ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc Docket No. 99- 9202

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

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby appoints the Honorable Jerry L. Calhoon, Judge of the 349th District Court of Anderson County, Texas, to preside in the Disciplinary Action styled:

The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Jianxun Shu

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

The Clerk of the Supreme Court shall promptly forward to the District Clerk of Harris 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 26th day of October, 1999.

JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK

SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

This assignment, made by Misc. Docket No. 99-9202, is also an assignment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Texas Government Code, §74.057.

Signed this _____ day of November, 1999.

R Thomas R. Phillips

Chief Justice



CAUSE NO. _

| COMMISSION FOR LAWYER | § | IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF |
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| DISCIPLINE | § . | |
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| V. | § | HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS |
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| JIANXUN SHU | ş | JUDICIAL DISTRICT |

ORIGINAL 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 referred to as "Petitioner"), complaining of Respondent, JIANXUN SHU, (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent"), and would show the Court the following:

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 2 Discovery Control Plan. Pursuant to Rule 190.3(a), Petitioner affirmatively pleads that it seeks only monetary relief excluding costs, pre-judgment interest and attorney's fees.

II. NATURE OF PROCEEDING

Petitioner brings this disciplinary action pursuant to the STATE BAR ACT, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE ANNOTATED §81.001, *et seq.* (Vernon 1988 and supp. 1994); the TEXAS DISCIPLINARY RULES OF PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT, and the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE. The complaint that forms the basis of this *Original Disciplinary Petition* were filed on or after May 1, 1992.

III. <u>VENUE</u>

Respondent is an attorney licensed to practice law in Texas and a member of the State Bar of Texas. Respondent is a resident of and has his principal place of practice in Harris County, Texas; therefore, venue is appropriate in Harris County, Texas, pursuant to Rule 3.03 of the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE. Respondent may be served by and through his attorney, John R. Gladney, at 440 Louisiana, Suite 800, Houston, Texas 77002.

IV. CAUSE OF ACTION

In or around 1995, Fang Liu (hereinafter called "Liu"), retained Respondent to represent him in a personal injury case. Liu's case was mediated on March 12, 1996, but the mediation between the parties was unsuccessful. A year passed after the mediation and Liu's case had not been settled. On or about October 30, 1997, the court dismissed the case for want of prosecution. Respondent neglected the matter entrusted to him. Further, Respondent failed to keep the Complainant informed as to the status of the case.

V. RULE VIOLATIONS

The acts and/or omissions of Respondent described in Paragraph III above which occurred on or before January 1, 1990, constitute conduct in violation of Rules **1.01(b)(1)** [a lawyer shall not neglect a legal matter entrusted to him]; and **1.03(a)** [a lawyer shall not fail to keep a client reasonably informed about the status of a matter and promptly comply with reasonable requests for information. The complaint that forms the basis of this cause of action was brought to the attention of the Office of the General Counsel of the State Bar of Texas by Fang Liu's filing of a complaint on or about March 25, 1999.

<u>PRAYER</u>

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Petitioner, COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE, respectfully prays that this Court discipline Respondent, JIANXUN SHU, by reprimand, suspension, or disbarment, as the facts shall warrant; restitution; and all other relief to which Petitioner may show itself to be justly entitled, including costs of court and attorneys' fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

September 23, 1999

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

Re: <u>Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Jianxun Shu</u>

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 Jianxun Shu. Jianxun Shu 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 hereby made that you notify the Respondent at the address shown below and the undersigned of the identity and address of the judge assigned:

Jianxun Shu c/o John R. Gladney 440 Louisiana, Suite 800 Houston, Texas 77002

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.

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.

Mr. John T. Adams, Clerk Supreme Court of Texas September 23, 1999 Page 2

I have enclosed a pre-addressed envelope for your use in transmitting the above reference documents, to the District Clerk of Harris County, Texas, and a return envelope to be sent to the District Clerk of Harris County, Texas, for the Clerk's use in returning a file-stamped copy of the petition to the undersigned.

If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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Kimberly M. Gamble Assistant General Counsel

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Enclosures



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> The Honorable Charles Bacarisse District Clerk of Harris County P.O. Box 4651 Houston, Texas 77002

Dear Mr. Bacarisse:

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. Jianxun</u> <u>Shu.</u> and a copy of the Supreme Court's order appointing the Honorable Jerry L. Calhoon, Judge of the 349th District Court. Palestine. Texas, to preside in this Disciplinary Action.

Sincerely.

SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk

cc: Honorable Jerry L. Calhoon Ms. Kimberly M. Gamble Mr. Jianxun Shu Ms. Melissa Dartez



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Honorable Jerry L. Calhoon Judge, 349th District Court 500 N. Church Street Palestine, Texas 75801

Dear Judge Calhoon:

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. Shu and Ms. Gamble, and a copy of the letter to the District Clerk of Harris County.

It is recommended that, six to eight weeks after receipt of this letter, you contact the Harris County District Court Administrative Office (713-755-7593) to find out the district court to which this disciplinary case has been assigned. We then recommend that, either before or immediately after you set the case for trial, you again contact the Harris County District Court Administrative Office (713-755-6593) 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 (713-471-3911) 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. Jianxun Shu c/o John R. Gladney 440 Louisiana, Suite 800 Houston. Texas 77002

Dear Ms. Gamble and Mr. Shu:

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 Jerry L. Calhoon, Judge of the 349th District Court, Palestine, Texas to preside in

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Sincerely.

SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk