

August 25, 2015

Ms. Linda Acevedo
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Re: Court of Appeals Number: 14-14-00470-CV__
Case Number: 2013-56866; Robert S. Bennett v. Commission for Lawyer Discipline

Dear Ms. Acevedo,

My name is Karen Bishop and I am a practicing attorney in the East Texas area. I have been licensed to practice law in the State of Texas since 1983. I previously practiced law in the Houston area where I had the pleasure of meeting Robert S. Bennett. I have known Bob professionally for many years.

When I learned of the action by the State Bar of Texas against Bob, I immediately reviewed all documentation regarding the case posted online. I found it difficult to believe that Bob would ever take any action against a client that would result in disbarment. Now that I have reviewed the aforementioned materials, it is difficult to comprehend that the State Bar of Texas believes that disbarment is an appropriate sanction against an attorney with the integrity of Bob.

I was a member of the State Bar of Texas 01B District Grievance Committee from 1994-2000, and the Chairperson of that Committee for a number of years. During my tenure on that Committee, I personally witnessed actions of attorneys against their clients that should have resulted in disbarment, however, the State Bar chose not to pursue the recommendation of the Committee. These attorneys were the worst of our noble profession, yet were able to keep their law license. I continued to see the same attorneys before my Committee committing the same rule violations without sanction. It is incomprehensible to me how those attorneys were "punished" with a slap on the wrist and Bob is disbarred for no apparent rule violation. Something is not right with our grievance process when an attorney such as Bob loses his law license, but others deserving of disbarment keep theirs.

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Based upon my knowledge of this case, I believe that a miscarriage of justice has occurred that should be rectified immediately. I see no justification for the disbarment of Robert Bennett, nor does such a disbarment serve the interests of justice.

Very truly yours,

Karen D. Bishop

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