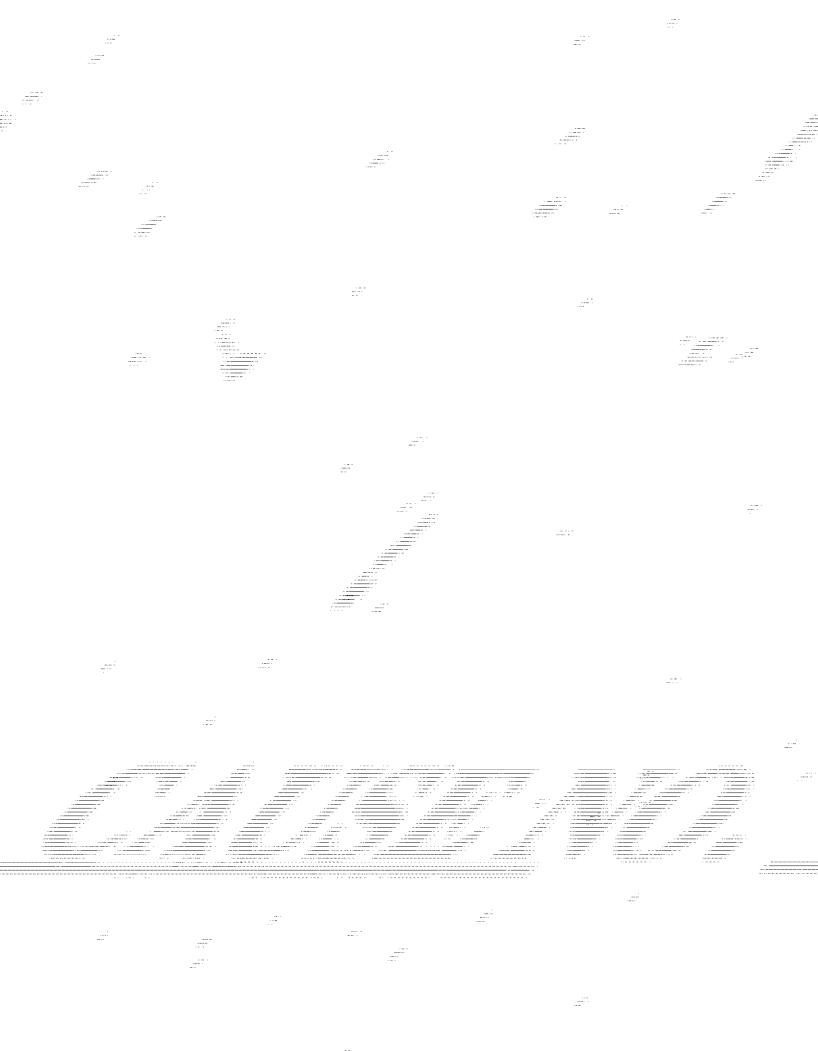
| Marie | Mari

* 11 ****



III. VENUE

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 at

IV. CAUSE OF ACTION

The Complainant Sergio Nambo (hereinafter referred to as "Nambo") retained Respondent regarding child support modification. The fee agreement was that Nambo would pay Respondent Two Thousand Dollars (2,000.00). At the time of retainment, Respondent failed to advise Nambo that he was advising him only on an emergency basis until Nambo could retain other counsel. Nambo paid Respondent a total of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00).

Nambo later contacted Respondent regarding the status of his case. Respondent informed Nambo that he had been working on his case. Six months pass and Respondent still had not done any work regarding Nambo's case. Respondent informed Nambo that he dealt primarily with criminal law cases, and would refer Nambo to another lawyer who handled family law matters.

Nambo requested a refund from Respondent for failure to perform the services he was retained to handle. Respondent failed to refund the money he collected as an unconscionable fee.

V. RULE VIOLATIONS

The acts and/or omissions of Respondent described in Paragraph IV above which occurred on or before January 1, 1990, constitute conduct in violation of Rules 1.01(a) for accepting or





STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel

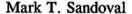
June 29, 2000

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Mark T. Sandoval

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 Mark T. Sandoval. Mr. Sandoval 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:





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.



The Supreme Court of Texas

CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS R. PHILLIPS

JUSTICES
NATHAN L. HECHT
CRAIG T. ENOCH
PRISCILLA R. OWEN
JAMES A. BAKER
GREG ABBOTT
DEBORAH G. HANKINSON
HARRIET O'NEILL
ALBERTO R. GONZALES

AUG 2 1 2000

CLERK JOHN T. ADAMS

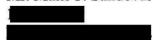
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT WILLIAM L. WILLIS

DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ASST

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NADINE SCHNEIDER

Ms. Jeannette M. Duer Assistant General Counsel, State Bar of Texas 1111 Fannin, Suite 1370 Houston, Texas 77002

Mr. Mark T. Sandoval



Dear Ms. Duer and Mr. Sandoval:

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 Charles R. Ramsey, Judge of the 22nd District Court, Lockhart, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Mark T. Sandoval

Sincerely,

CHENIEB

John T. Adams Clerk _____

-- -----