

Supreme Court of Texas


Misc. Docket No. 25-9062

Preliminary Approval of Amendments to Texas Rule of Judicial Administration 12.5

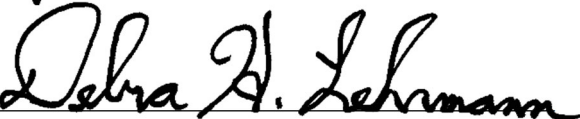
ORDERED that:

1. The Court invites public comments on proposed amendments to Texas Rule of Judicial Administration 12.5.
2. To effectuate the Act of May 27, 2025, 89th Leg., R.S., 676 (H.B. 5129), the amendments are effective September 1, 2025. But they may later be changed in response to public comments. The Court requests public comments be submitted in writing to rulescomments@txcourts.gov by February 1, 2026.
3. The Clerk is directed to:
 - a. file a copy of this Order with the Secretary of State;
 - b. cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal*;
 - c. send a copy of this Order to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each elected member of the Legislature; and
 - d. submit a copy of this Order for publication in the *Texas Register*.

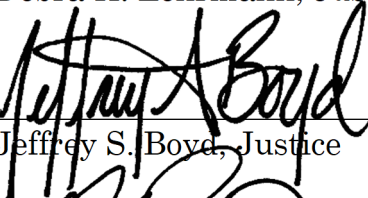
Dated: August 29, 2025.



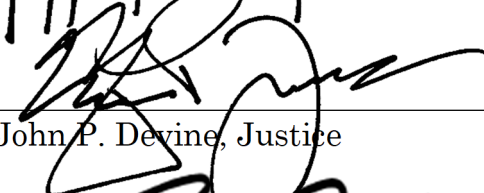
James D. Blacklock, Chief Justice



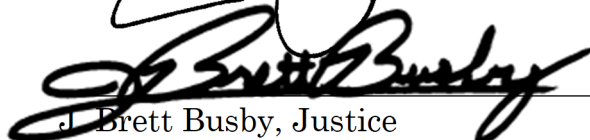
Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



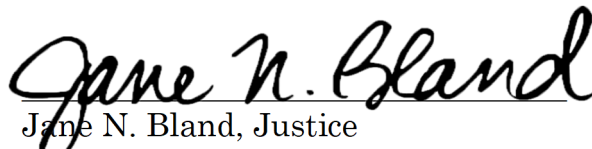
Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



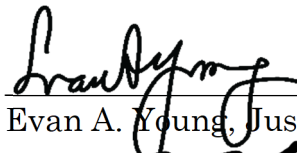
J. Brett Busby, Justice



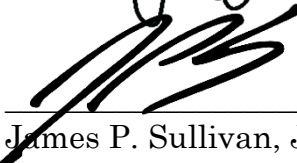
Jane N. Bland, Justice



Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice



James P. Sullivan, Justice

Rule 12. Public Access to Judicial Records

12.5 Exemptions from Disclosure. The following records are exempt from disclosure under this rule:

(d) ~~Home Address and Family Information~~Personal Identifying Information. Any record reflecting any person's home address, home or personal telephone number, e-mail address, driver's license number, social security number, emergency contact information, or any information that reveals whether a person has family members.

(e) **Applicants for Employment, ~~or~~ Volunteer Services, or Licensure.** Any records relating to an applicant for employment, ~~or~~ volunteer services, or licensure.
