

# IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

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Misc. Docket No. 14-9187

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## APPROVAL OF AMENDED LOCAL RULES FOR THE COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE EIGHTH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT

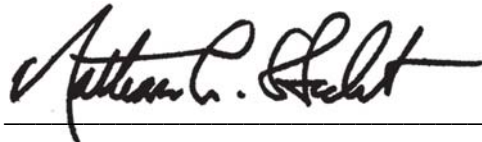
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**ORDERED** that:

Pursuant to Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 1.2, this Court approves the following amended local rules for the Eighth Court of Appeals.

Dated: September 30, 2014.



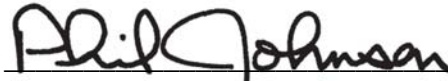
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Nathan L. Hecht, Chief Justice



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Paul W. Green, Justice



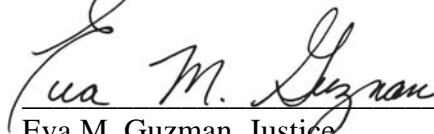
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Phil Johnson, Justice



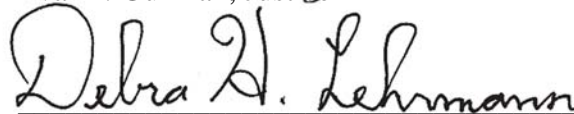
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Don R. Willett, Justice



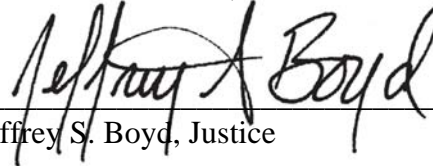
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Eva M. Guzman, Justice



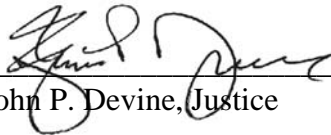
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Debra H. Lehrmann, Justice



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Jeffrey S. Boyd, Justice



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John P. Devine, Justice



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Jeffrey V. Brown, Justice

## **Rule 1. Briefs in cross-appeals.**

- (a) In a civil appeal in which a cross-appeal has been timely filed, the briefs to be filed by the parties are:
  - (1) the appellant's brief;
  - (2) a combined appellee's and cross-appellant's brief;
  - (3) a combined appellant's reply and cross-appellee's brief;  
and
  - (4) the cross-appellant's reply brief.
  
- (b) The aggregate number of pages for all briefs filed by any party may not exceed 37,500 words if computer-generated or 125 pages if not. The calculation of length will be made as specified by Texas Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.4(i). The limitations on length are those set forth in Rule 9.4(i)(2), except as provided for herein for the combined appellee/cross-appellant's and appellant's reply/cross-appellee's briefs. The combined appellee/cross-appellant's brief may be 30,000 words if computer-generated or 100 pages if not, 15,000 words (50 pages) for the appellee's portion and 15,000 words (50 pages) for the cross-appellant's portion. The combined appellant's reply/cross-appellee's brief may be 22,500 words if computer-generated or 75 pages if not, 7,500 words (25 pages) for the reply brief and 15,000 words (50 pages) for the cross-appellee's brief.
  
- (c) The deadlines for filing the briefs are:
  - (1) The appellant's brief is due no later than thirty days after the date the record is filed with the court.
  - (2) The appellee/cross-appellant's brief is due no later than thirty days after the date the appellant's brief is filed.
  - (3) The appellant's reply/cross-appellee's brief is due no later than thirty days after the date the appellee/cross-appellant's brief is filed.
  - (4) The cross-appellant's reply brief is due twenty days after the date the cross-appellee's brief is filed.

- (d) If appellant or cross-appellant's appeal is dismissed and the appeal remains pending on the undismissed notice of appeal, the briefing schedule and page limitations will be as provided for in the rules of appellate procedure.
- (e) The court may change the requirements of this rule on its own motion or motion of any party to the appeal.

**Rule 2. Request for Temporary or Emergency Relief in Original Proceedings.**

If temporary relief is requested in an original proceeding, a separate motion must be filed. The motion must comply with the requirements of Rule 52.10 of the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure.

**Rule 3. Identity of Parties, Attorneys, and Trial Judges.**

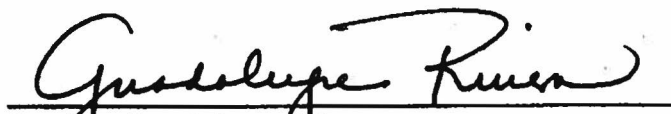
In addition to the requirement of Rules 38.1(a) and 52.3 that the brief give a complete list of all parties and the names and addresses of counsel, the appellant's brief and the relator's petition should include the identity of all trial judges, including visiting judges, presiding in the case below.


**ORDER ADOPTING LOCAL RULES**

These local rules for the Eighth Court of Appeals are adopted effective \_\_\_\_\_, 2014, subject to the approval of the Supreme Court of Texas and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. All local rules promulgated prior to the date of this order are rescinded, but this shall not affect any proper action taken pursuant to those rules.

Signed this 30 day of July, 2014

  
Chief Justice Ann Crawford McClure

  
Justice Guadalupe Rivera

  
Justice Yvonne T. Rodriguez