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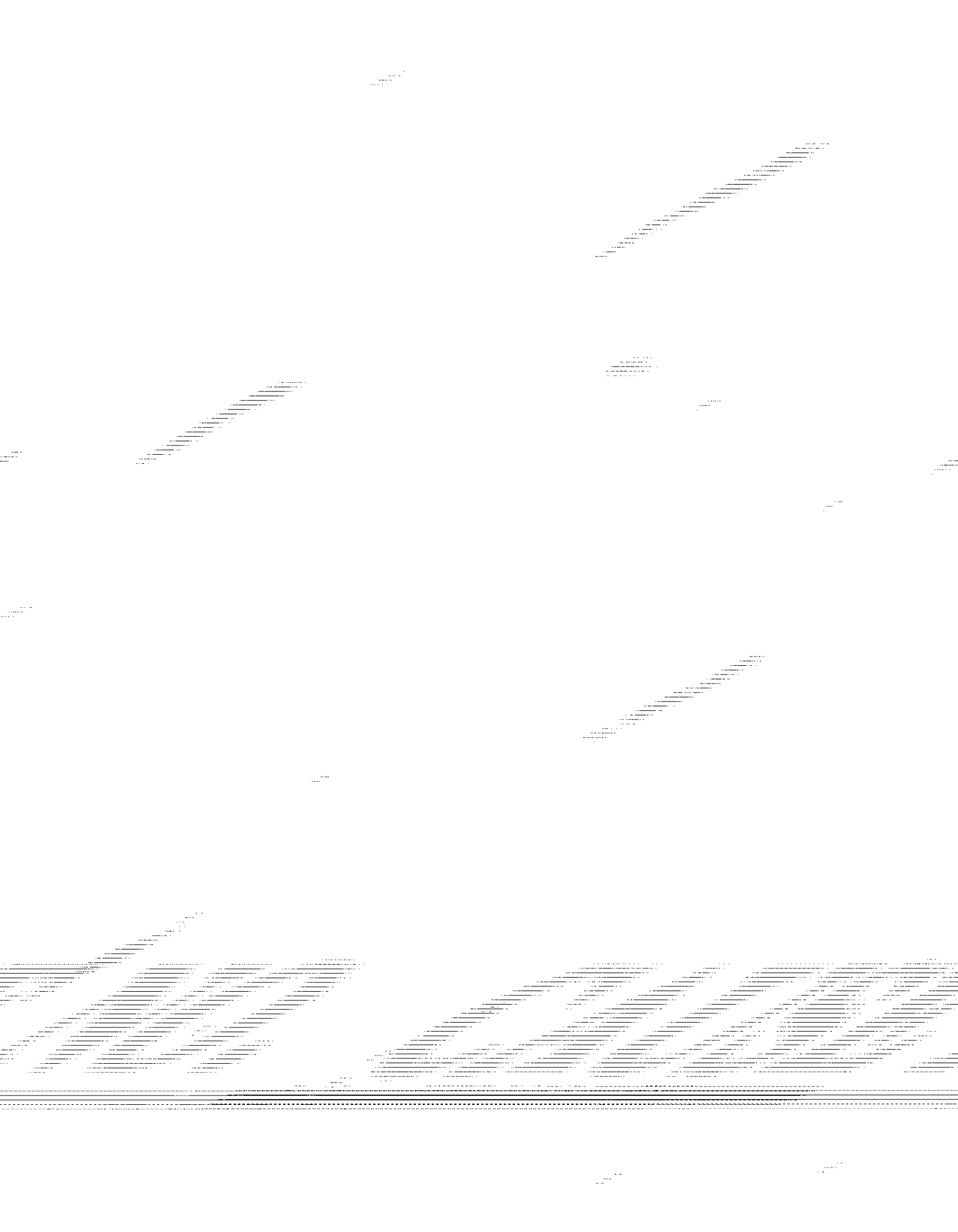
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**III.
VENUE AND SERVICE**

Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent's principal place of practice is Potter County, Texas, and therefore venue is appropriate in Potter County, Texas, pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. An officer may service citation upon Respondent located at [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

**IV.
FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

In or around 1997, Mary Ann Garcia (hereinafter referred to as "Garcia") retained Respondent in a divorce matter. During the course of representation, Respondent failed to keep Garcia advised of the status of her matter by failing to return telephone calls to Garcia. Further, Respondent neglected Garcia's matter by not filing temporary order or the necessary final decree as ordered by the court.

In or around April 1999, Garcia terminated Respondent's services and requested the return of her file to which Respondent did not comply with until July 16, 1999. Additionally, Respondent failed to promptly file a Motion to Withdraw upon the termination of services to protect Garcia's interest.

The acts and/or omissions of the Respondent described in Paragraph III(A) above, which occurred on or after January 1, 1990, constitute conduct in violation of the following Rules of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct ("TDRPC"):

1.01(b)(1) for neglecting a legal matter entrusted to the lawyer;

1.01(b)(2) for failing to carry out completely the obligations owed to a client;





STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel

October 6, 2000

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Thomas Becton Jones, III

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 Thomas Becton Jones, III. Mr. Jones has designated Potter 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:

Thomas Becton Jones, III

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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 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 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 Potter 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.





The Supreme Court of Texas

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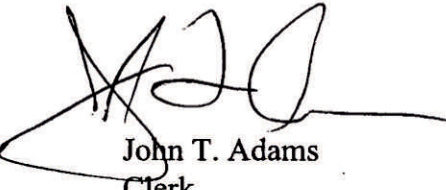
Mr. Thomas Becton Jones, III
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Dear Mr. Molleston and Mr. Jones:

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 Juanita Pavlick, Judge of the 89th District Court of Wichita Falls, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Thomas Becton Jones, III

Sincerely,


John T. Adams
Clerk

