

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 00- 9018

ORDER WAIVING COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT ON BASIC CIVIL LEGAL SERVICES (BCLS) FUNDS FOR 1998-1999

WHEREAS, by Order of the Supreme Court of Texas, rules and procedures, including the BCLS Compliance Supplement, governing the administration of the BCLS program have been adopted;

WHEREAS, "Suggested Auditing Procedures" are contained in Section II, 1 -15, in the BCLS Compliance Supplement;

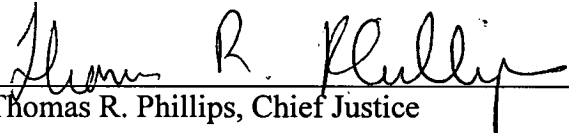
WHEREAS, in 1998-1999, the first year of distribution of BCLS grants, the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation ("the Foundation") awarded \$400,000, a small amount when compared to a full year of funding, to 22 organizations;


WHEREAS, the cost of complying with the requirements of Section II of the BCLS Compliance Supplement is substantial in relation to the amount of the grant awards during the 1998-1999 grant year;


WHEREAS, all of the BCLS-funded programs will undergo a full compliance audit, which will include the performance of tests of the expenses to determine that no BCLS funds were used for prohibited activities as defined by the Governing Documents, during the 1999-2000 grant year;

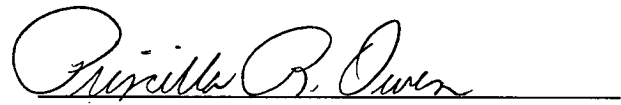
Therefore, pursuant to the authority conferred on the Supreme Court of Texas, it is Ordered that the "Suggested Auditing Procedures" 1 and 3-15 contained in Section II of the BCLS Compliance Supplement for BCLS funds are waived for the 1998-1999 grant year.

By the Court, this 7th day of February, 2000.

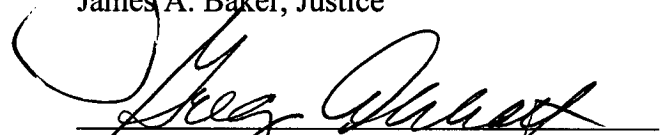

Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

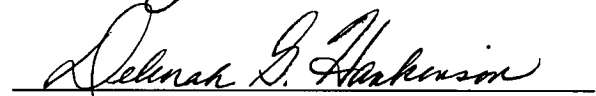

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