

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 05-9026

ORDER RELATING TO RETENTION AND DISPOSITION OF EXHIBITS IN CIVIL CASES

IT IS ORDERED:

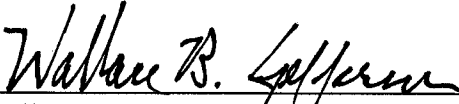
In compliance with the provisions of Texas Rule of Civil Procedure 14b, the Supreme Court hereby directs that exhibits offered or admitted into evidence shall be retained and disposed of by the clerk of the court in which the exhibits are filed upon the following basis.

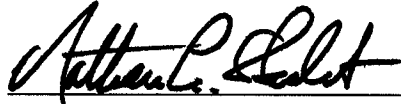
The order shall apply only to: (1) those cases in which judgment has been rendered on service of process by publication and in which no motion for new trial was filed within two years after judgment was signed; and (2) all other cases in which judgment has been signed for one year and in which no appeal was perfected or in which a perfected appeal was dismissed or concluded by a final judgment as to all parties and the issuance of the appellate court's mandate such that the case is no longer pending on appeal or in the trial court.


The party who offered an exhibit may withdraw it from the clerk's office within thirty days of the later of (1) a case becoming subject to this order, or (2) the effective date of this order. The clerk, unless otherwise directed by the court, may dispose of any exhibits remaining after such time period.

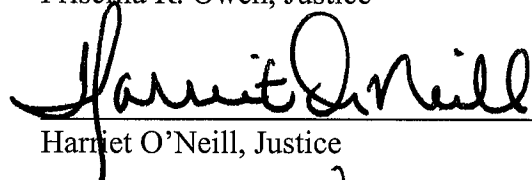
This order is effective June 1, 2005. The Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas is directed to cause a copy of this Order to be mailed to each registered member of the State Bar of Texas by publication in the *Texas Bar Journal* at least twice before the effective date of this order.

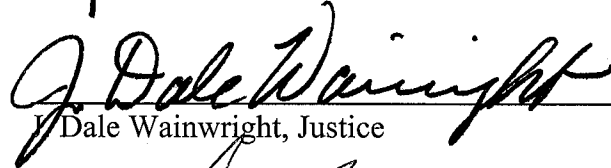
SIGNED AND ENTERED this 27th day of January, 2005.

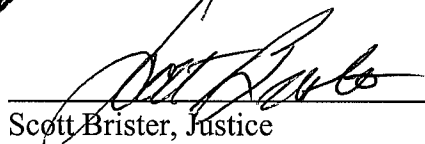

Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

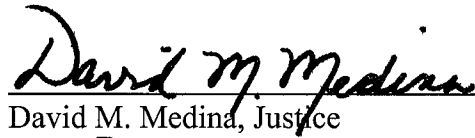

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice



Priscilla R. Owen, Justice


Harriet O'Neill, Justice


Dale Wainwright, Justice


Scott Brister, Justice


David M. Medina, Justice


Paul W. Green, Justice