

Williamson County Public Policy Coalition
Williamson County, Texas

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VIA FAX (512-943-1120)

County Attorney Duty,

The undersigned residents and taxpayers of Williamson County hereby file this complaint in connection with recently published events in which it appears that Round Rock attorney Mike Davis may have billed the county and been paid by the county for legal services rendered to Mr. Don Higginbotham without such transaction having been authorized or approved by the county. We hereby request that you, in your official capacity as county attorney, conduct a criminal investigation of the individuals and circumstances involved in these events. The public was recently made aware of this situation in an article titled "Gattis secretly hired attorney, Duty says" in the November 10, 2010 issue of *The Williamson County Sun*. Unfortunately, the events and statements contained in the article raise serious issues that, we believe, deserve an investigation.

If Mr. Davis' billing authorization or approval was provided by the county, then the circumstances and authorization for that approval should be specifically documented and made public, in the interest of establishing to the public's satisfaction that the county is not paying bills, claims or invoices which have not been properly authorized for payment.

In the absence of a proper authorization for payment to Mr. Davis by the county, then it is mandatory that Mr. Davis, who billed the county for those services, and the individual who was the recipient (Mr. Higginbotham) of those services from Mr. Davis, explain or otherwise document why their actions did not amount to an illegal receipt of something of value at the expense of county taxpayers and the county treasury.

We urge you to proceed expediently in this manner and, if appropriate, to make public the results of the investigation which you undertake.

Sincerely,



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