

TEXAS SUPREME COURT ADVISORY

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For Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, 2012

SUPREME COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA: COURT-APPROVED FORMS FOR SIMPLE, UNCONTESTED DIVORCES

9 a.m. Friday and Saturday

Texas Law Center, 1414 Colorado, Room 101, Austin
512.427.1463

WELCOME

Advisory Committee chair Charles L. "Chip" Babcock
[Statement outlining the meeting](#)

STATUS REPORT

Committee liaison Justice Nathan L. Hecht

Justice Hecht will report on Supreme Court actions and those of other courts related to the Supreme Court Advisory Committee since the January 2012 meeting. Justice Hecht may refer new issues for the committee's study.

PROTECTIVE ORDER KIT UPDATE

Advisory Committee member Richard Orsinger

September 2003 [Order Appointing Protective Order Task Force](#) (Misc. Docket No. 03-9146)
February 2012 [updates](#) to Protective Order Kit

Protective Order Task Force chair Stewart Gagnon will participate.

UNIFORM FORMS: DIVORCE FORMS

Richard Orsinger

January 25 [referral letter from Justice Hecht](#) to Chip Babcock

March 2011 [order creating Uniform Forms Task Force](#) (Misc. Docket No. 11-9046)

January 25 letter from [Chief Justice Wallace B. Jefferson](#) to State Bar President Bob Black

January 11 [report from Uniform Forms Task Force](#) to the Supreme Court

[Divorce Kit](#) (no minor children, no real property): Instructions and forms

April 6 [report from the Texas Access to Justice Commission](#)

Access to Justice Commission [brief](#) on Court's authority to promulgate pleading forms

[State Bar of Texas Solutions 2012 Report](#)

Family law groups' [response to the proposed forms](#)

Family law groups' [ideas for pro se litigants](#)

In addition to Stewart Gagnon, Patricia McAllister, executive director of Texas Access to Justice Commission; Tom Vick and Tim Belton of the State Bar of Texas Solutions 2012 Committee; and Steve Bresnen and Harris County District Judge Judy Warne, representing the State Bar's Family Law Section, will participate. Laurel Holland, staff attorney at the Travis County Courthouse Law Library self-help center, will attend as a resource.

WORD-LIMIT AMENDMENT (TRAP RULE 9)

Rules Attorney Marisa Secco and Court Clerk Blake Hawthorne

[Proposal](#)

Any person may comment on rules proposals before the Supreme Court of Texas or the Supreme Court Advisory Committee or offer suggested changes to the Texas Rules of Court, including the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, the Texas Rules of Evidence, the Rules of Judicial Administration and the Parental Notification Rules.