

# You've Received a Grievance Or Sanctions Motion – What Now?

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**About 5 years ago.**

**Working away at desk.**

**Mail came.**

**Certified mail envelope from the State Bar of Texas.**

**Grievance from a client I had sued for a fee.**

**47 pages of misconduct allegations – SINGLE SPACED**

**Several thousand pages of exhibits.**

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**Grievance ended with numbered paragraph 92:**

**“Rothenberg is a psychopath who is simply toxic to the integrity of the legal profession. I sincerely hope the Chief Disciplinary Counsel will do its job to discipline this monster.”**

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**Devastated. Depressed. Frightened.  
Embarrassed. Anxious. Angry. All at once.**

**“How will I be able to care for my family if I  
lose my law license?”**

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**So when I tell you that I understand what  
lawyers who receive grievances are going  
through, I truly do because I have been there.**

**This program is intended to provide Texas  
lawyers with practical common-sense advice  
about what to do or not do when they receive  
a grievance or are the subject of a motion for  
sanctions in court.**

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