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**ORDER AMENDING RULE XI**  
***Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas***

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IT IS ORDERED that the *Rules Governing Admission to the Bar of Texas* are amended in the following manner:

**Amend Rule XI to read as follows:**

- (a) The Supreme Court, by separate order, has established a list of the subjects for the Texas Bar Examination which shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable times.<sup>1</sup>
- (b) The Texas Bar Examination shall be given at such places as the Board may direct.
- (c) The Texas Bar Examination shall be given two times each year, beginning on the Tuesday before the last Wednesday of the months of February and July, unless the Board otherwise directs.
- (d) The approved Applicants for an examination are required to be in attendance at the time and place designated by the Board.
- (e) The Texas Bar Examination shall last two and one-half days and shall consist of the Multistate Performance Test (MPT), given on Tuesday morning; the Procedure and Evidence Questions (P&E), given on Tuesday morning; the Multistate Bar Examination (MBE), given on Wednesday; and the Texas Essay Questions (Essays), given on Thursday. After grading the answers to the MPT, the P&E, and the Essays, the resulting raw scores on each of these portions will be scaled to the Multistate Bar Examination, using the equipercentile method. Scores on the various portions of the examination will be weighted as follows: MPT, 10%; P&E, 10%; MBE, 40%; and Essays, 40%. Applicants who earn a combined scaled score of 675 (out of a possible 1000 points) shall pass the examination. A partial score on any portion of a failed examination shall not be applied to any subsequent examination.
- (f) An Applicant may take no more than five (5) examinations.
- (g) Any Applicant who has failed the examination at least two times may submit a written request, within two weeks of the release of the examination results, for a Formal Review of the Applicant's performance on the immediately preceding examination (excluding the multistate portion). Such Formal Review shall take place in Austin, Texas at a time selected by the Board and shall consist of an individual oral review of such examination papers by the examining members of the Board. Regardless of the number of examinations taken, an Applicant may receive only one Formal Review under the provisions of this paragraph, provided, however, that no Applicant may obtain both a Formal Review and Informal Review of the same examination.
- (h) Any Applicant who has failed the examination may submit a written request, within two weeks of the release of the examination results, for an Informal Review of the Applicant's performance on his/her failed parts of the immediately preceding examination (excluding the multistate portion). The form of such Informal Review shall be either oral or written, at the discretion of the examining

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<sup>1</sup>A list of such subjects, established by the Supreme Court as of the time of publication, is included in Appendix A to these Rules. In the event the Court changes such list, the Board will provide a copy of the revised list upon request.


(i) The Board shall keep, for one year from the date of every examination, all failing parts of such examination. The Board shall not be required to keep any passing parts of any examination.

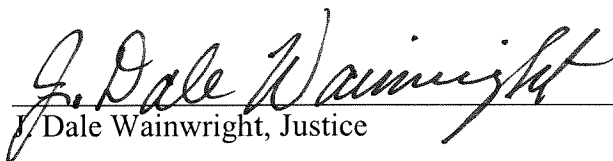
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT this order shall be effective immediately.

SIGNED AND ENTERED this 29<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005.


  
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Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

  
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Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

  
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Harriet O'Neill, Justice

  
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Dale Wainwright, Justice

  
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Scott Brister, Justice

  
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David M. Medina, Justice



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Paul W. Green, Justice



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Phil Johnson, Justice