

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 12- 2133

**ORDER APPROVING REAPPORTIONMENT OF
STATE BAR OF TEXAS DISTRICT DIRECTORS**

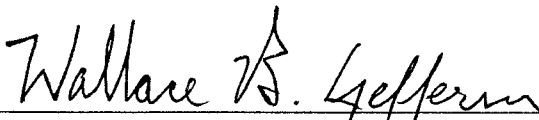
Having considered the June 29, 2012, petition of the State Bar of Texas requesting an order approving the reapportionment of the elected directors of the State Bar of Texas, the Court finds the following:


1. Tex. Govt. Code §81.025 requires the board of directors of the State Bar of Texas, from time to time, to reapportion the state into bar districts for electing directors. In so doing, the board is to consider the purposes of the State Bar of Texas as set out in Tex. Govt. Code §81.012. Pursuant to Tex. Govt. Code §81.025(c), any reapportionment is subject to approval by this Court.
2. In September 2011, the President of the State Bar of Texas appointed a Task Force on Redistricting.
3. The Task Force found that State Bar District 9 has experienced a substantial increase in the attorney population since the last redistricting was accomplished in 1988, with no corresponding increase in the number of elected directors. The Task Force determined that the most equitable means of remedying this disparity was to change the number of directors elected from District 9 to 3, and to change the number of directors elected from District 4 to 6, with the change to be effective with the 2015 election of State Bar of Texas directors. On June 13, 2012, the State Bar of Texas board of directors approved the recommendations of the Task Force.
4. Such reapportionment furthers the purposes of the State Bar of Texas as set forth in Tex. Govt. Code §81.012, and equitably serves the best interests of the members of the State Bar of Texas and the citizens of this state.

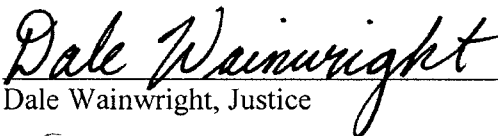
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

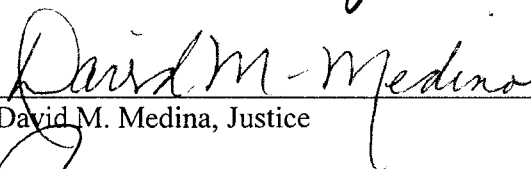
Effective as of the 2015 election of State Bar of Texas directors, the number of State Bar of Texas directors elected from State Bar District 4 shall be 6, and the number of directors elected from State Bar District 9 shall be 3. The numbers of directors of the State Bar elected from other districts shall remain as previously ordered. The State Bar is hereby authorized to take such actions as it deems necessary to effectuate the reapportionment.

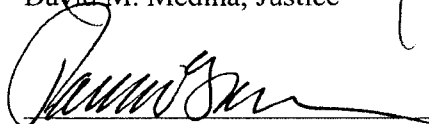
SIGNED this 14th day of August, 2012.



Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

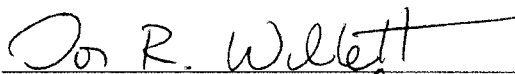

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

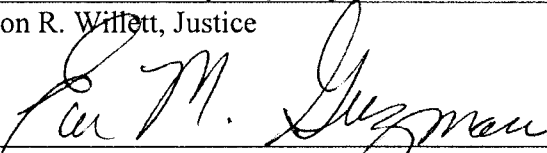

Dale Wainwright, Justice

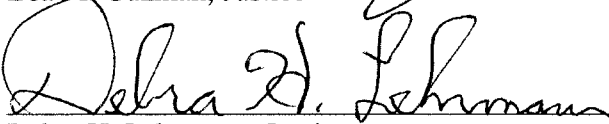

David M. Medina, Justice


Paul W. Green, Justice


Phil Johnson, Justice


Don R. Willett, Justice


Eva M. Guzman, Justice


Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice