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Senator Royce West, Chairman
Senate Jurisprudence Committee

Via facsimile
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Re: State Commission on Judicial Conduct

Senator West:

I am an attorney in the Dallas area, and I have attached a letter that I sent this morning to the State Commission on Judicial Conduct. Since you are the chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, I thought this might be of particular interest to you. The commission has a reputation for sweeping judicial misconduct under the rug and, if my experience is any indication, the commission has earned that reputation.

As set forth in the letter, Judge Robert M. Stem of the 82nd Judicial District of Robertson admitted under oath that he accepted free legal services from an attorney who appeared before him, and neither he nor that attorney disclosed their relationship to the parties who appeared before Judge Stem and opposite Mr. Russ. This happened even as Judge Stem was helping that attorney (and his law partner) perpetrate a seven-figure real estate fraud.

I have also attached a copy of my July 14, 2014 letter to Robertson County District Attorney Coty Siegert regarding the evidence against Judge Stem, and I encourage you to hold committee hearings regarding the commission. If the commission is unwilling to act under the circumstances described above, then it needs to be reformed or replaced. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Ty Clevenger

cc: Senator Craig Estes
Senator Charles Schwertner