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H. Gerard Kelley

April 24, 1997

Fernando Guerrero, Jr. State Bar of Texas Post Office Box 12487 Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711-2487

Re: Membership

Dear Mr. Guerrero:

Please accept my resignation from the State Bar of Texas, effective January 1, 1997. My resignation is in no way to avoid any disciplinary action or to avoid any unresolved allegations of professional misconduct. I am now practicing law as a sole practitioner in the State of West Virginia. Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours, H. Gerard Kellev



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RICHARD B. WILLIAMS



The Supreme Court of Texas ATTN; John T. Adams, Clerk 201 West 14th Street PO Box 12248 Austin, TX 78711

Re: Request for Voluntary Resignation

Gentlemen:

In accordance with your most recent letter, I am submitting my resignation to the State Bar of Texas. Enclosed please find the requisite Affidavit and my original License. I cannot find my Bar card, but in the event I do, will forward it as required.

In doing so, I must register my dismay at the requirements imposed on retiring lawyers. A lawyer was once considered a professional...an officer of the court...whose honesty and character were accepted unless proven to the contrary. Those proven to the contrary were, and I hope are, very, very few among the practitioners. That sworn affidavits are being required for simple matters such as lost Bar cards and the like, and the necessity of seizing all law licenses from retiring officers of the court, seems a sorry and sad way to treat such a professional. Methods and procedures, in my opinion, beneath the dignity of the very Supreme Court that has imposed them on its brothers.

Very truly yours,

Richard B. Williams

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Re: Request for Voluntary Resignation

Dear Mr. Adams:

Your letter of April 17 addressed to me at a former residence has finally made its way to my new address. Unfortunately, it was not therefore possible for me to contact you within the 15 day deadline specified in your letter.

It is now and, for the past 3-1/2 years been my desire to voluntarily resign my license as a member of the State Bar of Texas. However, when I originally wrote in this regard, I was told that I could not resign without surrendering all indicia of having ever been a member of the Bar. Since I consider my tenure before the Bar of the State to have been one of the better accomplishments of my life, I have been loathe to surrender the license which I was provided in 1959 and which I hope will be passed on to my heirs through my estate.

I have not since my original application in 1997 –or even earlier if the fact is known—professed to practice law within the state nor held myself out to be licensed to so practice. My record should reflect that I claimed such for many years prior to 1997 in affidavits filed with the Bar as related to the Continuing Education provisions of the law.

I still profess to resign my license, but feel that surrender of this certificate which has great sentimental value to me and my heirs, at least one of whom is a lawyer himself, is asking more than authority should require.

It is nevertheless my desire "to complete the voluntary resignation process" as described in your letter and you may consider this response to so request. Please advise me what you need to fulfill my request.

Very truly yours,

JRS/11