

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 92-0006

**APPOINTMENT OF TASK FORCE TO
EXAMINE JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS**

ORDERED:

To assist the Supreme Court in examining the manner in which the judiciary of Texas is conducting the appointment of lawyers and lay persons, for compensation, to aid in the performance of official duties, the Court hereby appoints a task force on judicial appointments.

This task force is charged with the responsibility of examining all forms of appointment by judges of non-court personnel, for compensation, in civil cases, including, but not limited to, attorneys and guardians ad litem, masters, referees, special commissioners, receivers, mediators, moderators and special judges, whether these appointments are made pursuant to statute, rule or common law. The task force shall, upon completion of its investigation, report to the Court as follows:

1. Whether abuses or shortcomings exist in the selection, compensation, or delegation of duties to such appointees; and
2. If so, the nature, extent and gravity of such abuses or shortcomings; and
3. If so, what actions, if any, should be taken by this Court to rectify those abuses or shortcomings.

To perform these responsibilities, the task force shall hold public hearings and shall confer with such judges, lawmakers, attorneys, litigants, court personnel and citizens as it deems necessary to perform its duties. The task force shall cooperate fully with any interim legislative study committees, including but not limited to the Senate Interim Committee on Health and Human Services. The task force shall also solicit the views of those persons who applied to the Supreme Court for appointment to the task force, and shall notify those persons of all public hearings conducted by the task force.

All members of the judiciary, court personnel and members of the bar are directed to cooperate fully in responding to requests for information by the task force.

The members of the task force shall be:

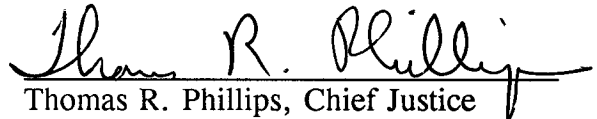
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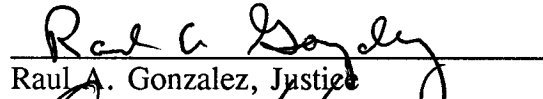
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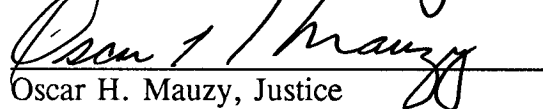
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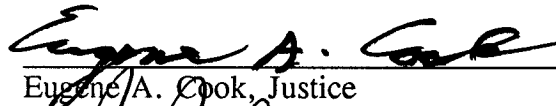
The initial meeting of the task force shall be called by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, whereupon the members shall designate one of their members as chair.

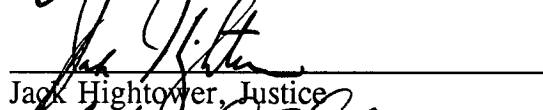
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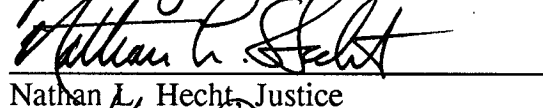

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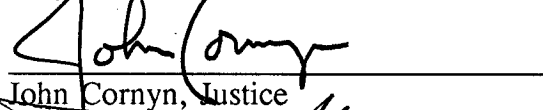

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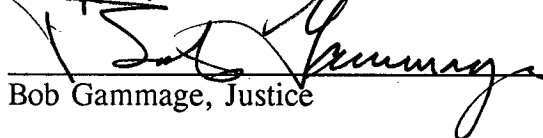

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October 8, 1991

Honorable Paul W. Nye, Chief Justice
Thirteenth Court of Appeals
Nueces County Courthouse, 10th Floor
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Corpus Christi, Texas 78401

Dear Chief Justice Nye,

Please find a copy of the order of this Court of October 7, 1991,
that approves local rules for your court.

Please note that the Supreme Court has been approving local rules
provisionally. The Court believes that the Uniform Local Rules
Committee is nearing completion of its task. You may therefore be
asked to further amend your local rules in the not too distant
future.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams
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June 20, 1991

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Hon. Michael J. McCormick
Presiding Judge
Court of Criminal Appeals
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Re: Local Rules

Dear Justice Phillips and Judge McCormick:

In accordance with Tex. R. App. P. 1(b), we submit the attached Local Rules for your approval. These rules were unanimously approved by this Court on June 18, 1991.

These Local Rules are the result of the work of a committee of attorneys appointed by this Court to propose changes in this Court's Local Rules. The following attorneys served on this committee:

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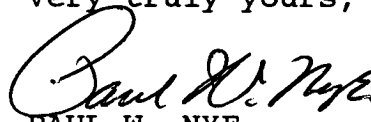
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This committee divided into subcommittees, and each subcommittee developed a proposed set of rules. A compilation of the rules as proposed by the various subcommittees was then sent to members of the committee for final review and comments or suggestions. A couple of suggestions were received from committee members, and these changes were incorporated into the rules. The rules proposed by this committee vary only slightly from the rules previously adopted by this Court, with the major change being a provision for filing by facsimile.

We believe these Local Rules will be very beneficial to the attorneys who practice before this Court, and we look forward to receiving your approval.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me.

Very truly yours,


PAUL W. NYE
Chief Justice

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Enclosure