

Ms. Linda Acevedo, Chief Disciplinary Counsel
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June 15, 2015

Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline vs. Robert S. Bennett;
Cause #2013-56866; 334th District Court; Harris County, Texas

Robert S. Bennett, Appellant v. Commission for Lawyer Discipline, Appellee;
No. 14-14-00470-CV; Court of Appeals for the 14th District of Texas;
File #1006

Dear Ms. Acevedo;

Please accept this letter in support of Bob Bennett and in opposition to his disbarment by the Commission.

I have read and studied every record and document related to the fee dispute, hearings, and the “so called” disbarment proceedings in this matter.

I have been a trial lawyer for more than 43 years and I have known and worked with Bob Bennett for most of them. I have been licensed to practice law in the State of Texas since 1972. I am also admitted to the bar in good standing in the United States District Court For The Southern District Of Texas and the Fourth, Fifth, and Eleventh Circuit Courts Of Appeals, as well as, the United States Supreme Court. I am Board Certified in the field of criminal law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. I am a former Assistant District Attorney for Harris County, Texas, and a former Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas. My Notice Of Appearance And Motion To Appear Pro Hac Vice has been approved in State or Federal court in the following states: California, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Louisiana, Michigan, New Hampshire, North Carolina, and Virginia. I have never been denied admission or disciplined by any court.

In my career I have met many, many lawyers. Some of them good lawyers, some of them bad, and everything in between. Most lawyers are honest and hardworking but I have seen lawyers lie, cheat, and steal, in addition to committing criminal offenses but very rarely has one been disbarred. To think that a decent, hardworking, honest lawyer like Bob Bennett has been disbarred over a fee dispute and personality conflict with a “Judge” makes me sick. (And by the way, we have had some really reprehensible conduct by Judges over the years which may have cost them their benches but rarely, if ever, were they disbarred; and if you think I can’t back that up just give me a chance).

My hope is that someone is paying attention to this travesty, and I sincerely hope that someone is you, and that this terrible decision can be rectified, and the lawyers throughout the State of Texas and the law students today and in the future will see that there is justice within this profession, and it is administered fairly and evenly.

Please, make this right.

Sincerely,
R. P. Cornelius