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Attention: Opinion Committee
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Reference: Required Verification Under Section 52.027, Tex. Gov't Code

Dear General Morales:

The Court Reporters Certification Board requests a letter opinion concerning the requirements of a verified complaint that must be filed with the Board under Section 52.027, Texas Government Code.

Currently, the Board's complaint form contains a verification that the statements contained therein are "within my personal knowledge, true and complete." A copy of our complete official complaint form is enclosed for your review. On occasion, the Board receives a complaint form where it appears that the statements are actually made on information and belief rather than personal knowledge, even though the information submitted indicates there may be substance to the complaint submitted by the complainant.

The Board would appreciate your opinion as to whether the verification in the complaint form should be changed to provide for a verification based on information and belief. This type of verification would allow the Board more latitude in pursuing complaints where the information submitted, even though not based on personal knowledge, indicates that a court reporter may have violated the Board's Act.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for an opinion from your office. Please contact Ms. Peg Liedtke at the Board office at 512/463-1624 should you require any further information concerning this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

Handwritten signature of Sid L. Harle in cursive.

Sid L. Harle, Chairman
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