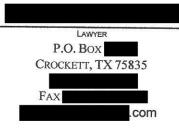
## **Exhibit E**



August 31, 2015

Mr. Samuel T Grover, Esp. Freedom From Religion Foundation P. O. Box 750 Madison, WI 53701

Re:

Hon. Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace

Montgomery County, Texas

Dear Mr. Grover:

This letter is to register a complaint about religious ceremonies in Judge Wayne Mack's court in Willis, Texas. I have appeared in Judge Mack's court three times, and each time court began with a local minister giving a prayer.

The first time was in September 2014. Judge Mack began by announcing his ceremonial procedures, which included an invitation to leave the courtroom if anyone was offended. I could not believe my ears. I did not leave the courtroom because I was there to represent my client, not to make a protest, and I could not in good conscience put my client's interests at risk by accepting the Judge's "invitation" to leave. There was then a prayer led by a clergy person. I felt like I had stepped through the looking glass.

The second time was the Spring of 2015. The courtroom had been extensively remodeled. The bailiff gave a little introduction before the judge came out as to the ceremonies that would be conducted. The Judge then came out and while we all remained standing, introduced a clergy person who proceeded to lead us in prayer before we recited the pledges of allegiance to both the United States and Texas before we were allowed to sit down. This time, the Judge did NOT invite anyone to leave if offended. Also, the door to the courtroom was locked, so that if one did leave, they could not re-enter. To leave the courtroom at that time, one would have to press a lighted green button to release the lock. I chose to stand at the back of the room so as to not draw attention to my lack of participation.

The third time was similar to the second time, in the Summer of 2015. Again we were all obliged to remain standing after the Judge entered the room while he introduced the clergy person of the day and

led the pledges. Again I went to the back of the courtroom to avoid being singled out for not participating. The bailiff stood at the back, also, to keep order, I suppose.

This was so offensive to me that I felt I had to make a complaint. The Judge was so proud of his ceremonies that it would clearly be prejudicial to anyone who took exception. If I had not been able to retreat to the back of the courtroom, I don't know what I would have done. My participation was cowardly and something I am ashamed of, but appearing for a client constrained me to cooperate. The constitutional violation was flagrant and shocking, even if the judge had the best of intentions.

I authorize you to file this complaint with the Texas State Commission on Judicial Conduct on my behalf. This cannot be allowed to continue.

