

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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No. 06-0653
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IN RE MARY LOUISE WATKINS, M.D., RELATOR

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ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF MANDAMUS
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CHIEF JUSTICE JEFFERSON, joined by JUSTICE O'NEILL, concurring.

I join the Court's opinion but write separately to elaborate upon the report that was served in this case. The report was written by a physician specializing in treatment of the eyes. He states that he treated Jones for injuries sustained after acetic acid was splashed into Jones's right eye during a procedure at Dr. Watkins's office for a facial lesion. The report notes that Jones suffered an epithelial defect and corneal stromal scar, and it discusses the "high likelihood of permanent scarring" Jones faced. It describes a course of treatment with the eye specialist (including a separate visit to a cornea specialist), and concludes that while Jones's situation was stable, he suffered a corneal scar in the right eye.

Wallace B. Jefferson
Chief Justice

OPINION DELIVERED: January 23, 2009