

# ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS Misc Docket No. 98- 9116

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

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby appoints the Honorable Scott Link, Judge of the 80th District Court of Harris County, Texas, to preside in the Disciplinary Action styled:

# The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. J. Bradley Nance

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 of Austin, this 29th day of June, 1998.

JOHN T. ADÁMS, CLERK

JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS This assignment, made by Misc. Docket No. 98-9116, is also an assignment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Texas Government Code §74.057.

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Signed this 30 day of June, 1998.

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لا Thomas R. Phillips Chief Justice

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
<b>V.</b>	§ §	DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS
J. BRADLEY NANCE	§ §	JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO.

### **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, J. Bradley Nance, (hereinafter called "Respondent"), showing the Court:

I.

Petitioner brings this disciplinary action pursuant to the State Bar Act, Tex. Gov't. Code Ann. §81.001, <u>et seq.</u> (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.

### II.

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, Texas. An officer may serve citation on Respondent at 11325 Pegasus, Suite E157, Dallas, Texas 75238.

J. Bradley Nance - Disciplinary Petition Page 1 On or about May 24, 1994, Complainant employed Respondent to handle a family law matter. Complainant wanted to be named as the managing conservator of his daughter. On or about June 20, 1994, Respondent filed a Motion to Modify. In March, 1995, a mediation was conducted in the case and an agreement was reached between the parties. Thereafter, Respondent failed to prepare and submit an order to the court reflecting the terms of the mediation agreement. Additionally, Respondent failed to file a Motion for Contempt despite Complainant's requests that Respondent file such a Motion due to his ex-wife's failure to comply with the terms of the temporary orders.

### IV.

Such acts and/or omissions on the part of Respondent as are described in Paragraphs III, IV and V, hereinabove, which occurred on or after January 1, 1990, constitute conduct which violates Rule 1.01(b)(1) of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

### V.

The complaint which forms the basis of the Cause of Action hereinabove set forth was brought to the attention of the Office of General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas by Michael Morris filing a complaint on or about November 18, 1997.

#### **PRAYER**

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.

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Respectfully submitted,

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# ATTORNEYS FOR PETITIONER

# STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

May 27, 1998

**CMRRR NO.** Z 085 333 210

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

### **RE::** Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. J. Bradley Nance

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 J. Bradley Nance. Mr. Nance 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:

# J. Bradley Nance 11325 Pegasus Suite E157 Dallas, Texas 75238

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.

Regency Plaza, 3710 Rawlins, Suite 800, Dallas, Texas 75219 Telephone: (214) 559-4353 Fax: (214) 559-4335 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,

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Angela Methvin Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

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

Dear Mr. Long:

Pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, I am sending for filing State Bar of Texas Disciplinary Action styled: <u>*The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. J. Bradley*</u> <u>*Nance*</u>, and a copy of the Supreme Court's order appointing the Honorable Scott Link, Judge of the 80<sup>th</sup> District Court, Houston, Texas, to preside in this Disciplinary Action.

Sincerely,

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John T. Adams Clerk

cc: Hon. Scott Link Mr. J. Bradley Nance Ms. Angela Methvin



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Honorable Scott Link Judge, 80<sup>th</sup> District Court 600 Civil Courts Building 301 Fannin Street Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Judge Link:

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. Methvin and Mr. Nance, 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



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Mr. J. Bradley Nance 11325 Pegasus, Suite E-157 Dallas, Texas 75238

Dear Ms. Methvin and Mr. Nance:

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 Scott Link, Judge of the 80<sup>th</sup> District Court, Houston, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. J. Bradley Nance

Sincerely,

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John T. Adams Clerk