

# STATE BAR OF TEXAS ATTORNEY GRIEVANCE PROCESS AND DISCIPLINE/DISABILITY SYSTEM

## COMPLAINTS AGAINST ATTORNEYS (800) 932-1900

The State Bar Chief Disciplinary Counsel works with the local grievance committees and the Texas Commission for Lawyer Discipline to administer the attorney grievance process and discipline and disability system. A written grievance accusing an attorney of professional misconduct is initially reviewed by the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel. If it is determined that the grievance alleges professional misconduct, as defined by the Texas Disciplinary Rules of Professional Conduct, the grievance is classified as a complaint and an investigation is initiated.

Each State Bar district has one or more grievance committees. The members of each committee are nominated by the local State Bar Board

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of Directors members. Approximately 349 volunteer attorneys and public members serve on the 17 grievance committees across the state.

Additional information about the attorney grievance and discipline system is available from the Chief Disciplinary Counsel headquarters office and regional offices listed below or by visiting the CDC website at [texasbar.com/cdc](http://texasbar.com/cdc). The bar's Grievance Information Helpline (800-932-1900) can assist in determining whether to report the conduct of a lawyer or whether other resources might be beneficial.

## TEXAS COMMISSION FOR LAWYER DISCIPLINE

**Purpose:** The Texas Commission for Lawyer Discipline is a standing committee of the State Bar of Texas and is the client body of the Office of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel in attorney disciplinary actions, as defined by the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. The Commission is composed of 12 members: six attorneys appointed by the president of the State Bar and six public members appointed by the Supreme Court of Texas. Statutory Authority: Tex. Gov't. Code §81.076. The Commission reports annually to the Supreme Court, the Board of Directors, and the Legislature on the state of the attorney discipline and disability system and makes recommendations for refinement and improvement to the system. The Commission recommends to the Board of Directors an annual budget for the operation of the attorney discipline system.

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