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APPOINTED BY THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

November 3, 2008

Justice Scott A. Brister  
Supreme Court of Texas  
P.O. Box 12248  
Austin, TX 78711

RE: Grievance Oversight Committee Report 2008

Dear Justice Brister:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the 2008 report submitted to the Supreme Court by the Grievance Oversight Committee. In the section discussing BODA, the report recommends authorizing official reporting of BODA opinions, creating a task force to draft proposed changes to the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, placing a link to the BODA website on the Court's website, and restoring respondent appeals to BODA from grievance classification (screening) decisions. BODA supports these recommendations and believes each would facilitate the dissemination of information pertinent to disciplinary decisions or resolve procedural issues and therefore improve the current system.

BODA met with representatives from GOC in August before their report was submitted to review some of these topics and welcomes any opportunity to refine attorney discipline and expand the delivery of information about the system to the bar and the public. BODA commends the GOC for its continuing work in this effort.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas E. Pitts".

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