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Linda Acevedo  
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RE: Commission for Lawyer Discipline vs. Bob Bennett, in the District Court of Harris County,  
Texas 334<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District, Cause No. 2013-56866

Dear Ms. Acevedo:

I am delinquent in writing this letter to you about Robert S. "Bob" Bennett, but I assure you that I am not the last person to write you on his behalf. I am a 37 year attorney who mainly practices in Houston, Harris County, Texas. I am Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. I have been a Probation Officer for Harris County, I have been court coordinator in the 209<sup>TH</sup> Judicial District Court for the late Judge Andrew Jefferson Jr., and I have been an Assistant District Attorney for Johnny Holmes in Harris County in 1985-1989. Before I joined the District Attorney's office, I worked for the Honorable Sherman Ross, presiding judge of Harris County Criminal Court at Law No. 10, and took over his practice in the firm of Saper, Laird and Schiffer when he took office as judge.

I first met Bob Bennet in 1988 as an opponent in the first jury trial for 15 abortion clinic protesters who tried to assault the clinic employees. Bob was an advocate of very high character and experience, and his protester-client was found guilty, but through his skill and expertise was given probation. I went to work for Bennett and Broocks when I left the District Attorney's Office, and worked on federal and state, civil and criminal cases with Bob Bennett.

Not only have we been colleagues, but we have become friends who attended family functions; and I watched his children grow up before my eyes. You have only seen a small part of what you have come to believe is an attorney who has been disciplined by the court in the above styled and numbered case. Bob Bennett is a man of exceptional character who has been wrongfully disciplined by a judge who has decided his value as an attorney is worth only the facts of one case out of hundreds over his illustrious career. He was a mentor who inspired the highest ethical actions in every case that I observed or on which I worked with him. He was an employer who worked tirelessly for his clients and his staff. He is a friend who I trust with my life, and the lives of my family, and for any matter on which I may call on him for advice.

From what I have read about the course of the trial, and from what I know to be the character of the

man and the attorney, this court has committed a grave injustice to one who has fought for his clients with honor and zeal. Regardless of what you may think of his approach to a case, or his efforts to achieve the best results for his clients, the attorney Bob Bennett deserves much more than a suspension and probation. His career of accomplishments cannot not be adequately judged against one case in which you and the court believe he should be so harshly disciplined. The weight of his moral integrity and the character of the man deserve much more than the outcome of this case.

Bob Bennett needs to be reinstated as an attorney in the State Bar alongside the other great men of this State who have fought so tirelessly and valiantly for their client's rights. His rights should be no less respected. His reinstatement is greatly needed to restore our faith in the integrity of the State Bar by recognizing the accomplishments of their lawyers, and giving those achievements a greater weight than the one case on which you have hung the measure of this man.

Please take into consideration my belief in this man, and the many letters which you have received, and which I am certain you will receive, and bring Bob back into the fold that is the State Bar of Texas.

Sincerely yours,

Jules L. Laird Jr