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Honorable 14th Court of Appeals
301 Fannin, Suite 245
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Re: 14-17-00521-CV; Robert S. Bennett v. Commission For Lawyer Discipline, An
Appeal from Cause No. 2013-56866; File in the District Court of Harris County,
Texas; 334th District Court

Dear Honorable Court:

Jeffrey Wagon was the trial lawyer in the above referenced matter and filed a letter dated August 23, 2018 with this Court on August 26, 2018.

I am writing you in support of Mr. Bennett and I fully support the comments made in Mr. Wagon's letter.

I am not paid to represent this position to you presently. I was paid for a brief period early in Mr. Bennett's travails, to help advise him on a strategy. I have had little involvement since those early strategy sessions. On my own, however, I followed with great interest the course of this litigation. What has ultimately happened to Mr. Bennett, I believe, is a travesty. The sanctions imposed for a Texas Disciplinary Rule violation {here Section 3.02} does not reflect what the evidence demonstrated, nor was there, again in my estimation, a proper weighing of the factors that should have been considered in arriving at a sanction.

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Again, I fully support Mr. Wagnon's letter to you. I believe he accurately states the issues and failings of our grievance system.

My experience in our Bar's voluntary grievance governance system spanned seventeen years. I served on the Board of Disciplinary Appeals for 11 years and on the Grievance Oversight Committee for six years. I retired from this voluntary work in 2010. Since then I have represented Respondent attorneys in the grievance system. As a result, I have a unique perspective reviewing this situation involving Mr. Bennett that most will not possess. I am committed to our Bar addressing problems involving attorneys who have the privilege of practicing law in the State of Texas. What has occurred in Mr. Bennett's case should not have occurred. You have the ability to right a wrong. I urge you to follow the recommendation of Mr. Wagnon and either dismiss this proceeding or enter a finding of no sanction.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Letter Brief to the Court was forwarded to the following counsel of record via certified letter, electronic service, or facsimile on this 30th day of August, 2018, pursuant to the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

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