

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

Misc. Docket No. 12- 9193

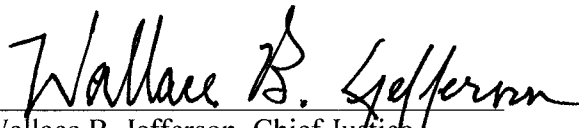
REALLOCATION OF COURTS OF APPEALS

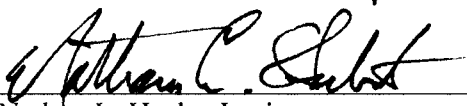
Pursuant to Texas Government Code section 74.022, the Supreme Court shall “assess the need for adding, consolidating, eliminating, or reallocating existing appellate courts”; “promulgate rules, regulations, and criteria to be used in assessing those needs”; and recommend to the Eighty-Third Legislature “any needed changes in the number or allocation of those courts.”

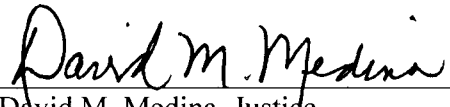
In compliance with this provision, the Court considered 2010 U.S. Census data, statistical data on courts of appeals filings, population and case filing trends, the frequency and quantity of transfers between courts of appeals, the cost and efficiency associated with the current court of appeals structure and transfer process, how the ratio of court of appeals justices to citizens in Texas compares to other large states, the relevant history of reallocation of justices and counties among the courts of appeals, and the input of the Chief Justices of the courts of appeals.

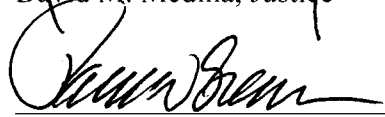
Based on its analysis of this information, the Court does not recommend a change in the total number of appellate justices. The Court also does not recommend creating, eliminating, consolidating, or moving appellate courts.

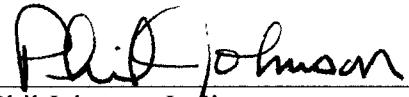
SIGNED this 13th day of November, 2012.


Wallace B. Jefferson, Chief Justice

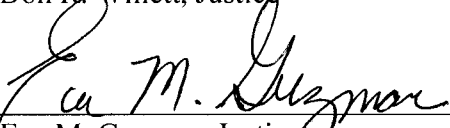

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice

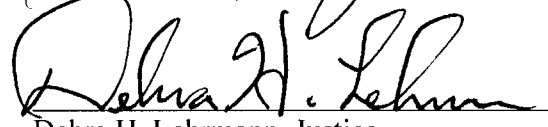

David M. Medina, Justice


Paul W. Green, Justice


Phil Johnson, Justice


Don R. Willett, Justice


Eva M. Guzman, Justice


Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice