IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 98- 9140

Resolution Endorsing the P.R.E.P. Program

Whereas, The Supreme Court of Texas is dedicated to promoting professional and ethical conduct among lawyers, especially newly-licensed lawyers who may be less familiar with the every day responsibilities of a professional, and believes that every newly-licensed Texas attorney should have the opportunity to observe caring, senior lawyers and learn from them the professional attitude and habits of a responsible member of the State Bar of Texas; and

Whereas, the life-lasting benefits to a well-mentored, well-trained lawyer taught by an interested and experienced mentoring lawyer can be a major contribution to instilling, fostering, and maintaining the values of professionalism and ethical conduct within the Bar; and

Whereas, the voluntary P.R.E.P. Program ("Protocol for Relationships in Ethics and Professionalism"), jointly developed and endorsed by the State Bar of Texas and The Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism, and adopted by Resolution of the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors, offers an organized means by which newly-licensed lawyers can participate in a conscientious one-year program of one-on-one mentoring with a seasoned senior lawyer about the everyday issues of ethics and professionalism encountered in the practice of law, be it

Resolved, that The Supreme Court of Texas endorses the goals of the P.R.E.P. program, finding it a valuable and efficient means of promoting professionalism and ethics among all lawyers and urges every segment of the Bar... private and public practitioners as well as the judiciary... to volunteer the time and energy to participate in, and to commit to the protocol and standards adopted by the P.R.E.P. program when and where offered.

Signed the 23 day of <u>Sigtember</u>, 1998.

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