

Supreme Court of Texas

Misc. Docket No. 26-9049

Final Approval of Amendments to Rule 6 of the Texas Rules of Judicial Administration

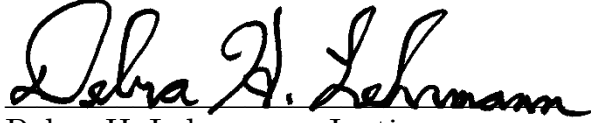
ORDERED that:

1. On January 30, 2026, in Misc. Dkt. No. 26-9008, the Court preliminarily approved amendments to Texas Rule of Judicial Administration 6 and invited public comment.
2. Following the comment period, the Court made revisions to the amendments. This order incorporates the revisions and contains the final version of the amended rule, effective July 1, 2026.
3. The Clerk is directed to:
 - a. file a copy of this order with the Secretary of State;
 - b. send a copy of this order to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and each elected member of the Legislature; and
 - c. submit a copy of this order for publication in the *Texas Register*.
4. The State Bar of Texas is directed to:
 - a. cause a copy of this order to be sent to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by email; and
 - 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*.


Dated: June 12, 2026.



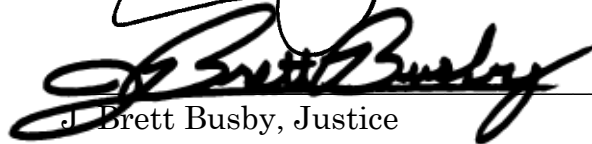
James D. Blacklock, Chief Justice



Debra H. Lehmann, Justice



John P. Devine, Justice



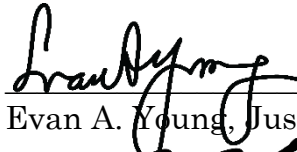
J. Brett Busby, Justice



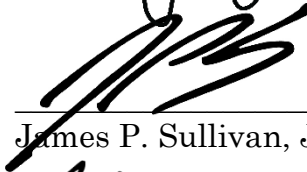
Jane N. Bland, Justice



Rebeca A. Huddle, Justice



Evan A. Young, Justice



James P. Sullivan, Justice



Kyle D. Hawkins, Justice

Rules of Judicial Administration

Rule 6. Time Standards for the Disposition of Cases; Time Reporting

Rule 6.1 District, Statutory County, and Business Courts.

Rule 6.2 Appeals in Certain Cases Involving the Parent-Child Relationship and From Orders Certifying a Juvenile to Stand Trial as an Adult.

Rule 6.3 District Court Time Reporting.

(a) **Other Judicial Duties Defined.** “Other judicial duties” as used in this rule includes:

- (1) performing case-related duties, such as reviewing court filings and evidence, conducting legal research, drafting orders and opinions, and presiding over court proceedings not at the courthouse or another court facility;
- (2) being assigned as “on call” to handle emergency matters, such as warrant reviews and magistration;
- (3) performing administrative tasks, such as meeting with other judges regarding court procedures and business, preparing for such meetings, reviewing and drafting local rules, drafting policies, supervising staff and other judges, exercising appointment powers, responding to Rule 12 requests, serving as a judicial mentor, timekeeping and other reporting, and reviewing court metrics and data;
- (4) completing, preparing for, or presenting continuing education;
- (5) participating in activities to improve the law, the legal system, or the administration of justice;
- (6) completing forms required for those who hold judicial office, such as financial disclosure forms and filing forms;
- (7) any duties of the judge’s office prescribed by law, rule, or other court order; and

(8) travel necessary to preside over court at the courthouse or another court facility or to perform other judicial duties, beyond the judge's ordinary commute to and from the courthouse.

(b) Required Statement. A district court judge must electronically attest to the following statement sent to the judge's Regional Presiding Judge and the Office of Court Administration in a manner specified by the Office:

"In the past 6 months, I spent approximately _____ hours presiding over court at the courthouse or another court facility and approximately _____ hours performing other judicial duties."

(c) Deadline. The judge must submit the statement by:

(1) July 20, for the period from January 1 to June 30; and

(2) January 20, for the period from July 1 to December 31.

(d) Supporting Documentation. This rule does not require submission of supporting documentation. Any supporting documentation is not subject to disclosure under Rule 12.

(e) Penalty. The submission of false information under this rule violates Canon 4(I)(2) of the Texas Code of Judicial Conduct.