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Disciplinary Procedure. An officer may serve citation on Respondent, Zerrrie L. Hines, [REDACTED]
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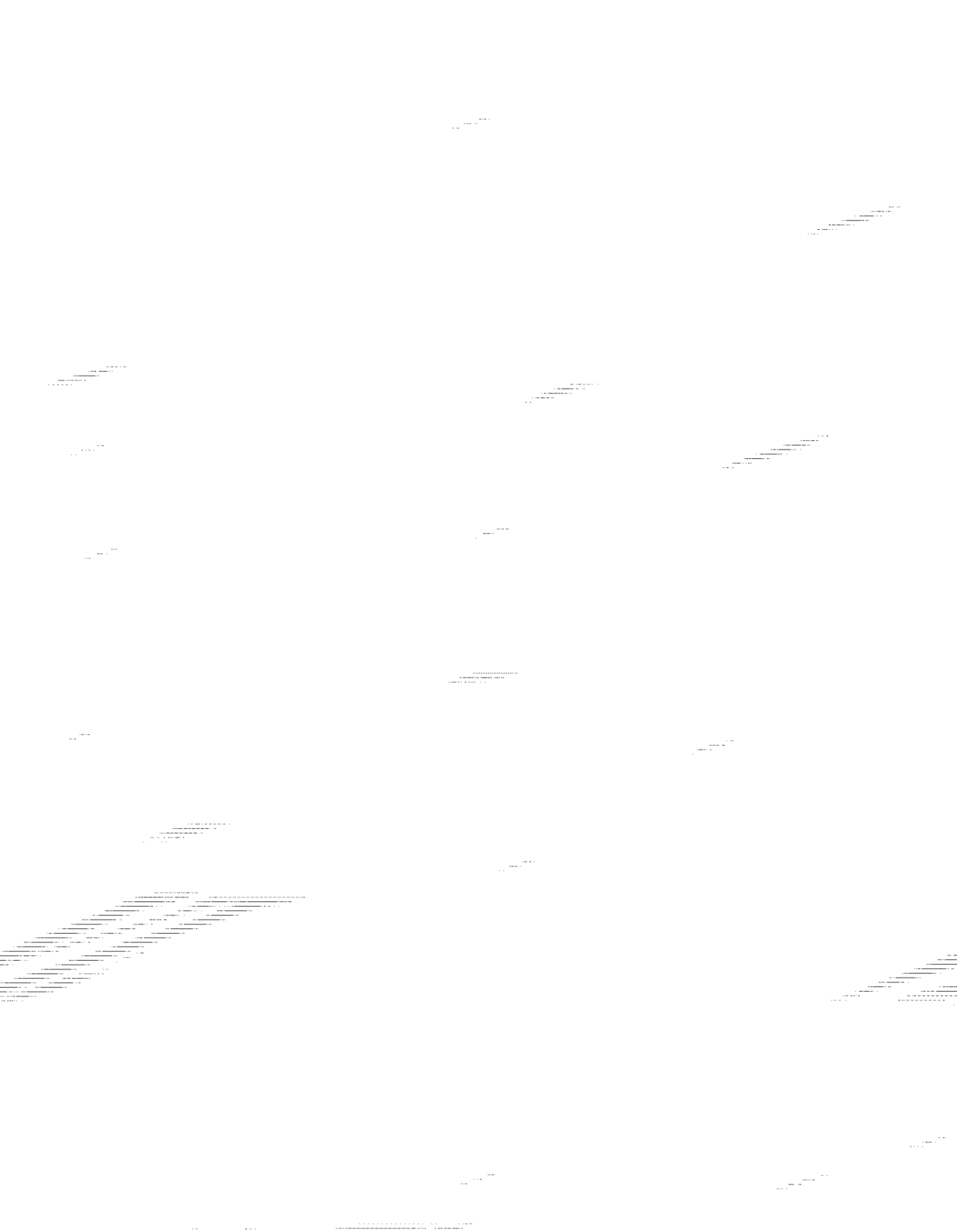
In or around February 1996, Complainant, Nancy L. Hennessy, had retained an attorney to handle a contempt matter in a child support case. The previous attorney relocated to another city and contacted Respondent to take over representation. Respondent agreed to represent Complainant for that court appearance with additional attorneys' fees being paid. The hearing was continued and Respondent agreed to continue to represent Complainant for the next hearing date with another payment of attorneys' fees. After the subsequent hearing, Complainant expressed to the Respondent her desire to appeal the decision of the Court as it was not in her favor. Again, additional attorneys' fees were paid to the Respondent.

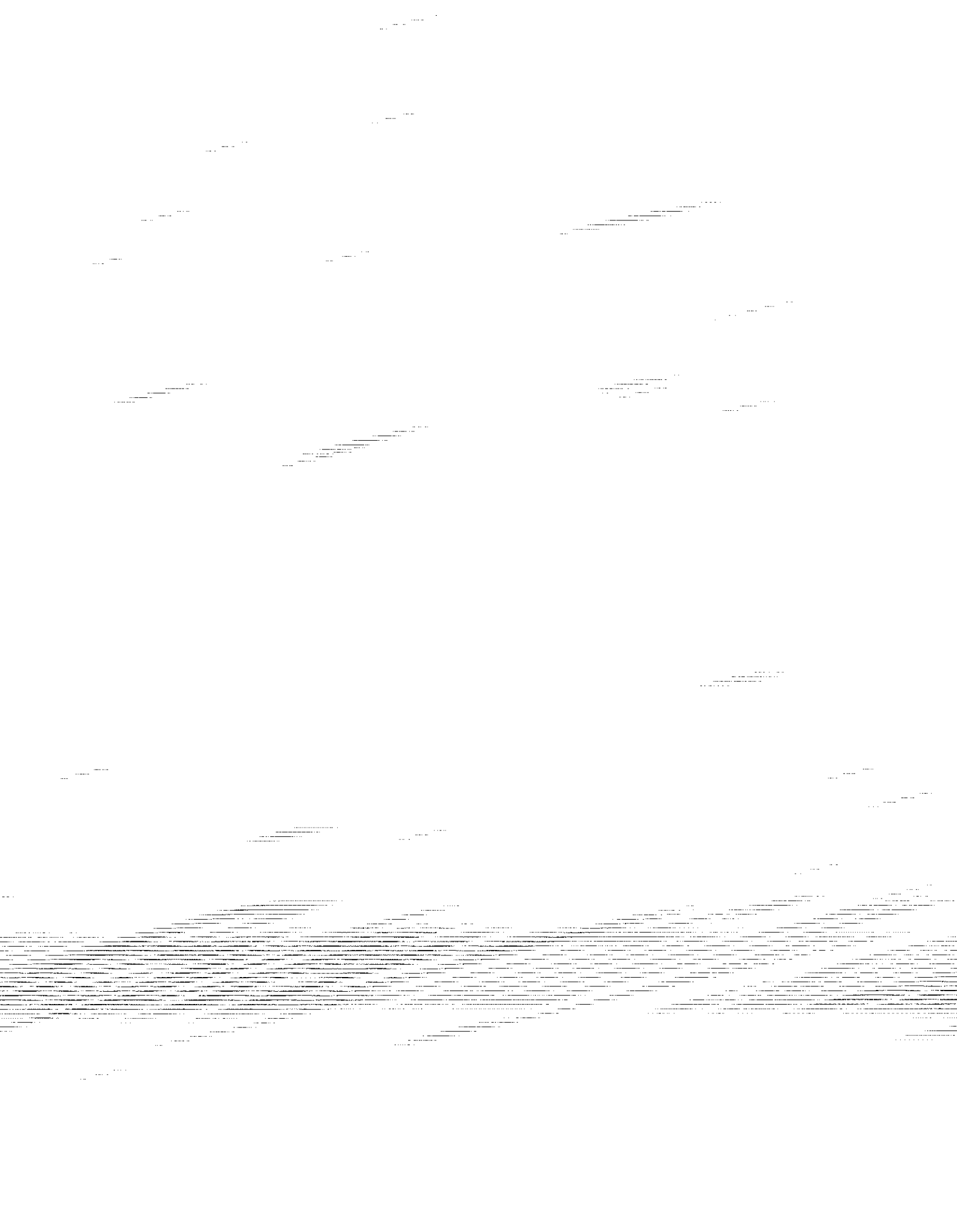
IV.

Complainant has tried numerous occasions to contact Respondent by leaving messages on his answering machine to which she has not received a response. Complainant sent a letter to Respondent asking for a status of her appeal, copies of receipts, and copies of her client file. Respondent failed to reply to her requests.

V.

In waiting for Respondent to take action on Complainant's request to appeal the court's decision and Respondent's failure to respond to her requests for information, Complainant has now lost her right to appeal with the Statute of Limitations having expired.





STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

December 11, 1997

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Zerrie L. Hines

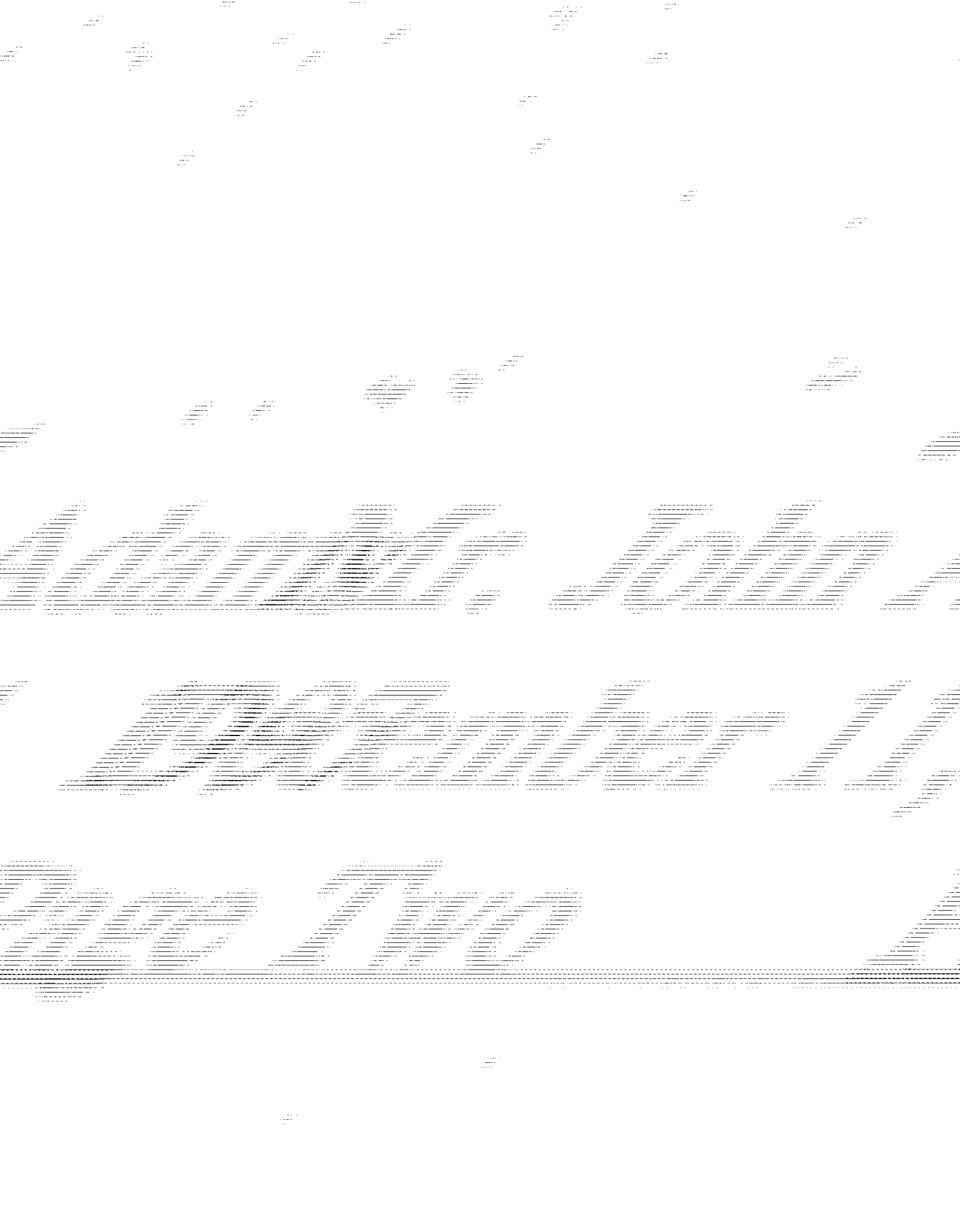
Dear Mr. Adams:

Enclosed please find an original and two (2) copies of a Disciplinary Petition being filed by the Commission for Lawyer Discipline against Zerrie Hines. Mr. Hines has designated Harris 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:

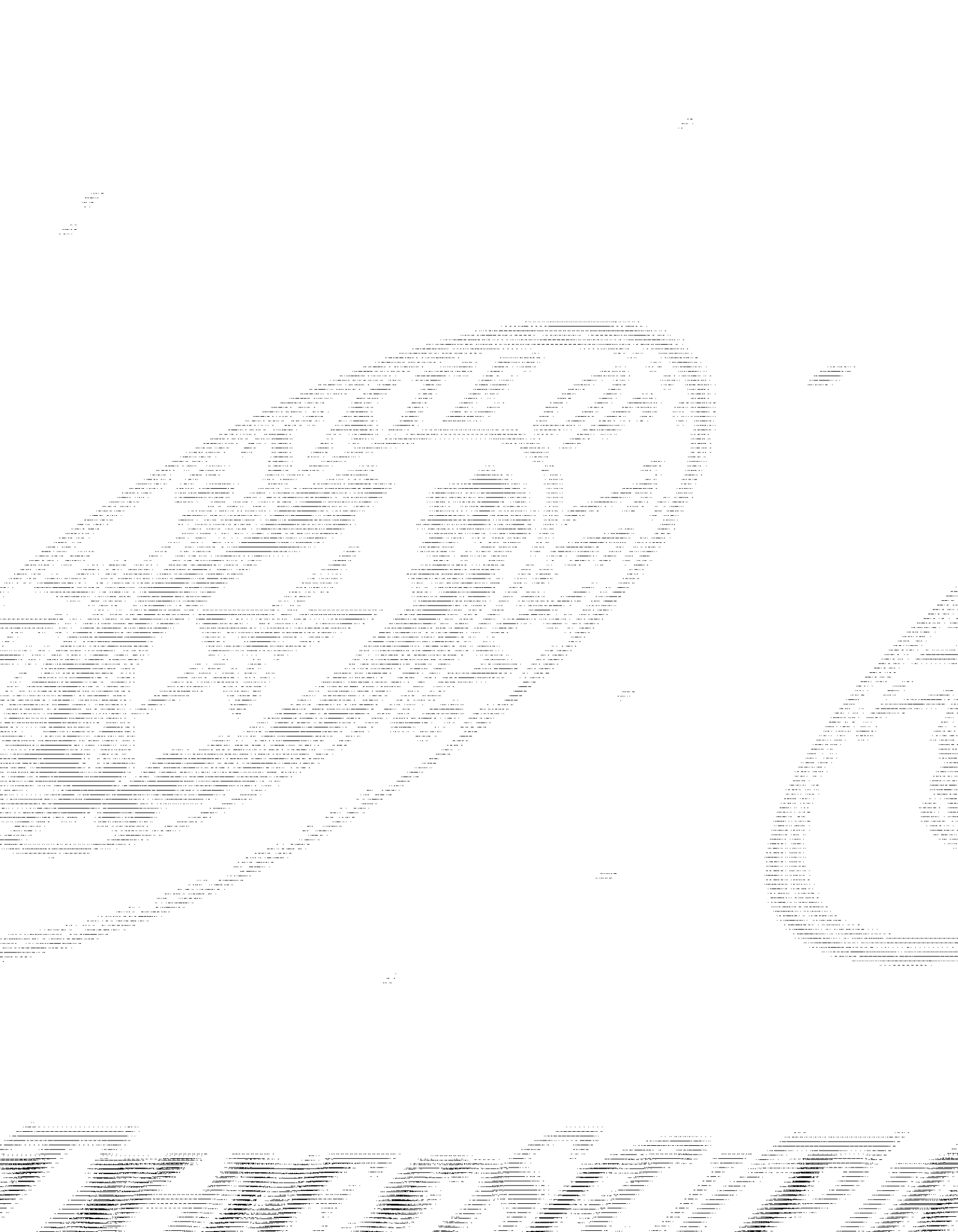
Zerrie Hines
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As a practical matter, I would respectfully suggest that you inquire with the judge to be appointed as to: (1) whether he or she will be able to comply with the 180 day deadline by which the case must be set for trial set forth in Section 3.07 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure; and (2) whether he or she can accommodate compliance with Mellon Service Co., et al v. Touche Ross Co., 946 S.W.2d 862 (Tex. App. - Houston [14th Dist.] 1997), which requires that all proceedings incident to a case occur in the county of proper venue. 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 Harris 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.









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Ms. Zerrie Hines
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Dear Mr. Paredes and Ms. Hines:

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 Keith Dean, Judge of the 265th District Court of Dallas, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Zerrie L. Hines

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk