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Judge reprimanded

for work as attorney

State District Judge Larry Mitchell has been publicly reprimanded by the State Bar of Texas for a complaint filed against him while he was a defense attorney.

A grievance committee found that Mitchell, who has been on the bench since January 2007, committed professional misconduct by not writing a writ of habeas corpus for a client.

Mitchell was hired to do the work in August 2002. The judgment also said he did not respond in a timely manner to the client's request for information on the status of the case. Mitchell was ordered to pay \$4,000 in attorney's fees.

The reprimand was published this month by the *Texas Bar Journal*, but it occurred in November.

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