

October 30, 2014

Ms. Linda Acevedo
Chief Disciplinary Counsel, Commission for Lawyer Discipline
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Re: Commission for Lawyer Discipline vs Robert "Bob" Bennett, In the District Court of Harris County, Texas 334th Judicial District, Cause No. 2013-56866

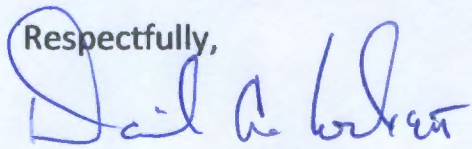
Dear Ms. Acevedo:

I am a LCDC licensed with the State of Texas. I have been in the field of Chemical Dependency for 17 years. I have tried to build my reputation on the upmost integrity and ethical basis in order to give my clients the best presentation to assist them in changing their perception of their lives and thus changing their lives profoundly. I have had the honor of working with Mr. Bennett in assisting some of his clients in dealing with situations that have caused them difficulty in entering their chosen career or getting them to be reinstated in their careers due to infractions that may have been committed during their education, application for entry, or working in their field of endeavor. These people have been in the legal field and medical field of practice. Mr. Bennett has always dealt with the upmost integrity since we have been working together. He displays a high level of ethics and knowledge of the law. He has been practicing for over 40 years and I have not seen, in my research of Mr. Bennett or his firm, any infraction, misconduct, or letter of reprimand that has been published. He is forthright in his dealings with his clients and with me.

In looking over the documentation surrounding this **disbarment** I find that it was predicated on Mr. Bennett's decision to appeal an arbitration decision that was unfavorable. It seems that due process was not afforded to him due to a disagreement as to the evidence relied upon by the arbitration panel in reaching its decision.

I am not a lawyer, but I have spent the last 17 years in dealing with people who have made bad decisions and poor choices. The core being of who they are is good but due to circumstances they have traveled down paths of destruction and despair. I have developed an ability to read people and gain their trust so that I could give them the tools of recovery and they would use them to build a stepping stone to regain their life. I have relied on that ability in order to be productive in my field of endeavor. I believe when we look at all the facts of this situation there should be definite consideration for reinstatement of Mr. Bennett to the profession he has honored, glorified, and exemplified with his past 40 years of service to the cause of liberty and justice for all.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David A. Lockett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" being the most prominent.

David A. Lockett LCDC, CAT, TRS
Counselor