

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 17-9102

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## EMERGENCY ORDER EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR PAYMENT OF STATE BAR MEMBERSHIP FEES BY CERTAIN ATTORNEYS AFFECTED BY HURRICANE HARVEY

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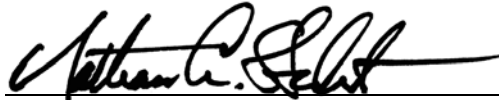
**ORDERED** that:

1. Hurricane Harvey struck the Texas Coast on August 25, 2017. To date, Governor Abbott has declared a state of disaster in 54 counties.<sup>1</sup>
2. Under Article III of the State Bar Rules, Texas lawyers who do not pay membership fees to the State Bar by August 31, 2017, would be automatically suspended from the practice of law on September 1, 2017. The disaster has hindered some attorneys from meeting that deadline.
3. For members of the State Bar whose principal place of practice is in one of the counties declared, or yet to be declared, a disaster area by Governor Abbott, the deadline for payment of membership fees is extended to October 31, 2017. A failure to meet that deadline will result in an automatic suspension on November 1, 2017.
4. The Clerk of the Supreme Court is directed to post a copy of this Order on [www.txcourts.gov](http://www.txcourts.gov).
5. The State Bar of Texas is directed to take all reasonable steps to notify members of the State Bar of Texas of this Order.

Dated: August 30, 2017

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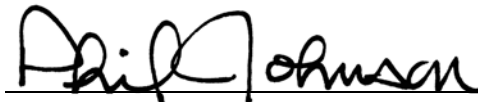
<sup>1</sup> Those counties are: Aransas, Atascosa, Austin, Bastrop, Bee, Bexar, Brazoria, Brazos, Burleson, Caldwell, Calhoun, Cameron, Chambers, Colorado, Comal, DeWitt, Fayette, Fort Bend, Galveston, Goliad, Gonzales, Grimes, Guadalupe, Hardin, Harris, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kerr, Kleberg, Lavaca, Lee, Leon, Liberty, Live Oak, Madison, Matagorda, Montgomery, Newton, Nueces, Polk, Refugio, San Jacinto, San Patricio, Tyler, Victoria, Walker, Waller, Washington, Wharton, Willacy, and Wilson.



Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



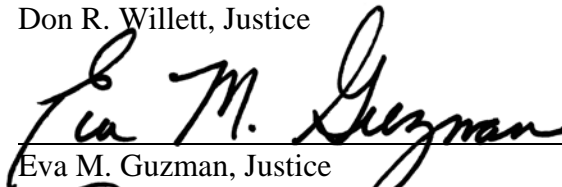
Paul W. Green, Justice



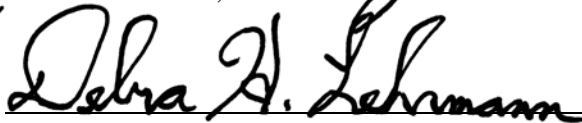
Phil Johnson, Justice



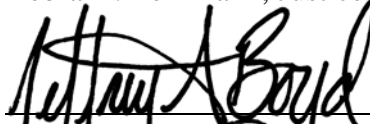
Don R. Willett, Justice



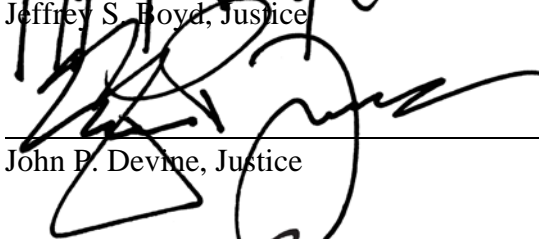
Eva M. Guzman, Justice



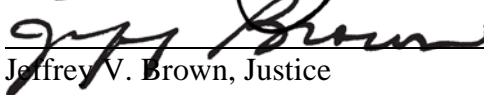
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice