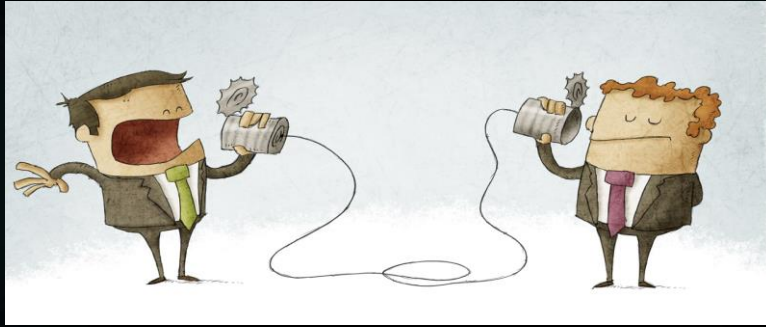


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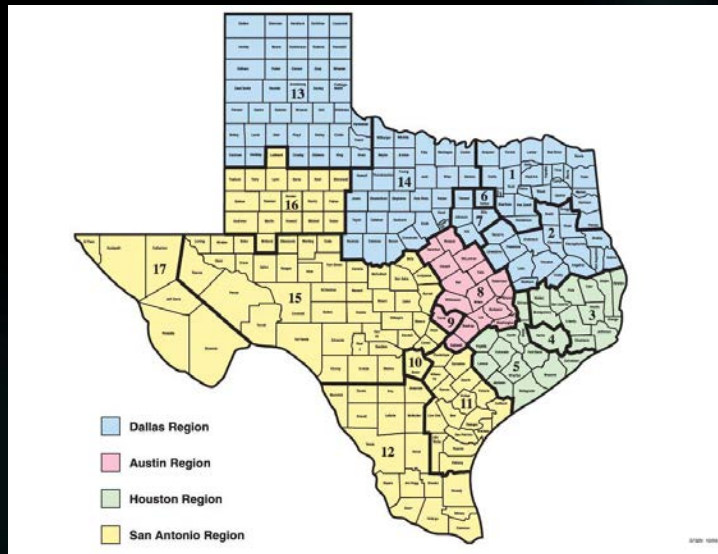
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## Where does the grievance go once it's filed...

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## Regions

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## Commission For Lawyer Discipline

- ▶ Permanent committee of the State Bar
- ▶ Made up of 12 members
  - ❖ 6 attorneys & 6 public members
  - ❖ Appointed by the State Bar President and the Supreme Court of Texas
- ▶ CFLD is the party and client in CDC actions

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# Chief Disciplinary Counsel

- ▶ Administers the Disciplinary System
- ▶ Represents CFLD
- ▶ Performs other duties relating to disciplinary matters as assigned by CFLD

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# Grievance Committees

- ▶ Members are nominated by Bar Director(s) for their district and appointed by State Bar President
  - ❖ 2/3 attorneys; 1/3 public
- ▶ Act through panels assigned by Committee Chair
- ▶ Conduct:
  - ❖ Summary Disposition Panel Dockets
  - ❖ Administrative Evidentiary Hearings
  - ❖ Investigatory Hearings

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