Misc. Docket No. 04-_

ORDER OF THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Membership of Texas Access to Justice Commission

In 2001, this Court created the Texas Access to Justice Commission to develop and implement policy initiatives designed to expand access to and enhance the quality of justice in civil legal matters for low-income Texas residents.

The Commission consists of fifteen members appointed for staggered three-year terms. Positions on the Commission are allocated to representatives of the judiciary, the State Bar of Texas, the Texas Equal Access to Justice Foundation, the Texas Bar Foundation, legal services provider programs, and the non-attorney public. Additionally, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Speaker of the House each appoint one ex officio member.

The Commission was structured to reflect the diverse segments of the statewide access to justice partnership, as well as the diverse ethnic, legal and geographic communities in Texas.

Access to justice for all is a societal issue that must be addressed by the entire community. The Commission now seeks to broaden the involvement of the business and corporate community in access to justice issues and has recommended to the Court that a position for a representative of the corporate community be added to the Commission. The Court, having considered the Commission's recommendation, **HEREBY ORDERS**:

- 1. The Texas Access to Justice Commission consists of sixteen members, including fifteen previously existing positions and one new position for a representative of the business and corporate community. The new position is appointed by this Court and will serve a three-year term.
- 2. To the corporate position on the Texas Access to Justice Commission, the Court hereby appoints:

Charles W. Matthews, Irving

In Chambers, this 11 day of October, 2004.		r three years and is effective immediately.
	In Chambers, this	day of October, 2004.
Wallace B. Jefferson, Chiefflustice		Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

Nathan Hecht, Justice
Priscilla R. Owen, Justice
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Harriet O'Neill, Justice
Steven W. Smith, Justice
J. Dale Wainwright, Justice
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Scott A. Brister, Justice