142

Dear Judge Ashworth:

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. Courtade and Ms. Stooksberry, and a copy of the letter to the District Clerk of Tarrant County.

It is recommended that, six to eight weeks after receipt of this letter, your coordinator contact the District Clerk of Tarrant County (817-884-1574) to learn the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of counsel for purposes of scheduling a conference. Also, either before or immediately after you set the case for trial, you should contact the Presiding Judge of the Administrative Judicial Region into which you have been assigned (817-884-1558) to reserve a courtroom, provide for a court reporter, etc., and to obtain claims forms for your expenses incident to presiding over this disciplinary case.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

John T. Adams  
Clerk



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Mr. Denise C. Stooksberry  
Assistant General Counsel, State Bar of Texas  
201 W. Main Street, Suite 1150  
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Mr. Arthur David Cortade  
P.O. Box 121811  
Fort Worth, Texas 76121

Dear Ms. Stooksberry and Mr. Cortade:

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 Glen M. Ashworth, Judge of the 86<sup>th</sup> District Court, Kaufman, Texas to preside in

*Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Arthur David Cortade*

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams  
Clerk