

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc Docket No. 98- 9145

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

The Supreme Court of Texas hereby appoints the Honorable John H. Jackson, Judge of the 13th District Court of Navarro County, Texas, to preside in the Disciplinary Action styled:

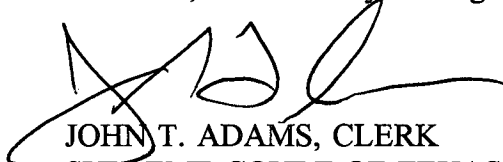
The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Luro C. Taylor

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.

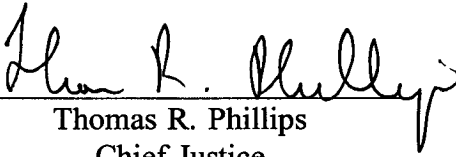
As ordered by the Supreme Court of Texas, in chambers,

with the Seal thereof affixed at the City
of Austin, this 26th day of August, 1998.


JOHN T. ADAMS, CLERK
SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

This assignment, made by Misc. Docket No. 98-9145, is also an assignment by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court pursuant to Texas Government Code §74.057.

Signed this 31 day of August, 1998.


Thomas R. Phillips
Chief Justice

STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel

August 7, 1998

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

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Luro C. Taylor

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 Luro C. Taylor. Mr. Taylor 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:

Luro C. Taylor
6620 Harwin Drive, Suite 270
Houston, Texas 77036

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, citation be issued, and citation, along with a file-stamped copy of the petition be returned to the undersigned.

1111 Fannin, Suite 1370, Houston, Texas 77002, (713)759-6931

Mr. John Adams
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I have enclosed a pre-addressed envelope for your use in transmitting the above referenced 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-marked copy of the petition to the undersigned.

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

Sincerely,



Kimberly M. Gamble
Assistant General Counsel

KMG/lp

Enclosures

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CAUSE NO. _____

COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
v.	§	HARRIS COUNTY, T E X A S
LURO C. TAYLOR	§	_____ 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, LURO C. TAYLOR, (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent"), and would show the Court the following:

I. NATURE OF PROCEEDING

Petitioner brings this disciplinary action pursuant to the State Bar Act, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §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.

II. 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. An officer may serve citation on Respondent at his place of business located at 6620 Harwin Drive, Suite 270, Houston, Texas 77036.

III. CAUSE OF ACTION

On January 26, 1995, Respondent, Luro C. Taylor (hereinafter called "Taylor"), sent a letter of protection to Complainant, Dr. Tim Hughes (hereinafter called "Dr. Hughes"), at Hughes Chiropractic Care. The letter was to serve as a guarantee for payment to Dr. Hughes of Hughes Chiropractic Care after Taylor's client, Rose Griggs's personal injury case was settled.

On May 10, 1996, Taylor paid the medical bills of his client, Rose Griggs, by Check No. 1095, payable to Hughes Chiropractic Care, in the amount of \$1,500.00, drawn on First Interstate Bank, Act. No. 5101376761. On May 22, 1996 the check for \$1,500.00 was returned for non-sufficient funds. Dr. Hughes called the bank a number of times to see if the account had funds to cover the check. No funds have been deposited to the account since the check was returned for non-sufficient funds. Dr. Hughes called Taylor's office and left messages to contact him. Taylor failed to respond to Dr. Hughes calls, and failed to protect the funds of the third party, Dr. Hughes, as outlined in his letter of protection dated January 26, 1995.

On or about May 14, 1997, Taylor received a State Bar of Texas subpoena, which subpoena commanded Taylor to appear before the Grievance Committee of 05B2 on May 20, 1997. The Respondent, Taylor did not appear.

IV.

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 Dr. Timothy R. Hughes filing of a complaint on or about June 5, 1996.

V. RULE VIOLATIONS

The acts and/or omissions of the Respondent described in Paragraph III above, which occurred on or after January 1, 1990, constitute conduct in violation of Rules 1.14(b) [a lawyer shall promptly deliver to the client or third person any funds or other property that the client or third person is entitled to receive] and 8.04(a)(8) [a lawyer shall not fail to timely furnish to the Chief disciplinary Counsel's office or a district grievance committee a response or other information as required by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure] of the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct.

PRAYER

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

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMISSION FOR LAWYER
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Mr. Luro C. Taylor
6620 Harwin Drive, Suite 270
Houston, Texas 77036

Dear Ms. Gamble and Mr. Taylor:

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 John H. Jackson, Judge of the 13th District Court of Corsicana, Texas to preside in

Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Luro C. Taylor

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk



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Honorable John Howard Jackson
Judge, 13th District Court
P.O. Box 333
Corsicana, Texas 75110-0333

Dear Judge Jackson:

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. Taylor 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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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: *The Commission for Lawyer Discipline v. Luro C. Taylor*, and a copy of the Supreme Court's order appointing the Honorable John H. Jackson, Judge of the 13th District Court of Corsicana, Texas, to preside in this Disciplinary Action.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
Clerk

cc: Honorable John Howard Jackson
Mr. Luro C. Taylor
Ms. Kimberly M. Gamble