

# Judge Sanctions Lawyer and Clients \$220K for Alleged Misconduct in Guardianship Case

In a stern rebuke, a judge ordered maverick Texas lawyer Phil Ross and his clients to pay more than \$220,000 in sanctions for their serial misconduct during an ongoing guardianship case involving Charlie Thrash, a mentally incapacitated millionaire, according to a **report** in the *San Antonio Express-News*.

Bexar County Probate Court Judge Oscar Kazen ruled that Ross and his clients, Laura and Brittany Martinez, had “designed and carried out a vexatious litigation campaign ... against Thrash, his property, the guardians and the Court,” writes *Express-News* reporter **John McCormack**.

The judge characterized the conduct of Ross and the Martinezes as “intentional, knowing and outrageous.” The court’s order cited Ross’ assistance in the marriage of Thrash and his girlfriend Martinez, which had been forbidden by the court because of Thrash’s mental incapacity.

**Read the *Express-News* article.**