IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 98- 9079

APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE AND DECORUM OF THE DISTRICT COURTS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, REGARDING FILING OF DISCOVERY AND BUSINESS RECORDS

ORDERED:

Pursuant to Rule 3a of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the Supreme Court of Texas approves the following local rule:

Amendment to Local Rules of Civil Procedure and Decorum of the District Courts of Travis County, Texas, regarding filing of discovery and business records.

The approval of this rule is temporary, pending further orders of the Court.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this $\underline{39^{\underline{4}}}_{\underline{4}}$ day of _ Man <u>,</u> 1998.

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PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TRAVIS COUNTY LOCAL RULES OF

CIVIL PROCEDURE AND RULES OF DECORUM

OF THE DISTRICT COURTS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Because of the expense to private litigants and to the public involved in the filing and storage of discovery and other materials, effective immediately, the Local Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of Decorum of the District Courts of Travis County, Texas are hereby amended by adding Rule 4.3 as follows. The procedures set out herein apply in lieu of any conflicting rule in the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure for all civil cases in the District Courts of Travis County, Texas.

4.3 a. Notwithstanding the filing provisions of the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the following matters shall not be filed with the Clerk:

1). requests for production or inspection and responses, under Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 167;

2). interrogatories and answers, under Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 168;

3). notices of depositions under Texas Rules of Civil Procedure 200, 201 & 208;

4). business records accompanied by affidavit under Texas Rules of Civil Evidence 902(10), but the affidavit shall be filed.

b. The exceptions to this rule are as follows:

1). the court may order the materials to be filed;

2). a party may file materials necessary for the determination of a motion for summary judgment, for any other pretrial motion, or for any response or reply to such a motion;

3). a party may file materials necessary for a proceeding in an appellate court.

- c. The party responsible for the service of such materials shall retain the original or an exact copy while the case and any related appellate proceedings are pending, and for at one year thereafter, unless a longer retention is otherwise required.
- d. This rule pertains only to provisions for court filings; all matters specified in Rule 4.3a shall be served as required by the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

The attached Amendment to Local Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of Decorum of the District Courts of Travis County is hereby approved and transmitted to the Supreme Court of Texas for final action this 8th day of May, 1998.

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B.B. Schraub, Presiding Judge Third Administrative Judicial Region

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May 8, 1998

The Honorable Thomas R. Phillips Chief Justice, The Supreme Court of Texas P.O. Box 12248 Austin, Texas 78711

RE: PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE AND RULES OF DECORUM OF THE DISTRICT COURTS OF TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS

Dear Chief Justice Phillips:

Enclosed you will find proposed Amendment to Local Rules of Civil Procedure and Rules of Decorum of the District Courts of Travis County, Texas.

I have approved this amendment as shown on the enclosed Order.

I respectfully request this matter be submitted to the Supreme Court for their consideration and approval.

Very truly yours,

grow B.B. Schraub

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Enclosure

xc: The Honorable Joseph H. Hart



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May 29, 1998

Hon. B. B. Schraub Third Admin. Judicial Rgn. 101 E. Court Street, Rm. 302 Seguin, Texas 78155-5742

Dear Judge Schraub,

Please find enclosed, copies of two orders of the Supreme Court that approved amended local rules for the district courts of Travis County.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John T. Adams Clerk

Encl.

cc: Hon. Joseph H. Hart Lcl. Admin. Judge

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County Clerk

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