

BEFORE THE BOARD OF DISCIPLINARY APPEALS
Appointed By
THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

BRENDA J. STIDHAM

V.

**COMMISSION FOR
LAWYER DISCIPLINE OF THE
STATE BAR OF TEXAS**

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CAUSE NO. 32138

**ORDER REVERSING JUDGMENT OF DISBARMENT AND
REMANDING CASE FOR NEW TRIAL**

On July 21, 2004, the Board of Disciplinary Appeals considered the appeal by Respondent below, Brenda J. Stidham, State Bar Card No. 19225500, from a Judgment of Disbarment signed June 25, 2001, by the evidentiary panel of the State Bar of Texas District 06A grievance committee in Cause Nos. D0099709604, D0079913339, and D001991337. After reviewing the record and the briefs filed by the parties, the Board finds that Appellee Commission for Lawyer Discipline concedes error in that Respondent was served by substituted service, and service did not strictly comply with the applicable TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE. Accordingly, the Board finds that the judgment is void.

Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED, ADJUDGED** and **DECREED** that the Judgment of Disbarment signed June 25, 2001 in Cause Nos. D0099709604; D0079913339; and D001991337 is in all respects **REVERSED**.


It is further **ORDERED** that the cause is **REMANDED** for a new trial on the merits.

It is further **ORDERED** that Respondent shall be given an opportunity pursuant to the TEXAS RULES OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE to elect whether to proceed with this matter in district court or before an evidentiary panel of a district grievance committee.

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All relief not expressly granted is **DENIED**.

SIGNED this 29th day of July, 2004.



CHAIRMAN PRESIDING

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