### ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 00- 9072

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

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby appoints the Honorable Robert P. Brotherton, Judge of the 30th District Court, Wichita County, Texas, to preside in the Disciplinary Action styled:

The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Roger A. Farahmand

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

The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall promptly forward to the District Clerk of Dallas 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 Austin, this 25 2 day of April, 2000.

JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS This assignment, made by Misc. Docket No. 00-9072, is also an assignment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Texas Government Code §74.057.

Signed this 25 day of April, 2000.

Thomas R. Phillips

Chief Justice

NO		
COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
<b>v.</b>	§ §	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
ROGER A. FARAHMAND	§ §	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, Roger A. Farahmand, (hereinafter called "Respondent"), showing the Court:

I.

### **Discovery Control Plan**

Pursuant to Rules 190.1 and 190.2, TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE (TRCP), Petitioner intends discovery in this case to be conducted under the Level II Discovery Control Plan.

II.

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 May 1, 1992.

III.

Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent is a resident of and has his principal place of practice in Dallas County,

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Texas. An officer may serve citation on Respondent at 520 N. Jupiter, Suite H, Garland, Texas 75240.

IV.

At an Investigatory Hearing on October 2, 1997, Panel A1 of the District 6A Grievance Committee by unanimous vote found that Respondent violated Rule 1.01(b)(1) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct. On January 12, 1998, Respondent agreed to accept a Private Reprimand and to attend the State Bar of Texas' Professional Enhancement Program (PEP). The Investigatory Panel recommended to PEP that Respondent could benefit from instruction in civil procedure, client communications and law office management. Respondent failed to complete the obligation to attend the Professionalism Enhancement Program as directed by the District 6A Grievance Committee.

V.

Such acts and/or omissions on the part of Respondent as are described in Paragraphs IV, hereinabove, which occurred on or after January 1, 1990, constitute conduct which violates Rule 8.04(a)(7) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

VI.

The complaint which forms the basis of the Cause of Action hereinabove set forth was initiated by the State Bar of Texas filing a complaint on or about May 11, 1999.

#### <u>PRAYER</u>

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,

Dawn Miller

Acting General Disciplinary Counsel

Frank H. Pope, Jr.

**Assistant Disciplinary Counsel** 

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# STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

February 28, 2000

**CMRRR NO.** Z 435 430 641

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

RE: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Roger A. Farahmand

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 Roger A. Farahamnd. Mr. Farahamnd has designated Dallas County, Texas, 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 resides 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:

Roger A. Farahmand 520 N. Jupiter, Suite H Garland, Texas 75240

As a practical matter, I would respectfully suggest that you inquire with the judge to be appointed as to: (1) whether he or she will be able to comply with the 180 day deadline by which the case must be set for trial 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.

Regency Plaza, 3710 Rawlins, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas 75219 Telephone: (214) 559-4353 Fax: (214) 559-4335 John T. Adams, Clerk Page 2

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 Dallas 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.

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

Thank you for your courtesies in this matter.

Sincerely,

Frank H. Pope, Jr.

Assistant Disciplinary Counsel

**Enclosures** 



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The Honorable Jim Hamlin District Clerk of Dallas County George L. Allen Courts Building 600 Commerce Street Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Mr. Hamlin:

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. Roger A. Farahmand*, and a copy of the Supreme Court's order appointing the Honorable Robert P. Brotherton, Judge of the 30<sup>th</sup> District Court of Wichita Falls, Texas, to preside in this Disciplinary Action.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk

cc:

Honorable Robert P. Brotherton

Mr. Frank H. Pope, Jr. Mr. Roger A. Garahmand



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Mr. Roger A. Farahmand 520 N. Jupiter, Suite H Garland, Texas 75240

Dear Mr. Pope and Mr. Farahmand:

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 Robert P. Brotherton, Judge of the 30<sup>th</sup> District Court, Wichita Falls, Texas to preside in

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Sincerely,

SIGNED

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Honorable Robert P. Brotherton Judge, 30<sup>th</sup> District Court 900 7<sup>th</sup> Street, #360 Wichita Falls, Texas 76301

Dear Judge Brotherton:

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. Pope and Mr. Farahmand, and a copy of the letter to the District Clerk of Dallas County.

We then recommend that, either before or immediately after you set the case for trial, the Dallas County District Court Administrative Office (214-653-6510) be contacted to reserve a courtroom, provide for a court reporter, etc. Finally, you should contact the Presiding Judge of the Administrative Judicial Region into which you have been assigned (214-653-2943) to obtain information on lodging, allowable expenses, and claims forms for your expenses incident to presiding over this disciplinary case.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk