

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

Entered August 27, 1992

IN RE:

GENERAL ORDER NO. 92-26

RICHARD W. WRIGHT

ORDER OF APPOINTMENT

Pursuant to Rules of Discipline 5.A and 10 (Appendix A, Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas), Daniel D. Pipitone is appointed as counsel to investigate allegations of misconduct and prosecute disciplinary proceedings, if necessary, in the matter of attorney Richard W. Wright.

A copy of the Court's file is available to Mr. Pipitone from the Clerk's Office in Corpus Christi. A copy of the Report and Recommendation of the U. S. Magistrate Judge is attached as additional background.

SIGNED this 25th day of August, 1992.

\s\
JAMES DeANDA
CHIEF JUDGE

August 27, 1992

Honorable Hayden W. Head, Jr.
U. S. District Judge
521 Starr Street
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Hayden:

I have on this date entered the Order of Appointment of Counsel in the matter relating to Mr. Richard Wright. A copy is enclosed.

Sincerely,

\s\
James DeAnda

Enclosure

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

July 30, 1992

Honorable James DeAnda, Chief Judge
Southern District of Texas
P. O. Box 610040
Houston, Texas 77208

Dear Chief:

Enclosed is the report of Magistrate Judge de Ases on attorney Richard Wright. The Magistrate recommends, and I agree, that an attorney should be appointed to investigate this matter. Under our local disciplinary rules, only you have that power. Our rules suggest that someone from the disciplinary committee be appointed to serve as that counsel. However, our rules also permit someone outside the disciplinary committee be appointed to investigate.

I recommend someone outside the committee be appointed so that we can have a voting committee of three persons. I recommend the appointment of Dan Pipitone to investigate this matter and present the case to the disciplinary committee for its recommendation to the Court. An order is proposed for your signature should you concur.

Respectfully,

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Hayden W. Head, Jr.

HWHjr/avs

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION

IN RE:

Entered July 17, 1992 in Corpus Christi

MISCELLANEOUS No. C-92-11

RICHARD W. WRIGHT

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On March 6, 1992, a Notice was sent Richard W. Wright ["Wright"] ordering him to show cause why he should not be suspended from practice in this Court. D.E. 2

On April 13, 1992, Wright responded, denying the allegations in the Notice. Wright also denies notice of any suspension of his right to practice law "in any jurisdiction" and denies being given an opportunity "to be heard.,,

A previous Report quotes a notice from the Connecticut Law Journal that Wright's right to practice law was suspended on January 4, 1987. This notice appears to be erroneous. In documents submitted by the Connecticut Statewide Grievance Committee, there is an order stating Wright is suspended from practice of law in Connecticut "on an interim basis pending final disposition of his disciplinary proceeding." This order is dated January 4, 1988. The documents do not show what final disposition, if any, has occurred in the disciplinary proceeding pending against

Wright in Connecticut. There is an affidavit from Wright's wife and client that states Wright left Connecticut without leaving a forwarding address so that the lack of notice of which he complains may be due to his own actions. Wright's departure and undisclosed destination account for the absence of further action being taken by the Connecticut Statewide Grievance Committee, according to a member of that committee.

There are some serious questions raised by Wright's history which should be resolved by the Admissions Committee.

RECOMMENDATION

The matter of Wright's admission to the Bar of this Court should be submitted to the Admissions Committee for investigation a recommendation to the Court, pursuant to Rule 5.A., Rules of Discipline, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of July, 1992.

 /s\
Eduardo E. de Ases
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE